

Finalists Named For The Young Artists Awards



Finalist Callie Atkinson photo provided

Tickets are still available for the 14th Annual Young Artists Awards Gala on Monday, March 6 at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. For

\$55, a ticket includes a silent auction beginning at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. and the show starting at 7 p.m. In addition to the performances judged by professionals in attendance that evening, the program will feature the Audience Choice award, where ticketholders are invited to vote on their favorite performer. Thirty-five cash scholarships and other prizes will be awarded to the students this year. There will also be a special appearance by the Cypress Lake Center for the Arts award-winning The A Cappella Group. The stage host for the evening is Lois Thome of WINK-TV.

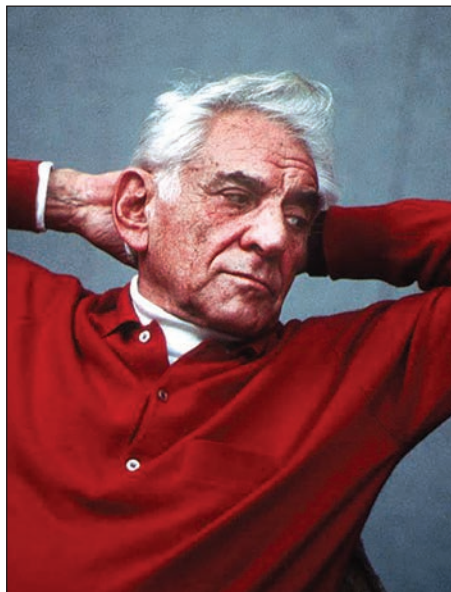
On four separate audition days during two weekends in January, seven panels of 60 professionals and educators in the performing arts adjudicated registered auditions in dance, drama, instrumental music, classical voice and contemporary voice/musical theater. The best of performing arts students ages 8 to 21 from throughout Southwest Florida participated in the largest independent performing arts competition in Lee County, held on the campus of the Alliance for the Arts/Foulds Theatre in Fort Myers.

The finalists of this year's auditions are:

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Late Night With Bernstein



Leonard Bernstein

This February, the 2017 Chamber Series celebrates one of classical music's most enduring figures. A Multi-Media Cabaret: Late Night with Leonard Bernstein is a scintillating, and affectionate multi-media portrait of the personal side of this charismatic, singularly public figure. Hosted by his daughter



photos courtesy SBDAC

ter Jamie and featuring acclaimed soprano Amy Burton and pianists John Musto and Michael Boriskin, this vibrant evening features Bernstein's most intimate (and favorite) music. The show includes works by Copland, Confrey, Coward, Schubert and Chopin, along with

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New Play To Open At Alliance For The Arts

Theatre Conspiracy presents *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* from February 24 through March 11 at the Alliance for the Arts.

Written by August Wilson and directed by Sonya McCarter, the play is set in a 1927 recording studio in Chicago. Ma Rainey, the mother of blues herself, is late to her own recording session. Her producers are frantic, the band is bored and her trumpeter, Levee, won't stop talking about his new shoes. As the band waits around for Ma, they swap stories about their experiences with racism, religion and, of course, music.

A talkback with Director Sonya McCarter and cast will take place after the March 5 performance. Talkbacks are open to the public and allow the discussion of ideas, themes and performance of the play.

"August Wilson is lyrical, extraordinary and powerful playwright," said Bill Taylor, founder and producing artistic director of Theatre Conspiracy. "This is a fabulous opportunity to highlight one of his best plays."



The *Ma Rainey's* cast includes a host of local actors including Cantrella Canady as Ma Rainey; Curt Sheard as Cutler; Roosevelt Stewart as Levee; Cicero McCarter III as Slow Drag; Elvis Mortley as Toledo; Charlie Sloin as Irvin; Patrick Day as Sturdyvant; Shaunte Manuel as Dussie Mae; Vladimyr

Bellefleur as Sylvester; and Austin Harn as the police officer.

Performances are on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. with one Sunday matinee on March 5 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$24 or \$11 for students with proper ID. Thursday nights are "buy-one-get-one-half-off." Alliance for the Arts Member Theatre Night is Friday,

February 24 and tickets are \$15 for members of the Alliance. For tickets, call 936-3239 or purchase online at www.theatreconspiracy.org.

This production is sponsored by Noreen Raney.

Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.✱

Arts And Crafts Fair On Sanibel This Weekend

The Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva will hold its 34th annual Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday and Sunday, February 18 and 19 at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way.

The arts and crafts fair is a celebration of community spirit, beautiful arts and crafts from around the country, entertainment, food, and displays from community and charity projects supported by the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club. With no fees for parking and a \$5 suggested donation for entry, the public is invited.

More than 300 artists applied for the show this year. The club's jury committee was challenged to choose only the best works of art.

The show will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Over 100 participating artists will offer unique gifts, wearable art, sculpture, paintings, photography, wood working, painted furniture, jewelry and other wares. Many local businesses have donated items for the silent auction, including weeklong beachfront stays.

This year, the food section will be expanded to the soccer field next to the playground, with an assortment of food vendors and a beer and wine tent.

Proceeds are used to meet community needs, to fund local scholarships, and for human service needs worldwide. For more information, visit www.sanibelartfair.com.✱

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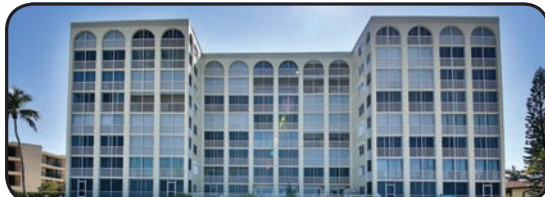
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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Langford-Miles-Bass House



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

This well-appointed riverfront house had been built only a short time before this circa-1905 photo was snapped. Pictured is the Walter G. and Carrie Watson Langford house on First Street at the foot of Park Avenue.

Before it was destroyed by fire circa-1940, two other important Fort Myers families would call it home.

In the historic photo, Carrie Langford (left) sits on the porch with an unidentified woman. The child standing in the doorway is Buena, the Langford's daughter, who is about 2 years old at the time.

The house had been built around 1900, and true to form, the Langfords didn't live there very long. In the first two decades of the 20th century, they lived in at least five residences on First Street.

This is the first of at least three beautiful homes they built on the street. The third and best known is the Langford-Kingston home at Fowler, now owned by the city.

This 16-room house featured many floor-to-ceiling windows, a circular staircase within the turreted section, fireplaces in each room, and a rounded porch.

Note the plentiful but apparently recently planted trees and shrubs and the Caloosahatchee in the background.

Walter's family was one of the most influential in town. Early on, he worked in his father's, Dr. Thomas E. Langford, cattle business. In his relatively short life of 47 years, he exerted considerable influence in business and civic affairs.

He played an important role in bringing the railroad to town, and is remembered for organizing the First National Bank (originally known as Lee County Bank) in 1907 and



The Walter G. and Carrie Langford house was built circa 1900 on First Street near the foot of Park Avenue. Carrie Watson Langford (seated left) is pictured circa 1905, along with an unidentified woman and the Langford's daughter Buena (in doorway). The house was later owned by Dr. Franklin and Elizabeth Miles.

photo courtesy SWFL Historical Society



Today, the north-bound span of the Edison Bridge dominates the former home site

photo by Gerri Reaves

serving as the first president.

He and Carrie Watson married in 1899 – when he was 25 and she only 13 years old – and so they moved into the house around the time they married. (Sources indicate that there were two ceremonies, first in Caxambas, probably to accommodate family members in a remote part of the county, followed by one in Fort Myers.)

Thus, Carrie was probably no more than 20 when she posed for this photo. Besides Buena, the couple had an older daughter, Faye, by then, too.

Carrie's family was well known too, but for an unusual reason. She was the daughter of the infamous Edgar Watson, who was gunned down by vigilantes at Smallwood's Store in Chokoloskee in 1908 because he was believed to be a murderer.

Peter Matthiessen's novels, including *Killing Mr. Watson*, provide a fictionalized account of the incident and the mysterious man at its center.

In July 1906, the Langford's sold the property for \$14,500 to Dr. Franklin Miles of Elkhart, Indiana, famous for Nervine and other remedies such as Alka-Seltzer. Like many well-off out-of-towners, he and his wife, Elizabeth, had spent time at the Royal Palm Hotel the previous winter, been enchanted with the town, and established a winter home.

Miles went on to be a major force in the area's development, particularly in agricultural research.

The announcement of the sale of the house in the local press enthused over its beauty and price tag. It was described as "richly furnished with choicest native woods;" and surrounded by palms, citrus fruits, a beautiful rose garden and tropical shrubs of all kinds."

By the time the house burned down, Dr. Miles had died, but his widow – now blind – still lived there with their daughter, Louise, her son-in-law Donald Bass, and their two young children.

Historian Marian Godown described the catastrophe as a fast-moving fire caused by a faulty oil furnace that gave the occupants only three minutes to get out of the heart-pine structure. Two nurses also escaped the blaze.

Today, the serene home and garden have been replaced by high-speed traffic and the north-bound span of the Edison Bridge.

Learn more about local history at the following two research centers:

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

It is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. Call 939-4044 or visit swflhistoricalsociety.org for more information.

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

Hours for the all-volunteer non-profit organization are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

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

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Exhibit To Open At Art Center

Recent works by artist Tim Smith (aka Mano Mudd) will be on exhibit at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center (SBDAC) from March 3 through March 21.

Smith is currently an artist/educator and one of the founding teachers at Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts. He moved to Sanibel in 1983 after graduating from The School Art Institute of Chicago to work as a production potter at A Touch of Sanibel Pottery.

Smith has received several awards including a Robert Rauschenberg Scholarship, Surdna Fellowship, Hermitage Fellowship and a Fort Myers Arts and Culture Grant.

The works to be shown by Smith are highly influenced using technology as the main medium for works referred to as "Wafers" and "Kinetic Wafers." Some of these recent works have been shown at the Tincture Gallery in downtown Fort Myers, projected on a three-story building during Art Walk and Music Walk.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in the historic downtown Fort Myers River District.✽



Sculpture by Tim Smith

photo provided

Grande Dames Tea Tickets

Tickets are now on sale for the 9th annual Grande Dames Tea, presented by the PACE Center for Girls of Lee County.

The Grande Dames Tea honoring Patricia Carroll of Fort Myers, Beverly McNew of Fort Myers and the late Lalai Sapp Hamric of Fort Myers will be held Tuesday, March 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Broadway Palm Theatre at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Michael Jung, The News-Press Media Group president and publisher, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Seats for the tea are \$60 per person and may be reserved at www.pacecenter.org/locations/lee. Table sponsorships are also available. Attendees are encouraged to wear their favorite tea party hat.

The PACE girls will once again create handmade fascinators that will be available for sale later this month. Most hats will be \$50 each with a limited number of specialty hats for \$100.

As PACE Center for Girls celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, Eunice and Alexandra Bremner are the title sponsors for Grande Dames Tea in honor and loving memory of Berne Davis, Barbara B. Mann and Eleanore Kleist, the first class of Grande Dames honored at this event.

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Chair of the Grande Dames Tea is Nancy Finch with Kathy Toll serving as co-chair. Both women also are members of the PACE Lee board of directors.

"These three outstanding women come from varied backgrounds and are sure to have some insightful advice for the audience and the PACE girls," said Finch.

"Our theme of The Wisdom of Age – Honoring the Female Spirit is so appropriate because each of these women has much to share from her own life's journey," Toll said.

The Grande Dames Tea was originated by PACE Center for Girls of Lee County to honor women who have played major roles in Southwest Florida history through decades of service, philanthropy and helping others.

The agenda for the tea will include interaction between the PACE girls and the three Grande Dames, in a question-and-answer format.

For more information or to become a sponsor, contact Sara Jordan at 425-2366 ext. 2312, or visit the website✽

Comedy Show Coming To The Alliance

New York City-based writer and performer Amy Marcs brings her critically acclaimed, one-woman reconstructive comedy Nice T!ts to the Alliance for the Arts on March 17 and 18 at 2 and 8 p.m. and March 19 at 2 p.m.

Directed by Peter Michael Marino, Nice T!ts is a comedic exploration of Marc's roller-coaster experience with cancer and its effect on her perception of femininity, womanhood, confidence and mortality. It's a unique perspective full of humor and heart-felt honesty. The show has played to sold-out houses at The People's Improve Theatre in New York since 2014.

Cost for tickets is \$22 for Alliance members, \$24 for non-member and \$11 for students with proper ID.

"I hope to be of service to others with my show. To give hope to women who are going through this, so they know they're not alone and that they are still beautiful, vibrant and sexy," said Marcs. "My story is about the resiliency of the human spirit and finding self-acceptance, love and hope in a very difficult and traumatic situation. And of course, all told through humor, because I believe that is one of the best healing tools we have."


Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.

For tickets, call 939-2787 or visit www.ArtnLee.org. Performances are sponsored in part by the Meisenberg Family Trust.

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Food Bank Nets Festival Donation

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers recently honored the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida with a donation from money raised at the club's 8th annual Italian Fest. Continuing

their support of the food bank, club members presented Harry Chapin President and CEO Richard LeBer with a check for more than \$16,000. Hosted at the Alliance for the Arts in October, the Italian Fest served some of the best Italian food in Southwest Florida and raised a total of \$32,256.80 for various charitable

programs in the community. The Italian Fest has raised more than \$158,000 since it first began in 2009. The Rotary Club of Fort Myers President Victoria Stephan said, "Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida has had a long-standing positive impact in Southwest Florida and The Rotary Club of Fort Myers is proud to be able to support the organization as it continues its work providing

needed meals to many people in our community." TriCircle Pavers was the proud title sponsor of the 2016 Italian Fest. Planning is underway for this year's festival, scheduled for Sunday, October 22. Sponsorship information is available by contacting The Rotary Club of Fort Myers at Office@RotaryFortMyers.org or 332-8158.*

Gallery Exhibition

The Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Art Galleries of the Bower School of Music & the Arts present Visual Language: The Art of Typography and Creative Writing in the ArtLab Gallery from February 23 to March 30, co-curated by graphic design instructor Sasha Minsky and writing instructor Jesse Millner. There will be a reception on Thursday, February 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the ArtLab Gallery in the library. The exhibition is sponsored in part by U. Tobe, The Beaches of Fort Myers and Sanibel, the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. When typography, the design and creation of type is applied to literary texts, this collaboration can result in a hybrid form of art that provides incredible visuals and summons intellectually stimulating experiences for both the artists and their audiences. This exhibition features the work of the special topics advanced typography course instructed by Sasha Minsky in collaboration with Jesse Millner's

narrative techniques creative writing class. Students from both courses worked together to bring literary narratives alive through the use of innovative typography techniques. Student typographers from Minsky's class include: Tiffany Billings, Anna Cooke, Kaitlin Dowis, Taryn Estrada, Marile Franco, Eduardo Guerra, Alyssa LaManna, Justin McDowell, Adam Robair, Andrea Rygala, Sarah Wasson and Angelina Zuniga-Reed. Student writers from Millner's class include: Taylor Sweat, Brandon Paul, Kimberly Rosales, and Jacqueline Avetrani. The ArtLab Gallery is located at the west side of the library building on FGCU's main campus at 10501 FGCU Boulevard South. Parking is available in Lot 7 for gallery visitors; parking passes are available at the information booth at the University's main entrance. Regular viewing hours are: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday. For images and further information on this exhibition and others, go to artgallery.fgcu.edu or contact Anica Sturdivant at 590-7199 or asturdiv@fgcu.edu.*

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Joanna Olsen will perform her new one-woman show *Acting Up* at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Fort Myers Library on Monday, February 20. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. in the library's meeting rooms at 1651 Lee St. The evening will include refreshments and special drawings. It is free to members of the Friends, while the public is invited to join at the door. Annual membership levels begin at \$15. For more information and to reserve a seat, go to www.bit.ly/2k051vh. Olsen enthralled audiences with her portrayal of Eleanor Roosevelt in *The Four Loves of FDR* and as the Duchess of Windsor in *Wallis Simpson: Royal Obsession*. Her new autobiographical play tells the story of a woman who moves from the life she planned to the life waiting for her. *Time Magazine* said those born between the 30s and early 40s were cautious, unimaginative and unadventurous and named them The Silent Generation. Boy, were they wrong. Intertwined throughout the play are theatrical vignettes highlighting women who are mothers, rebels and busybodies ... anything but silent. From



Joanna Olsen as Wallis Simpson
photo courtesy Fort Myers Library

the nuns to New York City, with stops in between, this will be an evening of wit and grit following the path of one of The Silent Generation who turned the tables on the historians. Olsen started her acting career quite late in life. After her children were out of college, she began her training at The William Esper Studio in New York City and went on to perform at regional theaters in the South and Midwest, including Baltimore's Hippodrome, the Orlando Shakespeare Festival, the Human Race Theatre in Dayton, Palm Beach Drama Works and Atlanta's Alliance Theater.*



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Bird Exhibition On View At Sanibel Gallery



by Tom Hall

On view through March 4 at Sanibel's Watson MacRae Gallery is *Aviary: An Installation*. As the name suggests, the exhibition celebrates birds from warblers to raptors in a

variety of mediums from fiber to stone.

This exciting exhibit features work by eight artists from both coasts of the U.S. and Florida. Individually and together, they have immortalized their love of birds in their beautiful and remarkable work.

Lucy Dierks of Asheville, North Carolina is known for exquisite porcelain pieces that feature her hallmark hand-sculpting, interesting textures and wonderful glazes. *Aviary* includes over 20 of Dierks' pieces. Many have a tropical theme.

Delray Beach's Amy Gross continues to amaze collectors and casual viewers with her intricate fiber worlds of birds and their environs. Since Gross first exhibited at Watson MacRae in 2010, her work has been recognized by inclusion in museum shows and selected for the cover of *Fiber Arts* magazine.

"When I first saw Ann Hollingsworth's work on line, I was stunned that someone could create birds' nests out of glass," remarked Watson MacRae Gallery owner Maureen Watson. Intricate and unique, this California artist's abstract nests involve a painstakingly long process of creation as do actual nests.

Jane Jaskewich of Atlanta, Georgia returns to the gallery with her new stone sculptures of birds that accentuate both the grace of the bird and the beauty of the stone.

Naples' own Deborah Martin creates intricate drawings of intimate moments in the life of her subjects. Her use of the once archaic medium of encaustics gives her work a softness that is juxtaposed with the crisp clear line of her drawings.

Mark Messersmith is a professor of painting at Florida State University in Tallahassee. Teaming with the wildness and weirdness of our exotic southern landscape, his work explores the spirit and struggle and survival of creatures in their shrinking environment. For this exhibit, Messersmith has created smaller works of birds in his own distinctive style.

Since Hollis Jeffcoat returned to Sanibel, she has been immersed in the nature she loves. Recently, the sight and sound of birds have dominated her imagination and infiltrated her paintings. More than the paintings of her extensive *Traveler* series where birds were more iconic, these works are quieter, solitary and more personal.

California resident and New York City native Jane Rosen's love of wildlife and dedication to raptors permeates her highly acclaimed work of birds of prey in stone,



Lucy Dierks' porcelain artwork featuring birds is on display at Watson MacRae Gallery

photo courtesy www.artswnfl

glass and on paper. "Visiting galleries in Chelsea when I first opened mine, I walked into an exhibit on creatures and Rosen's lone sculpture of a hawk dominated the room with its power and beauty," said Watson. "I never forgot that moment and have looked at her work from time to time over the years." A wonderful set of circumstances brings her fabulous prints to Sanibel.

Watson MacRae Gallery is located in unit B3 at 2340 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

Edison Sculpture Celebrates 12th Anniversary

There is a sculpture of Thomas Edison that greets visitors to the Edison & Ford Winter Estates. It stands beneath the mighty banyan tree at the entrance and is unquestionably the most photographed statue in all of Fort Myers. At seven feet, four inches in height, the sculpture is "heroic size," meaning it is 25 percent larger than life. It was made by North Fort Myers sculptor DJ Wilkins, and donated by Estates' patron Darilyn Alderman. It was dedicated on February 11, 2005, the 158th anniversary of Edison's birth, which recently marked the sculpture's 12th anniversary.

To read more about this or the other half dozen public artworks that adorn the grounds of the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, visit www.artswnfl.com/public-art-2/fort-myers-river-district-public-art-2/edison-ford-estates-collection/edison-ford-estates-collection.

Why You Should See This Film At The Fort Myers Film Festival

One of the films being screened at this year's Fort Myers Film Festival is *The Stairs*. It depicts an elderly man who listens to a tape recording his father made prior to his death in which he describes his most horrific experience in Auschwitz during World War II.

The film is a short, dense, multi-faceted story susceptible to multiple, sometimes conflicting interpretations. The film starts

and ends with a flashback to a night when the man, then a 10-year-old child, sat at the top of the stairs eavesdropping on his parents' conversation with a couple they'd invited over for the evening. It's a cinematic device that gives the audience a nostalgic point of entry into the terrible story his father tells about how he was spared from being gassed on the day of his arrival at Auschwitz. Most people have had the experience of listening in when their parents have company over – whether it's from the top of the stairs, the hallway around the corner or some other vantage where discovery is unlikely. And so, like that wide-eyed 10-year-old at the top of the stairs, we too find ourselves leaning forward and straining to hear the broken cadence of the story his father now tells.

Whether it is more about remembering the Holocaust than exploring the universal phenomenon of survivor guilt, *The Stairs* is definitely one of the films you should make a point of seeing during the running of the 7th annual Fort Myers Film Festival, which runs from March 8 through March 12. *The Stairs* is an independent film directed by Hakym Reagan and produced by Blake Laitner and Mort Laitner. The cast includes Dennis Fitzpatrick, David Poland, Anne Vox, Daniel Timothy Treacy, Peter Glazer, Drew Thacher, Elizabeth Zimmerman and Max Albright.

The Fort Myers Film Festival will have five venues that will screen films: Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Alliance for the Arts, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre and Imaginarium Cinema. After-parties and dinners with the filmmakers will take place at Twisted Vine Bistro, Firestone, Blu Sushi and other select venues.

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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Special Equestrians is bringing together the area's most successful restaurateurs for Taste of Love, the annual food and wine extravaganza to be held Sunday, March 5 from 5 to 9 p.m. at The Ranch Concert Hall & Saloon, located at 2158 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

The popular event's theme is Meet Us at The Ranch and will feature dishes from the area's most successful culinarians, wine pairings, live and silent auctions and entertainment. Local celebrity auctioneer Jay Severson and emcee Gina Birch will oversee the evening's events. More than 400 guests attended the event in 2016, raising \$160,000 for the therapeutic horseback riding program.

Participating restaurants include:

- Seminole Casino Hotel's Lucky Mi Noodle House, Chef Osmany Acosta
- The European American Bakery Café, Chef Ariel Garcia and Chef Sam Savich
- Blue Pointe Oyster Bar & Seafood Grill, Chef Andy Brown
- Three Fishermen Seafood Restaurant, Chef Tim Jordan
- Mastello and A Touch of Italy, Chef Robert Brandt
- Sweet P's Bakery & Bistro, Chef Catherine Pinault
- Bruno's of Brooklyn, Chef Calcedonio Bruno

- Erickson & Jensen Seafood, Anna Erickson
- Fancy's Southern Café, Chef Daniel Glick
- Jing Due Japanese Buffet, Chef Yong Xie Yang

"We are thrilled and honored to have these highly-trained and successful culinary professionals join us to help raise much-needed funds for Special Equestrian's therapeutic horseback riding programs," said Jan Fifer, the organization's executive director.

All proceeds from Taste of Love will benefit Special Equestrians, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children and adults with disabilities by providing a structured therapeutic horseback riding program and equine assisted activities. The Special Equestrians therapeutic riding program has been awarded Premier Accredited Center status by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship. Serving Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties, Special Equestrians is a United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee Counties Partner Agency that has been serving Southwest Florida for more than 29 years.

Sponsors include *Florida Weekly*, Palm Printing and Signs Now. Additional sponsorship and underwriting opportunities are available at www.specialequestrians.net or by calling Freda Jones at 565-3792 or emailing flj@rbcs.net.

Tickets are \$100 per person and may be purchased online at www.specialequestrians.net or by calling 851-7070 or emailing jtfifer@gmail.com.✱

A Night At The Museum Gala

Take a step back in time at the Night at the Museum Gala 2017 on Saturday, March 4, and you might discover you're standing next to giant pre-historic ground sloth. A Night at the Museum is the theme of the gala from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Imaginarium Science Center and Southwest Florida Museum of History – under the same roof, at last – located at 2000 Cranford Avenue in Fort Myers.

Enjoy endless hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, historic re-enactments and amazing auction items. Along the way, discover extinct animals and figures of Florida history come to life. It's not a figment of your imagination, just a night of wonder to raise funds as the new combined museum rolls out a comprehensive plan to bring new exhibits, expanded programming and much more excitement to benefit the Southwest Florida community and visitors of all ages.

At Night at the Museum Gala 2017, you can personally ask Ponce de Leon about his fountain of youth, but he might scoff at the notion and instead dwell

on details of the Calusa incursion that drove him from Southwest Florida. Jacob Summerlin, the King of the Crackers, will regale you with tales of how he became one of the wealthiest Floridians by the age of 40 raising cattle in the Peace and Kissimmee River valleys.

Along with all the mystery, magic and mischief that has made the Imagine Gala an annual social calendar "must do," lucky attendees will find themselves planning for luxury vacations, chef's table dinners and other opulent auction prizes, which in past years have included a Steamboat Springs cabin getaway, fabulous Caribbean vacations and even an opportunity to dive on the *USS Mohawk* with the stars of the Animal Planet series *Tanked*.

Many levels of sponsorship are available, offering exciting promotional opportunities, gala tickets, family memberships and fun packs and more. All money raised at the event benefits The Imaginarium Group, a 501(c)3 organization that supports the Imaginarium and the Southwest Florida Museum of History in raising exhibit and education program funds.

For additional information, visit www.i-sci.org.✱

Craft And White Elephant Sale

Palmetto Palms RV Resort will hold its Craft and White Elephant Sale on Saturday, February 18 from 8a.m. to noon. The RV resort is located at 19681 Summerlin Road in Fort Myers. Coffee and donuts will be available. The public is invited.

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Along The River

The Lee Health Parish Nurse Program, Right at Home In Home Care & Assistance and Shell Point Retirement Community will hold a **free health screening** and positive aging events this Friday, February 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at **Zion Lutheran Church**, 7401 Winkler Road, Fort Myers. The Parish Nurse Program will provide a number of valuable screenings, including memory, vein, balance, oxygen saturation, vision, glucose, skin cancer, hearing, body mass index (BMI) and blood pressure.

In addition to the health screening, the event will feature a panel presentation focused on positive aging at 10 a.m. It's called Getting Involved: Where To Start, a panel presentation by SHARE Club, Lee County Parks & Recreation, United Way and Shell Point Retirement Community.

Each event also includes valuable information on hospice services, advance directives, assisted living, injury prevention, in-home care, pharmaceuticals, skilled nursing care and other services. Senior resource guides, door prizes and healthy snacks will also be provided.

For more information, visit www.LeeHealth.org/spiritualservices/parish-nurse.asp or call 343-5182.

The 6th annual **Southwest Florida Pancreatic Cancer Research Walk** will be held this Saturday, February 18 at **Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW)**. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m.

There will be entertainment as well as a 50/50 raffle, refreshments and face



Entertainment at a past Bangladeshi held at the Alliance for the Arts

photo courtesy Bangladeshi American Society of Southwest Florida

painting. U.S. Marines will lead the walk, followed by cancer survivors. One hundred percent of every dollar donated goes directly to research.

Registration is \$50 online and \$60 for walk-ins. For more information, visit www.2017SouthwestFloridaWalk.kintera.org or call 415-3886.

FSW is located between Cypress Lake Drive and College Parkway near Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.

Alliance for the Arts presents a free **100 Yogis For Health** community class during its GreenMarket this Saturday, February 18 at 9:30 a.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Donations from this event benefit the local chapter of the National Kidney Foundation. The first 100 participants donating \$20 or more will receive a gift bag filled with healthy prizes.

The class welcomes children and adults of all ages. No experience is necessary.

This event is made possible by Yoga Bird, 2 The Top, the Alliance for the Arts GreenMarket and the National Kidney Foundation.

Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.

For more information, visit www.ArtnLee.org or call 939-2787.

The Boston Red Sox will hold events during its **Spring Training Open House** this Saturday, February 18.

From 9 to 11 a.m., fans can get an up close and personal experience with Wally the Green Monster and his sister Tessie at **JetBlue Park**, located at 11500 Fenway South Drive in Fort Myers. Price for the breakfast is \$35 per adult and \$20 for children 12 and younger. Children younger than 2 years old are free. Check-in will start at 8:30 a.m. Space is limited, and advance reservations must be made by calling Matt Thome at 226-4707 or emailing mthome@redsox.com.

A free Spring Training Open House will follow from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Family friendly activities will include inflatables on the field, player autographs, discounted concessions, face painting, magicians, self-guided tours of the park and more.

The Open House will also feature the new Red Sox Showcase powered by T-Mobile. The 14-foot box truck transforms into a full-blown Fenway experience, including a pitching accuracy challenge, Green Monster photo backdrop, batting cage where fans can choose to walk up to their favorite player's music, steal second challenge, highlight reels, Red Sox virtual reality lockers, authentic player jerseys, bats, helmets and more.

Pitchers and catchers will hold their first workout on Tuesday, February 14. The first full squad workout will take place Friday, February 17. Workouts are free and open to the public.

The Bangladeshi American Society of Southwest Florida will host its 6th annual **Bangladeshi Festival** this Saturday, February 18. The event presents the best of local talents with performances in music, songs, dance, arts and fashion shows. There will be a surprise renowned artist from Bangladesh.

Bangladeshi will be held at Lee County's **Alliance for the Arts**, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. The event runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission and parking is free.

The **Grand Parade of Light** will be held on **downtown Fort Myers streets**

this Saturday, February 18 at 7 p.m. The parade will have triple the number of helium balloons as in previous years.

Street seats are \$10 and tickets to the VIP event at Harborside Event Center that includes food and beverages are \$57 per person. Visit www.edisonfestival.org for parade tickets.

Other Edison Festival of Light highlights include:

- Crafts on the River – February 17 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. February 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Centennial Park. Join local and national craft vendors as they showcase their talent and wares throughout Centennial Park. Free admission.

- Music Walk Block Party – February 17 from 6 to 10 p.m. Listen to SoFlo and the Tucci Band. Free admission.

- Parade Celebration – February 18 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Edwards Drive. Start the celebration for the Grand Parade of Light and listen to bands, local disc jockey DJ Mad Mel and local talent. Multiple food locations include the boat ramp, the corner of Dean and Edwards, and Hendry and Edwards. Free admission.

- Edison Festival of Light 5K – February 18 at 5:45 p.m. in Centennial Park. Join 1,500 participants in this sanctioned race that has earned national recognition thanks to its rich history, list of participants and thousands of cheering fans. Participants race along the Grand Parade route and cross the finish line in time for the parade to begin. Registration is \$30 from February 12 to 17; and \$40 on race day; price includes a T-shirt.

- Classic Car Show – February 19, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Edwards Drive. Celebrate classic cars and hot rods that include antiques, muscle cars and other classics. Free admission.

Visit www.edisonfestival.org for more information

Fort Myers attorney, comedian and storyteller Tom Chase will speak, tell jokes and do impersonations at the Southwest Florida Historical Society's annual **Cracker Dinner**, scheduled this Monday, February 20 at the **Broadway Palm Dinner Theater**.

A buffet dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by the program at 7 p.m. with former WINK-TV anchor Jim McLaughlin serving as master of ceremonies. The event will include door prizes, a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. Music will be provided by soprano Beverly Cox and musicians Barbara and Roger Peterson.

Tickets are \$35 each and are available through the Southwest Florida Historical Society, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Alliance for the Arts. Tickets are also available at Barbee and Son, Inc. Realtors, 1936 Grace Avenue, and at the Sam Galloway Ford Dealership on Boy Scout Drive.

Funds raised at the annual dinner will be used to support the mission of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, which is dedicated to preserving the history of our area by archiving donated historical documents, photos and maps and stimulating public interest and appreciation for local history.

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NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER
New Home Church, 8505 Jenny Cae Lane, North Fort Myers, 656-0416. Weekly Friday meeting meet and greet 6:30 p.m. Kingdom Teaching 7 p.m. Fellowship and refreshments. nbcministry@embarqmail.com, www.facebook.com/nbcministry. Alex and Patricia Wiggins, Ministers

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

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

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

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Ave Maria University choir

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Choir To Perform

The St. Peter Lutheran Concert Series presents a special evening of music with the Ave Maria University Choir on Monday, February 27 at 7 p.m. The performance by the acclaimed 30-voice choral group will feature Broadway

selections including a stirring medley from Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera* as well inspirational and patriotic favorites. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. Donations accepted. St. Peter Lutheran Church is located at 3751 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach. Call 463-4251 for more information.✱

Continental Women's Club

Fort Myers Florist Regional Operations and Sales Manager Joseph Lesczynski will be the guest speaker of the Continental Women's Club meeting on Thursday, March 2. Attendees will discover how this local, family-owned florist shop operates, from ordering to deciding on seasonal themes.

The club's monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at

11:30 a.m. at Colonial Country Club, located at 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers. Cost to attend is \$19. Call 672-8683 before 8 p.m. on Sunday, February 26 to make a reservation

On Monday, March 20, the club's annual scholarship fundraiser will be held at Colonial Country Club from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a luncheon and fashion show by Bell Tower Shops. The public event includes a raffle/auction of merchandise and gift baskets. Cost to attend is \$30. For reservations and questions, call 223-6282.✱

Prayer Vigil

The public is invited to attend a community prayer vigil at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 23 at the Dunbar Community School auditorium at 1857 High Street in Fort Myers. It is hosted by the Dunbar Neighborhood Watch and Mayor's Task Force.

This will be the seventh year for the community prayer, which encourages unity in the community.

"We come together to pray for victims of violence and the families that have lost loved ones," said Taunya Cola, the event's organizer and coordinator

of the Dunbar Neighborhood Watch. "I started this to let families know that they're still being thought about, still being prayed for. We want them to know they are not forgotten."

In addition to praying for families that have been the victims of violence, attendees of the candlelight vigil also pray for law enforcement officers, city and county officials and the school district.

"This isn't just for the Dunbar community," added Cola. "It's for everybody. It's about love. Come light a candle for a loved one."

For more information, contact Cola at 823-2153.✱

Sing Out Choral Festival

The 4th annual Sing Out Choral Festival will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25 at New Hope Presbyterian Church, 10051 Plantation Road, in Fort Myers.

The Choral Festival will be led by Dr. Trent Brown, artistic director and conductor for the Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida and associate professor of music at Florida Gulf Coast University, where he teaches all choral ensembles.

Sing Out begins with a workshop at 6 p.m. on Friday. The workshop will continue on Saturday, along with a morning and afternoon rehearsal. A festival concert (open to the public) will be the culmination of these efforts, beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and complete with all Sing Out participants, soloists and instrumentalists.

The festival has been attracting a wider audience every year. Sing Out 2016 featured a total of 125 singers and there are hopes to exceed that number this year.

The theme of Sing Out 2017 is Mass Appeal, and the repertoire features favorite movements from well-known masses, including the Kyrie from Schubert's *Mass in G Minor*, the Gloria from Haydn's *Mass in Time of War*, Credo from Robert Ray's *Gospel Mass*, the Sanctus and Benedictus from

Mozart's *Requiem* and the Agnus Dei and the Dona Nobis from Bach's *B Minor Mass*.

No auditions are necessary and all community singers are invited as well as high school and college student singers and visitors to the Southwest Florida area who would love to devote a weekend to the choral art form. Registration forms can be found at www.symphonicchorale.org. Registration fee is \$50 per participant. Tickets to attend the Saturday, February 25th concert can also be purchased on the website. Tickets are \$10 for students, \$25 for general admission and \$30 for preferred seating.✱

Church Garage Sale

Gulf Coast Church of Christ will hold its annual garage sale on Friday, February 24 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, February 25 from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m.

A concession stand will be open with beverages and bake sale items for purchase.

Come and stock your home with furniture, pictures, dishes, linens, clothes, jewelry, etc.

The church is located at 9550 Ben C. Pratt/Six Mile Cypress Parkway in Fort Myers.

For more information, call 936-4554 or email stevecald@juno.com.✱

Music Festival Returns This Fall

The fourth annual Island Hopper Songwriter Fest returns the area from September 22 to October 1. The popular festival will feature new artists and new events.

The free festival kicks off on Captiva from September 22 to 24 and wraps up September 29 to October 1 on Fort Myers Beach. Historic downtown Fort Myers will once again feature midweek performances. There will be a limited number of ticketed events for special performances.

"Each year we get more talent and create more exciting events for the Island Hopper Songwriter Fest," said Tamara Pigott, executive director of the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau. "This festival offers fans the rare opportunity to hear the stories behind the songs in small, intimate venues."

Major acts and songwriters attending the festival will be announced in the near future.

"We look forward to surprising fans with some high-profile acts," said Louis Kaplan, iHeartMedia's senior vice president of programming. "The Island Hopper Songwriter Fest is one of our favorite events of the year."✱

CROW Case Of The Week:

Egg Incubation

by Bob Petcher



Incubation has a dual meaning. In the natural sense, it means an egg-laying animal hatching its egg(s) often done with the brooding parent providing the right body heat for optimal

temperature. However, there are also instances when the parent is unable to participate in the process and an environment of controlled temperature, humidity and oxygen concentration is needed in order to sustain optimal conditions for growth and development of the egg.

At CROW, an adult female red-shouldered hawk was brought in from Fort Myers on February 10 with initially suspected head trauma. The bird of prey arrived "very weak and obtund," meaning it had diminished awareness and was mentally dull. She also arrived with a previous fracture in the left wing.

Unfortunately, the red-shouldered hawk did not survive long after arrival to the Sanibel clinic. However, during x-rays at admittance, it was discovered the patient was pregnant. CROW medical officials decided to remove the egg with hopes of continuing the artificial incubation process for a successful hatching. It was reported that the clinic

incubation would require rotating the egg eight times a day.

This process would continue only if the red-shouldered hawk egg was found viable after a few days. If so, the artificial incubation process would need 30 to 35 days for the egg to hatch.

On Monday, CROW officials reported that the hawk's egg was determined not to be viable. CROW's hospital director, Dr. Heather Barron, was "unable to find any evidence of growth so it may have been not viable before being removed."

There was also no confirmation that the deceased red-shouldered hawk indeed had head trauma. Reports did say that head trauma was one of the likely causes due to its "obtunded mentation." Other possible causes of death include toxicity and septicemia, a bacterial infection spread through the entire vascular system of the body.

While it was unfortunate that the patient did not survive past the weekend, it was not a surprise that the bird egg could not be incubated.

In general, bird eggs are a rare occurrence at CROW and are difficult to be successful entirely through incubation," said Dr. Barron. "CROW has had success with incubating turtle eggs at roughly an

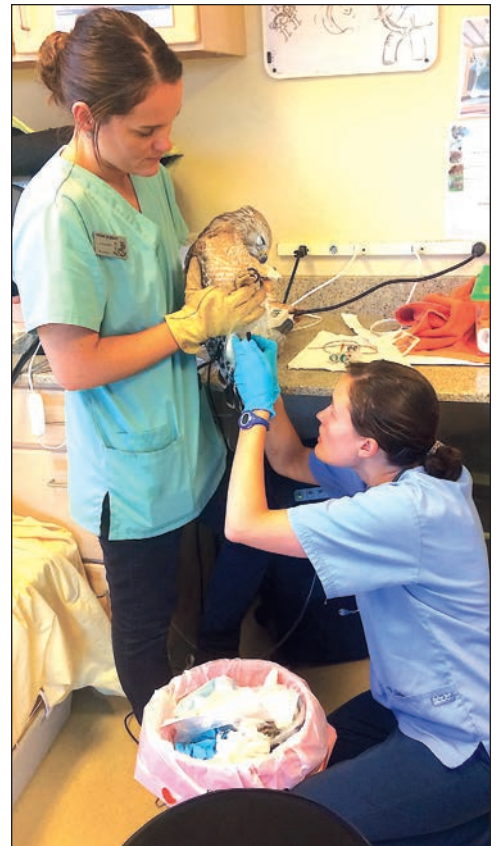


The hawk's egg that was determined not to be viable

photos by Kenny Howell

80 percent success rate. Bird eggs are incubated at a temperature between 99.1 degrees and 99.5 degrees Fahrenheit and a relative humidity between 60 and 65 percent."

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



CROW medical officials examine the hawk

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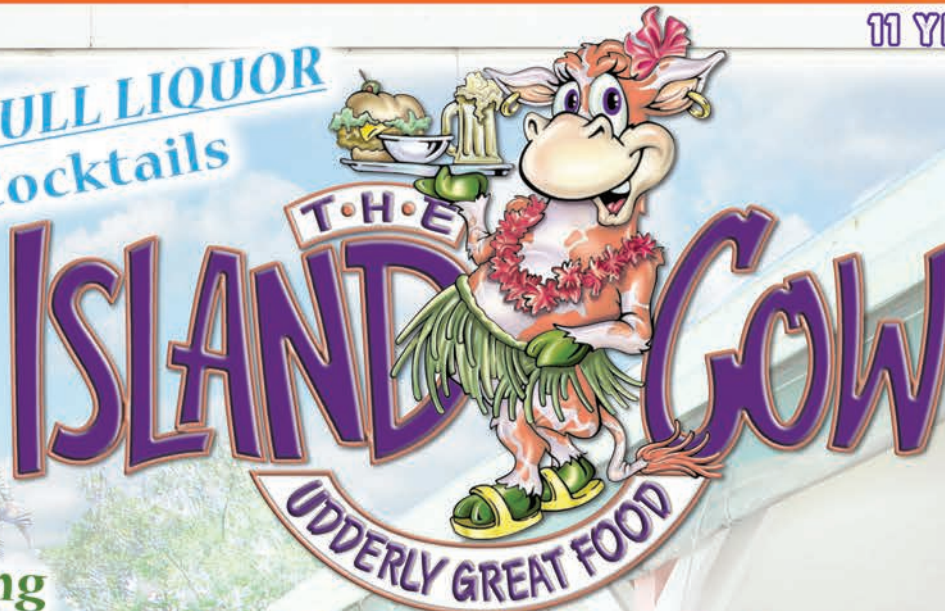
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The Perfect Winter Setup



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

What a week it was to be out on the water with more unseasonably warm conditions and big minus morning low tides. When it comes to our wintertime fishing, I just can't think of

a better setup than we had all this week to consistently catch quality fish. The catch-and-release snook bite during these minus tides was just on fire in many of my favorite mangrove creeks. Every little nook and cranny in these creeks held at least a few snook and, once the bite stopped, it was just a matter of moving 50 yards and there they were again.

Along with the great snook action back in the creeks on a normal day, you could mix in a few bonus redfish measuring anywhere from 16 to 30 inches. While fishing the deeper water bends and undercut shorelines in these creeks, we also caught several gag grouper up to 20

inches. Then often once our free-lined shiners drifted out to the middle of these channels, we caught plenty of jacks along with some keeper-sized trout and mangrove snapper. Our fishing just does not get a whole lot better for February.

When everything just comes together right and we are lucky enough to enjoy these big minus low tides during daylight hours, I love to fish places I can only just slide my shallow draft boat into. There are lots of these deep creeks throughout the sound that have a very shallow bar across the entrance or even just a narrow slightly deeper cut that allows access to them during these low water periods. Once you gain access to one of these creeks, you will find many have a winding channel with water from three to eight feet deep. During these lowest of tides, these areas consolidate the fish into a very small area.

I like to enter many of these creeks while the tide is still falling so I am trapped until the tide changes and the water level comes back up. During the last hour as the tide bottoms out, it basically closes the door on any other boats getting into the creek. During the ideal tide like we experienced this week once in these mangrove channels, it was like fishing in a barrel. Add a live well full of shiners to the barrel and the action is fast and furious and your shiners simply cannot escape the hungry fish.



Gary Biltgen of Sanibel with a mangrove creek redfish caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

Other options on these low tides included fishing the edges of the many exposed bars in the sound. Find a cut-through or even the tip of one of these bars with a drop-off to deeper water, and a good-moving current and the fish will be there. Throwing soft plastic jigs down the edge of the bar is a great way to cover lots of water and quickly find the fish. A few such bars that come to mind are the edges of the mailboat cut just south of St. James City and the Ice House Bar at the southern entrance to Safety Harbor on North Captiva.

We have had for the most part an unbelievably warm winter so far with our water temperatures only dropping below 70 degrees for a few brief times. Even

after a passing cold front, air and water temperatures have quickly rebounded and never totally shut down the snook bite for more than a day or two. Add to that lighter than usual winter winds for the most part, and we have experienced a winter anglers' paradise. Nothing makes me happier than having lots of options on a wide variety of species in January and February.

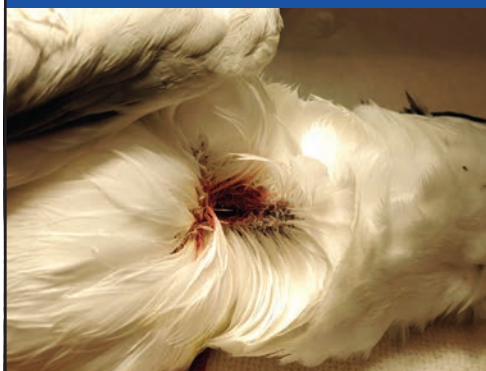
My friend Mark 'Bird' Westall died this week. Bird knew the ins and outs of Ding Darling and the Sanibel River along with every living thing in there better than anyone I will ever know. As a teenager growing up on Sanibel in the early 1980s, I was lucky enough to meet Bird through

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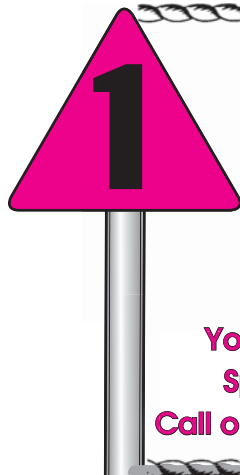


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Yellowwood



Native yellowwood, listed as endangered in the state, usually grows to small-tree size

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by Gerri Reaves

Native yellowwood's (*Schaefferia frutescens*) common name is inspired by its hard yellow wood that is prized by woodcarvers.

It usually grows to the size of a shrub or small tree, but this fast-grower can reach as high as 30 feet in ideal conditions.

Its natural habitat is tidewater areas and rockland hammocks.

This member of the bittersweet family is listed as endangered in the Florida, meaning that it is in imminent danger of extinction and unlikely to survive if the causes of the plant's decline continue.

The attractive dense foliage makes this plant a good hedge, screen or border and provides some cover for birds – and, foliage's similarity to that of the English boxwood gives it another common name, Florida boxwood.

The oval evergreen leaves are alternate and two to four inches long with slightly

rolled edges, pointed tips and angled green stems.

Clusters of small greenish white four-petaled flowers appear in the leaf axil (the angle formed by a stem and a leaf or leaf stem). Male and female flowers appear on different plants, so include male and female plants in the landscape for maximum flowering and fruiting production.

Flowers bloom throughout the year, but peak in spring.

The tiny fruit ripens from green to yellow to shiny red. Fleshy, round and two-seeded, it persists on the plant, enhancing the ornamental appeal.

The bark is smooth gray or brown, but ridged or furrowed on older trees.

Resilient and low-maintenance, it can survive in nutrient-poor soil, but needs some organic content – such as a humusy top layer – to do well.

Give it partial shade or sun and moist but well-drained slightly alkaline soil.



Dense attractive foliage makes this a good low-maintenance hedge, screen or border

Drought and salt tolerance make it suitable for some coastal landscapes.

Propagate yellowwood with the seeds, with occasionally self-sow near the parent plant.

Sources: *Florida Plants for Wildlife* by Craig N. Huegel, *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio, *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell, *The Shrubs and Woody Vines of Florida* by Gil Nelson, *Trees of Everglades National Park and the Florida Keys* by George B. Stevenson, edis.ifas.ufl.edu, and regionalconservation.org.

Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.✱

Yard Sale

The Tip Top Isles & Terrace waterfront community will hold a neighborhood-wide yard sale on Saturday, February 18 from 8 a.m. to noon. The sale is located behind Beach Bowl on the corner of San Carlos Boulevard and Broadway Avenue. Approximately 10 households from the 54-home community on three streets will participate. Look for signs. A portion of the sale proceeds will go toward community improvements.✱

Butterfly And Blossom Festival

The Florida Native Butterfly Society is holding its annual Butterfly and Blossom Festival starting on Friday and Saturday nights, February 24 and 25 with a Twilight Conservatory Tour. The cost to attend is a tax deductible \$25 donation and includes a tour at 7, 8 or 9 p.m., Champagne, hors d'oeuvres and a chance at raffle items.

This is a great opportunity to see how butterflies roost at night.

On Saturday and Sunday, February 25 and 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., admission into the Conservatory is \$4 per person. There will be vendors, local authors, games and family fun for all.

The festival is a fundraiser for the Florida Native Butterfly Society, a 501(c)3 educational facility breeding and raising native butterflies, located at 1815 Fowler Street in Fort Myers. For tickets, call 690-2359.✱

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Calendar Girls Visit Bay Pines



The Calendar Girls

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The Calendar Girls traveled to the Bay Pines Veterans Administration Hospital in Tampa to entertain the patients and staff on January 28. For more information, visit www.calendargirlsflorida.com.✱

Conference Considers Fed's Future In Coastal Management

submitted by Ken and Kate Gooderham, ASBPA Managing Directors

What is the future of federal coastal involvement and investment with a new administration taking the reins in Washington, DC? That's the focus of an upcoming conference focused on federal policy and regulation.

This Coastal Summit, entitled A New Commitment To Our Coast, will be held in Washington, DC from February 28 to March 2, presented by the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA). The program will combine conference sessions with outreach visits to a variety of federal agencies, as well as opportunities for attendees to schedule meetings with their federal representatives during the early days of the new administration and Congress.

"At the heart of ASBPA's mission is the goal of protecting and improving the nation's coasts and shore ecosystems," said ASBPA President Tony Pratt. "So let's ask ourselves what would resonate in the new administration and how we can bring that/those issues to new government to make the convincing argument that an investment in the coast pays tremendous dividends in jobs, economic stimulus, reduction of costly storm damage response and recovery, and community protection – the issues ASBPA has been pushing for years."

The uncertainty – and opportunity – of a new administration is reflected in the conference program, which includes sessions on:

- Understanding the New Normal
- Rising Seas and Lowering Expectations – The lay of the land with DC Lobbyists
- Making Your Best Case for the Coast: Optimizing Hill and Advocacy Visit Time

- Stakeholders Perspective: Getting Sand on the Beach, Cheaply, Quickly and Regionally
- Collaborative Science: Creating a National Coastal Research Program
- Moving Backward – Planning for Retreat

Keynote speakers include:

- Maj. Gen. Donald Jackson, Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- James Dalton, Director of Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Collin O'Mara, president and CEO, National Wildlife Federation
- Renee Orr, chief of the Office of Strategic Resources, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
- Former U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA)
- Norma Jean Mattei, president of the American Society of Civil Engineers

Small-group visits to the following federal agency offices are planned:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

In addition, the conference will offer:

- A Capitol Hill briefing in conjunction with the Coastal States Organization
- A Capitol Hill Coastal Celebration Reception to honor coastal champions from throughout the federal government.
- A presentation spotlighting the 2016 Best Restored Beaches award winners: Babes Beach Galveston, Texas; Rosewood Park, Illinois; Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Topsail Beach, North Carolina; and Redondo Beach, California.

This marks the 17th year the Coastal Summit has been convened in Washington as a coastal policy-focused conference attracting coastal professionals, officials, scientists and advocates. Founded in 1926, the ASBPA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that advocates for healthy coastlines by promoting the integration of science, policies and actions that maintain, protect and enhance the coasts of America. For more information, visit www.asbpa.org.✱

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A rendering of the unnamed hotel by Marriott

Preliminary Plans For Downtown Hotel Revealed

The City of Fort Myers is one step closer to seeing its long-awaited convention hotel break ground. At a City Council workshop on February 6, Mainsail Lodging and Development unveiled preliminary plans for Fort Myers' new downtown hotel.

The still-unnamed Autograph Collection Hotel by Marriott will stand 12 stories with approximately 225 guest rooms and suites. It will feature a signature restaurant along with a local diner, rooftop bar and culinary theater. The four- to five-star hotel will also encompass a parking garage with 210 parking spaces. Street-level

photo courtesy City of Fort Myers

retail storefronts will be designed to match the character of existing downtown architecture.

The hotel, in combination with Mainsail's planned renovations to the Harborside Event Center, will make Fort Myers a destination for business and convention travelers. In addition to the conference space available at Harborside, the new hotel will also provide 20,000 square feet of function space.

City leaders are pleased with the progress so far.

"The idea is for this hotel to blend with the community," said City Manager Saeed Kazemi. "It will mesh with the existing culture and character of the area and connect our history with our future."

Developers hope to break ground on the project as early as late spring. Main Sail anticipates completion of the project in late fall 2018.✱

Planned Giving Council Meeting



Heather Christie

photo provided

The Planned Giving Council of Lee County, Inc., formerly known as Partnership for Philanthropic Planning, will present Influence Squared at the Thursday, February 23 meeting at Blue Coyote Business & Social Club, 9854 Caloosa Yacht and Racquet Club Drive, in Fort Myers. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m., lunch and program begin at noon.

There is no cost for members. Cost for non-members is \$30 and includes lunch. Reservation deadline is Monday,

February 20 at noon. To RSVP go to www.plannedgivinglee.org.

Heather Christie, certified leadership and executive coach, will be the guest speaker. The event is sponsored by Hughes, Snell & Co., P.A.

As a leader, your ability to influence others is paramount to your success. In every communication you have with someone, you are either increasing or decreasing your influence. During the program, attendees will increase their understanding of:

- The language of influence
- Practical strategies that will increase influence
- How to adapt for a higher level of communication and influence
- How to increase rapport with employees, vendors and volunteers

Prior to founding her coaching firm in 2005, Christie had a successful law practice as a partner in a prominent Chicago law firm where she practiced as an international lobbyist. She recently published her second book, *Passionistas*. She and her co-authors reached Amazon #1 status in three categories and bestseller in 14 categories. Christie has been recognized both nationally and globally as a leader in the coaching industry. She serves as president-elect of the National Speakers Association South Florida Chapter.

For more information on the Planned Giving Council of Lee County, Inc., visit www.plannedgivinglee.org or call 850-0040.✱

Free Street Cam App

A free Apple app is now available for both your mobile Andriod and Apple devices to access the popular City of Sanibel "Street Cams." Last year, the city installed six cameras that provide residents and commuters access to real-time streaming of Sanibel road conditions at key locations.

To install either app, visit www.mysanibel.com/live-street-cams from your mobile device.

To install the Android app, click on the button Get it On Google Play.

To install the Apple app, click on the button Download on the App Store.

Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane stated, "In response to suggestions from our community, we are continuing to embrace technological options for conveniently placing real-time data at the fingertips of citizens and island workers when they are making decisions on when to utilize which roadways. We are also continuing to evaluate additional options for future deployment of additional initiatives that are cloud-based."

The city's traffic initiatives are funded through beach parking fees, causeway tolls and the gas tax.✱

Entrepreneur Award Judges Announced

The Florida Small Business Development Center (FSBDC) at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) recently announced the judges for the annual 2017 Distinguished Entrepreneur of Southwest Florida Awards. Judges for this year's awards include:

- Phil Borchmann, editor of *Gulfshore Business Magazine*
- Timothy J. Cartwright, managing director of Compass Advisory Group
- Tiffany Esposito, president and CEO of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and executive director of the Bonita Springs Estero Economic

Development Council

- Karen Ramos, business specialist with the City of Cape Coral Economic Development Office

- Christopher T. Spiro, 2016 Distinguished Entrepreneur of Southwest Florida recipient and CEO and chief creative officer of Spiro & Associates

The awards ceremony will be held May 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center, 11515 Bonita Beach Road SE, Bonita Springs. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Tickets are \$75 per person. The application deadline is March 31.

The application process is online. Manual submissions will not be accepted. For more information and to apply online, visit www.fsbdcswfl.org/distinguishedentrepreneur/.

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Women Of Distinction Awards

The Ladies Leading Right in Cape Coral wish to honor and celebrate women of distinction throughout Cape Coral and Lee County. The nomination process was launched in January at the general meeting.

Any Lee County woman who exhibits leadership, teamwork, integrity, compassion and dedication to her community in her field of expertise can be nominated. Many give back to communities through time, talent and incredible efforts. Most anyone is eligible. The categories potentially being honored are: Charitable/Community Steward; Business Woman; Educator; Creative Art/Media/Entertainment; Health Care Provider; Political/Elected Leader; First Responder; High School/College Student. The selection committee will choose exemplary leaders in six of these categories who will be honored on April 7. Of the six

honorees, one will be chosen as the 2017 Woman of Distinction and overall honoree.

"We will hold an awards ceremony on April 7 to honor six very special women in Lee County. We will recognize these Women of Distinction, women who make a very positive difference in our communities. Our mission: together to grow our knowledge about our blessed republic and lift each other up in the process," said Pati Smith, recording secretary and Women of Distinction committee chair.

The awards will be announce at the inaugural Women of Distinction Gala. Participants will enjoy an evening of celebration, entertainment, and a keynote speaker (to be announced.) Thanks go to The Honorable Francis and Mrs. Kathleen Rooney for being the title sponsor of this event.

Take an opportunity to nominate female leaders in your profession, non-profit, church, neighborhood, etc. Ladies may also self-nominate.

Vist www.ladiesleadingright.com and click on 'The Movement' and 'Women of Distinction' to download a nomination form.✱

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Capt. Matt

my parents. I not only got to count Osprey nests, be on the boat while he released rehabbed injured Ospreys, but also be on some of his early guided canoe trips through Ding Darling. For years we would just pick up our conversation right where we had left off as he quietly

canoeed by me in some hidden mangrove creek often telling me where he had seen redfish or snook. Bird, you will be greatly missed.

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.✱

Woman Of The Year Award

Debra Lee Nashed of Fort Myers has been named Woman of the Year by the Southwest Florida Council of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA).

Nashed is the owner of Debonair Concierge Travel Services, LLC, which she founded in 2012. She has been a cruise and international destination specialist customizing trips worldwide for over 30 years. She holds a long list of travel-related certifications, including Certified Travel Counselor; Elite Cruise Counselor; Certified Destination Specialist; and Luxury Cruise Counselor.

Nashed earned her associates degree at Hudson Valley Community College and holds a bachelor of arts degree from the State University of New York at Albany. She also holds an International Travel Certificate from Travel School of America in Boston.

Nashed's specialty is luxury and adventure travel. She also connects single and solo travelers around the world with her Passports for Singles group on Facebook. Other specialties include customizing vacations, honeymoons and special occasion trips such as birthdays, anniversaries and family reunions as well as arranging international group trips to such destinations as Africa, Egypt and Italy.

Last year, Nashed was voted 2016-17 Woman of the Year by ABWA Sanibel Captiva Charter Chapter, which qualified her to compete on the council



Debra Lee Nashed photo courtesy ABWA

level. She is also a member of the ABWA Imperial River Formation Team, a new chapter formation serving Estero and Bonita Springs. Her passions include photography, friends, family, good restaurants - and of course, travel. Nashed has been to 66 countries and has cruised around the world 36 times. Favorite destinations include Africa, Egypt, Greece, Scandinavia, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii and St. Lucia.✪

Local Sailor Serves As Technician

Gas Turbine Systems Technician (Mechanical) 3rd Class Victor Gatjens of Fort Myers recently troubleshooted a motor regulating valve aboard Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser *USS Lake Champlain* (CG 57).

Lake Champlain is on a regularly scheduled Western Pacific deployment with the Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group as part of the U.S. Pacific Fleet-led initiative to extend the command and control functions of the U.S. 3rd Fleet in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. Navy aircraft carrier strike groups have patrolled the Indo-Asia-Pacific regularly and routinely for more than 70 years.✪



Fort Myers native Victor Gatjens
photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class
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Artists Awards

Academy for the Arts
David Carlson – Mason Classical Academy
Instrumental Music 17-21
Tuan Tran – Cape Coral High School
Jason Cooper – Port Charlotte High School
Contemporary Voice/Musical Theatre 17-21
Callie Atkinson – Cypress Lake High School
Noelle Aparte – FGCU
Contemporary Voice/Musical Theatre 13-16
Shelby Ironmonger – North Fort Myers High School
Christian Miller – Canterbury School
Contemporary Voice/Musical Theatre 8-12
Kaatja Veldhuyzen van Zanten – Fort Myers Christian
Liam Hutt – Crestwell
Dance 8-14
Annalise Veldhuyzen vanZanten – Fort Myers Christian
Sadie Reichenbach – Oasis Middle School
Dance 15-21
Jordan Hahn – Oasis High School
Eden Collier – Cypress Lake High School

Classical Voice 17-21

Noelle Aparte – FGCU
Erica Sample

Classical Voice 13-16

Isabella Bank – Florida Virtual School

Christian Miller – Canterbury

Drama 13-16

Jessica Daniels – Gulf Coast High School

Jennifer LaRue – Challenger Middle School

Drama 17-21

Callie Atkinson – Cypress Lake High School

Steven Angulo – FGCU

Runners-up include: Frank Sanders, Port Charlotte High School; Angelita Berdiales, FGCU; Erica Sample, Avery King-Challenger Middle School; Cadence Bambrey-Zedd, Oasis Elementary; Isabel Torok, St. Francis Xavier; Andrea Damiani, Bishop Verot High School; Jesse Araujo, North Fort Myers High School; Ania Dziarnowski, North Fort Myers High School; Trinity Sullivan, Cape Coral High School; and Courtney Camarillo, Cypress Lake High School.

Tickets can be obtained at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre box office in person, by calling 278-4422 or by visiting www.broadwaypalm.com.✪

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Take In A Spring Training Game At Other Nearby Historic Ballparks



by Ed Frank

With upwards of \$125 million invested here in recent years to build JetBlue Park for the Boston Red Sox and to completely remodel the CenturyLink Sports Complex for the

Minnesota Twins, these two facilities are among the very finest in all of baseball for Spring Training.

As tens of thousands of baseball fans flock to our area in the weeks ahead, these investments of public funds for the two ballparks have proven rich returns.

There are now 15 Major League teams that train in Florida and 15 that train in Arizona. And nearly every facility for these 30 teams have either been built anew or completely revamped.

For many years, we have written in detail the work involved in building the new JetBlue Park and the huge overhaul of the CenturyLink Sports Complex.

But if you're a baseball fan and want to take in a game or two during Spring Training at two other nearby facilities, you might want to travel to McKechnie Field in Bradenton and Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota.

A howl went up this week by local residents in Bradenton when the name was changed from LECOM Park to McKechnie Field, the longtime home of the Pittsburgh Pirates. This is baseball's oldest ballpark in Spring Training and, despite numerous upgrades over the years, it still has the look and feel of the place where Babe Ruth and Roberto Clemente played.

The name change came in a deal between the Pirates and LECOM which stands for Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, one of the nation's largest medical colleges.

The Pirates have a 30-year lease on the

facility with renaming rights. They chose the name McKechnie honoring Hall of Famer Bill McKechnie who coached the Pirates to the 1925 World Series title.

But change never comes easy and local residents protested loudly.

Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota also has a long history as it has served the Chicago White Sox and the Cincinnati Reds before both of these teams moved to Arizona.

The Baltimore Orioles became the stadium's tenant in 2010 with a 30-year lease and, in 2011, a \$31.2 million renovation was completed. Refurbished seats from the Orioles famed Oriole Park at Camden Yards were installed, a fabric sunshade system was built and capacity was increased from 7,400 to 8,500.

Yes, "the Rites of Spring" are back with us. And you might want to enjoy a game in a different venue.

Fort Myers Miracle Baseball Team To Celebrate 25th Anniversary

The Fort Myers Miracle, the Class A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins, will celebrate their 25th anniversary this season with a celebration throughout the season.

The Miracle moved here in 1991 and began play in 1992 in what was then called Hammond Stadium, now CenturyLink Sports Complex. That first season playing in the Florida State League was a co-op arrangement with players from the Twins, Texas Rangers, Cleveland Indians and Florida Marlins.

In 1993, the Miracle became a full affiliate of the Twins and has remained so since. In those 25 seasons, more than 160 players advanced from the Miracle to the Major Leagues including such stars as David Ortiz, Joe Mauer, Torii Hunter, Justin Morneau and Brian Dozier.

In recent years, Miracle fans have watched current top prospects Byron Buxton, Miquel Sano, Jose Berrios and Max Kepler.

The Miracle opens the 2017 season April 8 against the Jupiter Hammerheads. Special events, including fireworks shows, will be held throughout the season.✴

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Name the first player in major-league history to have an extra-base hit in his first six postseason games.
2. How many times has a New York Mets player hit 40 or more home runs in a season?
3. When was the last time before the 2015 season that the Iowa Hawkeyes played in the Rose Bowl?
4. A.C. Green holds the NBA record for most consecutive games played. How many is it?
5. Who was the last rookie under the age of 20 before Edmonton's Connor McDavid to average at least a point a game for the season?
6. At the 2016 Summer Olympics, cyclist Kristin Armstrong became the second American woman to win three gold medals in the same event in any Olympics. Who was the first?
7. In 2016, golfer Henrik Stenson tied a record for lowest final round in winning a men's major (63). Who also holds the mark?

ANSWERS

1. Colby Rasmus of the Houston Astros in 2015. 2. Three times -- Carlos Beltran (41 in 2006), Todd Hundley (41 in 1996) and Mike Piazza (40 in 1999). 3. It was after the 1990 season. 4. He played in 1992 consecutive games. 5. Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby, in the 2005-06 season. 6. Speedskater Bonnie Blair (1988-94). 7. Johnny Miller, who shot a 63 in the final round of the 1973 U.S. Open.

Spring Training Security Measures

The Red Sox recently announced that all fans entering JetBlue Park at Fenway South for the 2017 Spring Training season will be screened using new metal detectors at all ballpark gates. The enhanced security measure follows new requirements from Major League Baseball calling for metal detection at all spring training games -- an expansion of the 2015 mandate that required metal detection at all regular season Major League facilities.

Fans will be asked to remove cell phones, cameras and other large metal objects before walking through the metal detectors. Fans do not need to remove smaller objects, such as wallets, coins, keys, jewelry, eyeglasses, shoes and belts. Additionally, bags brought into the ballpark may not exceed 16x16x8 inches and are

subject to search.

"This procedure, which results from MLB's continuing work with the Department of Homeland Security to standardize security practices, will be in addition to bag checks that are now uniform throughout MLB games as well," said Katie Haas, vice president of Florida business operations for the Red Sox.

The gates at Fenway South will open two hours before game time beginning February 23. Fans are asked to arrive early to allow extra time for screenings. Special accommodations will be made for those needing extra assistance.

The Red Sox play its first exhibition game on Thursday, February 23 at 1:05 p.m. against the Northeastern University Huskies. The team will play a total of 19 home games, including 17 Grapefruit League games and a World Baseball Classic exhibition game against Team USA on March 9. Red Sox Spring Training is presented by CVS Health.✴

Lee County Hosts Collegiate Classic

Baseball and softball players from across the nation will assemble in Lee County on February 25 through March 25 for the 27th annual Lee County Parks & Recreation Gene Cusic Collegiate Classic.

Men's and women's NCAA Division III baseball and softball teams, as well as NAIA softball teams, will have the opportunity to compete in spring break tournaments before their respective seasons begin. More than 150 teams primarily from the Midwest and Northeast are expected to compete. The lineup will include the women's softball team at Florida SouthWestern State College.

An estimated 500 games will be played at CenturyLink Sports Complex, Lee County Player Development Complex, North Collier Regional Park and Terry Park Sports Complex. Admission to the games is free for spectators.

Last year's collegiate classic brought 3,800 sports visitors to Lee County, which generated roughly 5,000 hotel room nights and about \$2.5 million in direct economic impact.

"The Gene Cusic Collegiate Classic continues to provide the public and visitors to Lee County with an opportunity

to watch quality Division III baseball and softball programs from around the Northeast and Midwest," said Jesse Lavender, acting deputy director, Lee County Parks & Recreation. "Lee County Parks & Recreation staff work diligently to provide this historic free admission tournament as an alternative to spring training."

The tournament is named for Gene Cusic of Aurora, Illinois, who was a teacher, coach, principal, superintendent and administrator in Illinois schools. He also taught a year in Lima, Peru, and served as principal of the Oxford Summer School for the American Institute for Foreign Study. He retired to Fort Myers in 1988 and joined the Lee County Parks & Recreation staff as the athletic program manager. He established the collegiate classic in 1990 with only 11 teams. The event took off and, at one point, boasted 300 teams of men's baseball and women's fast-pitch softball. It became so popular that as many teams that signed up were also turned away. Cusic passed away in 1995, but the event remains a stronghold in Lee County.

For the complete game schedule or more information, visit www.LeeGov.com/parks/athletics/cusic.

For more information on Lee Parks, call 533-5273 or visit www.leegov.com/sports.✴



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Madisen's Match participants prepare to swing into action photos provided

Celebrity Tennis Match Returns

In its 9th year, the world-class celebrity tennis experience Madisen's Match will take place on March 31 and April 1 at The Landings Yacht, Golf and Tennis Club. Event attendees will get to meet this year's all-star line-up including Mardy Fish, Robby Ginepri, Tom Gullikson, Mikael Pernfors, Luke and Murphy Jensen and Kathy Rinaldi. Developed to benefit individuals suffering with brain tumors, the 2017 event expects to raise \$150,000.

"Madisen's Match gives the every-day amateur the rare opportunity to spend the day with the world's best tennis players. During the weekend event, participants have improved their tennis games and helped brain tumor patients and their families," said Madisen's Match founder Duane Chaney. The two-day event will kick off on Friday, March 31 with a gala with live entertainment, a silent and live auction and a four-course dinner where attendees will get to meet-and-greet with celebrity tennis players. On Saturday, April 1 participants can enjoy a full day of activities including the Legends Tennis Fantasy Camp,



Mardy Fish

lunch with the legends and the celebrity tennis pro-am rounds out with the pro tennis exhibition. To register, visit MadisensMatch.com/register. Duane Chaney established Madisen's Match in 2008 after his 3-year-old niece Madisen Abramson was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. Inspired by Madisen and determined to help others, Chaney created Madisen's Match to use tennis as a way to raise funds for brain tumor related charities. To date, the event has raised more than \$500,000



Robby Ginepri

to benefit national and Southwest Florida based pediatric and adult cancer treatment charities like Barbara's Friends - The Golisano Children's Hospital Cancer Center Fund, the Brain Tumor Navigator Program at the Regional Cancer Center, the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and the Tim and Tom Gullikson Foundation. For more information, visit www.MadisensMatch.com.

Charitable Golf Outing

Duffy's Foundation has announced its inaugural Charitable Golf Outing on April 24 at Stoneybrook Golf Club in Estero will help raise funds for LARC, Inc., a local nonprofit that has been serving developmentally disabled individuals in Southwest Florida since 1954.

The four-person scramble will kick off with a shot gun start at 9 a.m. and participants will have the chance to compete for top prizes including TVs for first place teams in three flights.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with such a worthwhile cause here in Southwest Florida" said Mark Rouleau, Duffy's Foundation board member. "Every dollar we raise goes directly to the community organizations which we support, so we are very excited and look forward to continuing this annually." Registration is \$600 per team. A team entry includes four golfers, lunch, gift bag and \$25 Duffy's Sports Grill credit to each player. Participants can register at any Duffy's Sport Grill location. For more information, contact Angela Katz at 334-6285 ext. 229 or visit www.larccleecounty.org. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

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Financial Focus

What’s Smarter – Paying Off Debts Or Investing?



by Jennifer Basey

If you’re just starting out in your career, you will need to be prepared to face some financial challenges along the way – but here’s one that’s not unpleasant: choosing what to do with some extra disposable income. When this happens, what should you do with the money? Your decisions could make a real difference in your ability to achieve your important financial goals.

Under what circumstances might you receive some “found” money? You could get a year-end bonus from your employer, or a sizable tax refund, or even an inheritance. However, the money comes to you, don’t let it “slip through your fingers.” Instead, consider these two moves: investing the money or using it to pay off debts.

Which of these choices should you pick? There’s no one “right” answer, as everyone’s situation is different. But here are a few general considerations:

- Distinguish between “good” and “bad” debt. Not all types of debt are created equal. Your mortgage, for example, is probably a “good” form of debt. You’re using the loan for a valid purpose – i.e., living in your house – and you likely get a hefty tax deduction for the interest you pay. On the other hand, nondeductible consumer debt that carries a high interest rate might be considered “bad” debt – and this is the debt you might want to reduce or eliminate when you receive some extra money. By doing so, you can free up money to save and invest for retirement or other goals.
- Compare making extra mortgage

payments vs. investing. Many of us get some psychological benefits by making extra house payments. Yet, when you do have some extra money, putting it toward your house may not be the best move. For one thing, as mentioned above, your mortgage can be considered a “good” type of debt, so you may not need to rush to pay it off. And from an investment standpoint, your home is somewhat “illiquid” – it’s not always easy to get money out of it. If you put your extra money into traditional investments, such as stocks and bonds, you may increase your growth potential, and you may gain an income stream through interest payments and dividends.

- Consider tax advantages of investing. Apart from your mortgage, your other debts likely won’t provide you with any tax benefits. But you can get tax advantages by putting money into certain types of investment vehicles, such as a traditional or Roth IRA. When you invest in a traditional IRA, your contributions may be deductible, depending on your income, and your money grows on a tax-deferred basis. (Keep in mind that taxes will be due upon withdrawals, and any withdrawals you make before you reach 59½ may be subject to a 10 percent IRS penalty.) Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but your earnings are distributed tax-free, provided you don’t take withdrawals until you reach 59½ and you’ve had your account at least five years.

Clearly, you’ve got some things to ponder when choosing whether to use “extra” money to pay off debts or invest. Of course, it’s not always an “either-or” situation; you may be able to tackle some debts and still invest for the future. In any case, use this money wisely – you weren’t necessarily counting on it, but you can make it count for you.

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

Evening With The Red Sox

This year’s 12th Annual Evening with the Red Sox will offer an exclusive list of auction items and special guest appearances by Major League Baseball favorites during its new street festival party, reminiscent of Boston’s Yawkey Way located just outside of Fenway Park.

Taking place on Monday, February 20 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Fort Myers, the free-flowing event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with games, live music from the Dixie Land Band and an extended cocktail reception offering complimentary beer and wine, and heavy hors d’oeuvres. In exchange for the usual sit-down dinner, the event will instead provide multiple street festival-inspired food stations to include mini hot dogs and corn dogs, pulled pork, hamburger and fried chicken sliders, Philly cheesesteaks, soft pretzel sticks, funnel cakes and popcorn. A chef-attended carving station will also be onsite in addition to a macaroni and cheese station with assorted toppings, street taco bar including chicken and pork, an assorted sushi selection table, dessert shooters and passed mini beef pot pie bites, sweet and sour meatballs, spinach artichoke bites and raspberry brie purses.

Benefiting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County, the evening will also include autograph signings by current and former Boston Red Sox players including Florida Gulf Coast University graduate and newest Red Sox star pitcher Chris Sale, Bernie Carbo and former Detroit Tigers’ MVP and Cy Young Award winner Denny McLain, the last pitcher to win 30 games in a season. Former Red Sox right fielder and three-time All-Star Dwight “Dewey” Evans will also be in attendance and participate in a Q&A lead by Bill Banfield, the voice behind the FGCU Eagles. Banfield will also serve as the event’s emcee and auctioneer.

Last year’s event included autograph signings by Blake Swihart, Travis Shaw, Devon Marrero and Matt Barnes, former players Luis Tiant, Carbo and Rich Gedman, Manager John Farrell and Dave Dombrowski, president of baseball operations for the Red Sox.

This year’s featured live auction will include a Chris Sale personalized autographed #41 Red Sox jersey, two tickets to Bruno Mars: 24K Magic World Tour concert and two-night stay in Sunrise, four tickets to Tim McGraw & Faith Hill’s Soul2Soul World Tour concert and one-night stay in Tampa, a four-course dinner for 10 at Shula’s Steakhouse in addition to a sunset cruise, and two tickets to the 2017 Dolphins at Patriots game and two-night stay in Foxborough, Mass.

The silent auction will feature additional collector-level, hand-signed sports memorabilia, premium sporting event tickets, theme park passes, arts and theater experiences, luxury goods, and an abundance of hotel stays at some of Florida’s most beautiful hotels in Miami, St. Petersburg, Sanibel Island, Tampa, Key West and more.

Online bidding will be available for registered guests on Friday, February 10.

A raffle for an ultimate Red Sox fan experience with a trip to Boston will also be available. The package includes a two-night hotel stay and tickets for four to a pair of games at Fenway Park including seats on the famed Green Monster, a private VIP tour of the ballpark and on-field access. Only 200 raffle tickets will be sold at \$50 each with all proceeds going to support the BGCLC. Tickets are available at www.bgclc.ejoinme.org/RedSoxFan.

This year’s presenting sponsor is Ted Todd Insurance.

Celebrating 42 years of providing quality youth programs and brighter futures for young people in the Lee County community, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County work to inspire and enable young people to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. The BGCLC strives to provide a safe, world-class club experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who walks through its doors. The organization envisions all of its members graduating high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character, citizenship while adapting a healthy lifestyle.

For more information, to register, sponsor or donate to the event, visit www.bgclc.ejoinme.org/RedSox or contact Shannon Lane at 334-1886 or slane@bgclc.net.✴

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Bernstein Concert

personal stories, and even audio and film clips of the maestro himself.

Experience the show that has captivated sold-out audiences across the United States since it premiered at Lincoln Center and Copland House on Friday, February 24 at 8 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, located at 2301 First Street in the historic downtown Fort Myers River District.

The Chamber Series is part of the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center’s yearly music programming. Each season, the chamber concerts bring exquisite classical music to Southwest Florida. The 2017 Chamber Series boasts an incredible line up of performers. Experience Curtis On Tour, the Ehnes Quartet, Late Night with Leonard Bernstein, and American Virtuosi. These concerts will charm your ears, and are an incredible example of chamber music’s true spirit.

Bernstein was one of the world’s greatest maestros and composers, but he was also an educator, an activist, and a humanitarian. Bernstein was a traditionalist who was never afraid to take risks. Best known for composing the original score to *West Side Story*, he was also known for his avant-garde takes on classical and chamber music. His pieces and performances have endured the test of time, making him one of the most important artists in modern music composition and conducting.

Late Night with Leonard Bernstein will begin with cocktails at 7 p.m., followed by the performance at 8 p.m. Individual concert tickets are \$29 in advance or \$35 at the door. Visit www.sbdac.com for more information and tickets.✴

Sailing Regatta Profits Distributed

Each year for the past 51 years, Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society has run the Summerset Sailing Regatta, involving sailing clubs from Florida’s West Coast converging on Fort Myers Beach for a weekend of great racing and social events during the first weekend of October. Two years ago at the 50th regatta, there were 70 boats.

The real beneficiaries to these events are the youth in neighboring communities. Profit for boat entry fees and sponsorships is distributed back to

the communities where the entries and sponsorships came from.

Last year, \$9,900 was given back to young sailors and marine enthusiasts of the communities. The breakdown involved \$9,000 to the Fort Myers/ Cape Coral area, including \$1,000 to the Ostego Bay Foundation for youth marine education, \$4,000 to the Edison Sailing Center for youth sailing travel grants and \$4,000 set aside for 20 youth learn-to-sail sholarships at the Edison Sailing Center, while \$900 went to Punta Gorda, Naples and Marco Island, including \$300 to the Punta Gorda Sailing Club, \$500 to Naples Community Sailing and \$100 to Marco Island Youth Sailing.✴



Foundation members

photo courtesy SWFLCF

Nonprofits Benefit From Grant Funds

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation has awarded \$557,036 to both established and new programs that are designed to increase the quality of life in sustainable and equitable ways for Southwest Floridians.

Eighteen local nonprofits were granted money from the community foundation's available Field of Interest funds as well as individual and corporate donations resulting from the foundation's Compassionate Shark Tank audience.

The nonprofits include: Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association - Florida Gulf Coast Chapter; Audubon of the Western Everglades; CROW - Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.; Family Initiative Incorporated; Glades Education Foundation, Inc.; Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc.; Gulf Coast Symphony; Gulfshore Opera; Hendry County School District; Human

Trafficking Awareness Partnerships; I Will Mentorship Foundation; JFCS of Southwest Florida; Lee County Alliance for the Arts; New Mission Systems International; Sanibel Sea School; the School District of Lee County; and The Heights Center.

Some examples of the regional funding include Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association - Florida Gulf Coast Chapter's REACHing Southwest Florida (Resources for Enhancing Alzheimer's Caregiver Health). This program provides training for caregivers of people with Alzheimers to reduce burden and depression, improve ability to provide self-care, provide social support, and help caregivers learn how to manage difficult behaviors in care recipients.

The Hendry School District's Clewiston Industrial Mechanics Program will focus on providing training and a link to employment in the area of industrial and farm mechanics. A huge demand for this high-skill, high-wage trade exists within the community. Providing this training will help bridge an unemployment gap as well

as provide a qualified workforce locally trained.

The Heights Center's Teach.Learn. Connect (TLC) program will allow parents to receive training for three hours each week on such topics as: forming positive relationships, building self-esteem, positive discipline, conflict resolution, communication, the power of encouragement, fostering responsibility and resiliency, routines and structure, interactive literacy, math and more. Training will be presented by certified professionals and will incorporate time for parents and children to work together as new skills are practiced.

The first award from the new Fund for the Environment of Southwest Florida was granted to Audubon of Western Everglades' Protection of Vital Wetlands and Habitats in Southwest Florida, which works to preserve as much Southwest Florida wetland acreage via "smart growth" where it does the least environmental damage while still providing benefit to the local economy. Building in

environmentally sensitive areas jeopardizes not only the broad natural vistas many enjoy but also wetlands, which are critical for clean drinking water supplies as well as for the health of creeks, rivers, estuaries, beaches and wildlife habitat.

"Awarding this funding is just the start of our partnership with this regional mix of nonprofits," said Sarah Owen, president and CEO of the Foundation. "We will stay connected with them all year in a learning community where we share information and build our partnerships with the nonprofit and its leadership."

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation, founded in 1976, cultivates regional change for the common good through collective leadership, social innovation and philanthropy to address the evolving community needs in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. Last year, it partnered with individuals, families and corporations that have created more than 400 philanthropic funds over the last 40 years. Thanks to them, the foundation's invested \$5 million in grants and programs to the community. With assets of more than \$93 million, it has provided more than \$67 million in grants and scholarships to the communities it serves since inception. The foundation is the backbone organization for the regional FutureMakers Coalition and Lee County's Sustainability Plan. Based in Fort Myers, the Southwest Florida Community Foundation has satellite offices located on Sanibel Island, in LaBelle (Hendry County) and downtown Fort Myers.

For more information, call 274-5900 or visit www.floridacommunity.com.

Tickets On Sale To Author Dinner

Meet and dine with dozens of best-selling authors at the Evening with the Authors on Friday, March 17 at the Marina at Edison Ford, 2360 West First Street in downtown Fort Myers. The event begins at 5 p.m. with dockside cocktails, followed by a buffet dinner and dessert reception at sunset in the Edison Ford Coconut Grove on the Caloosahatchee.

The event is a chance to meet the more than 20 authors who will headline the Southwest Florida Reading Festival the next day. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$55. Space is limited. The deadline for reservations is midnight,

March 3. Go to www.readfest.org/events and select Evening with the Authors to make a reservation.

The dinner will honor author Kimberla Lawson Roby with the 2017 Distinguished Author Award for her work as a member of the Womanspace Community Advisory Council, which seeks to connect, empower and transform the world one woman at a time.

The evening is sponsored by Books-A-Million and the Edison & Ford Winter Estates. Visit www.readfest.org/Authors to see the list of the outstanding authors expected at the festival and dinner.

Complete author information, schedules of festival activities, partner events, directions to the event and more, are available in the festival app available free at the App Store or Google Play, www.readfest.org or by calling 479-4636.

Church Requiem

Peace Lutheran Church will welcome the Rev. David Johnson as a guest conductor at a festival choir requiem on Saturday, February 25. Rev. Johnson worked with John Leavitt to create the requiem.

This allows a deeper understanding of the work, the composer and how it will be brought to life at Peace Lutheran. The requiem follows the pattern of Brahms' *A German Requiem*.

This work, which includes Pianist Janet Carter, Organist Ric Jaeggi and Tenor Robert Beane, is designed to bring joy

to the living through the use of psalms, hymns and a Gaelic blessing that offers the listener comfort and hope through the beautiful creation.

Texts for this work have been drawn from: Psalm 23, Psalm 27, Psalm 47. It also includes a prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, and hymns *How Can I Keep from Singing* by Robert Lowry and *Easter Carol*, a Latin antiphon of *Dona nobis pacem*.

This concert is made possible by a generous gift from Joyce English, a beloved festival choir alumni.

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Life Insurance

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J. Brendan Ryan, CLU, ChFC, MSFS

For many generations, Congress has granted to life insurance many tax breaks because of the benefits it brings to society. Life insurance produces emergency funds

for struggling policyholders in the form of the cash value (loans or surrender). But, especially, it supplies cash for family members who have been widowed and orphaned by the untimely death of a breadwinner.

The very event that creates the need for the cash (the death) instantly creates the cash (the death benefit) in lump sum. Delivery of the check may require a few weeks but, by contract and by law, the fund immediately belongs to the named beneficiaries. So, the benefit is supplied untouched, untaxed and on time.

One of the principal tax benefits is the deferral of taxation of the growth in the cash value. This allows the gain to be credited but not taxed as long as the policy remains in force, contributing to the policy's strength. If and when the policy is surrendered, all that gain becomes taxable at ordinary income rates.

But new life insurance policies appear from time to time that improve in one way or another on the older versions. In recent

memory, the introduction of an updated mortality table, reflecting improved life expectancy, has reduced the cost of new life insurance a great deal. So, for a given amount of life insurance, a 40-year-old today will pay far less than his father did at the same age.

It would be a shame if taxable gain would result from the surrender of one policy in order to take advantage of improvements available in a more modern policy. But Congress realizes that things change and that, what is a valuable instrument when originally acquired, may not remain valuable down the road. So, under certain circumstances it allows a tax-free ("Section 1035") exchange of policies. And this is even possible for policies that have outstanding loans against them.

Allow me to change topics temporarily and circle back to such exchanges momentarily.

Many people need protection against the potentially devastating cost of home-health care, assisted living, or nursing-home care, but they do not have long-term-care (LTC) insurance to rely on. I believe that coverage linked to life insurance and annuity policies is the best way to address the problem. This would be a perfect fit for many people if only they had the lump sum cash or annual cash flow to be able to afford it. But they consider their income and they consider their reserves and decide that these vehicles are simply out of reach.

However, they may have resources available in their existing permanent life insurance policies. It is possible to roll tax-free the cash values of these policies

into a life insurance or annuity policy that is linked to LTC coverage and to thus get a benefit not included in the original policy. Additionally, an annuity can be rolled tax-free to a LTC-linked annuity, though not to life insurance. Again, even a life policy with an outstanding loan can be used in this way.

Take Charley, a healthy nonsmoker in his early 60s. He can take his \$300,000 life insurance policy and roll it to a LTC-linked universal life insurance policy. His present cash value of \$80,000, including \$40,000 of untaxed gain, all goes untaxed into the new policy of \$300,000. He now has the same death benefit as before. But he also has as much as \$300,000 in LTC benefits available to him. And, he can draw out those untaxed dollars tax-free

for LTC needs. (Any dollars consumed for LTC reduces the death benefit dollar-for-dollar.) And perhaps he will not have any more premiums to pay.

If the rollover amount is not enough to carry the new policy for life, Charlie can reduce the face amount to bring it in line with what the rollover can pay for. Or he can choose to put in some additional lump sum or a series of annual premiums. And, if he can afford it, he can even increase the amount of the life insurance and LTC benefit.

This technique can create LTC insurance protection that people in some cases had given up on.

J. Brendan Ryan is a Cincinnati insurance agent. He can be reached at jbryanclu@aol.com.✴

Business Ethics Competition

Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Lutgert College of Business recently announced that students Spencer Aleman, Kersees Charles, Austin Engle and Cindy Orozco have qualified for the FGCU Ethics Case Competition Team. They will now represent the college at the 3rd annual Southeast Regional Business Ethics Case Competition at Stetson University on March 2 and 3. The students will compete against several universities in the Southeastern United States including Wake Forest University, Samford University, Bethune-Cookman University and the University of Florida. FGCU Lutgert College of Business faculty Craig Randall and Uncommon Friends Endowed Chair Professor of

Ethics Eric Dent will direct the team.

"It is a great opportunity for the students to showcase their skills and abilities at this premier event," said Dr. Randall. "Since it is our first time, we don't know the ropes yet, but we plan to start a tradition of FGCU excellence at this annual event."

The students received the Dakota Access Pipeline: Boon or Boondoggle case on February 6 and have been diligently preparing their response, which includes a professional presentation and an executive summary.

"This is a complex case with multiple legal, financial and ethical dimensions," said Dr. Dent. "The real case has been very challenging. I'm confident our team will develop a response that we would be proud to have presented to national leaders."

For more information, contact Eric Dent at edent@fgcu.edu or 590-7162.✴

Sponsor Named For Fundraiser

Community Cooperative recently announced Suncoast Credit Union as the presenting sponsor of the 2017 Empty Bowls fundraiser. The event is set to take place on Saturday, March 25 at the Alliance for the Arts.

In addition to Suncoast Credit Union, the Lee Arts Education Program will also be collaborating with this year's event to raise hunger awareness through art. One-of-a-kind handcrafted ceramic bowls made by Lee County school children will be available for purchase at the event as a reminder of those that go hungry right here in Lee County.

"We are very excited to bring Empty Bowls back for the fourth year in a row," said Tracey Galloway, CEO of Community Cooperative. "This event is crucial to raising money and awareness for our children-based programs, the largest and fasting growing need our organization faces."

This year's event will also feature a soup cook-off, soup sampling, family friendly activities, dance performances by local schools and organizations and more to support Community Cooperative's mission to end hunger and homelessness in Lee County. Admission is free with a recommended non-perishable donation and soup sampling will be available for purchase. Money raised at the event will benefit Community Cooperative's Healthy

School Pantry and FLIP (Food Literacy In Preschool) programs.

To register as a participant of the soup cook-off, or for more information about sponsorship, contact Nicole Rieg, community relations coordinator, at Nicole@CommunityCooperative.com or call 332-7687 ext. 101.

Community Cooperative is an innovative nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization made up of social service entrepreneurs fighting to end homelessness and hunger in our community. The agency provides more than 14,000 meals each month through its Community Cafés and Marketplace and Meals on Wheels programs. Community Cooperative offers homeless and comprehensive case management services through its Social & Education Resource Centers and oversees emergency mobile food pantries as well as Healthy School Pantries and Food Literacy in Preschool (FLIP) through its Growing Health Kids Programs.

A proud United Way partner, Community Cooperative serves Fort Myers and the greater Lee County area, including Bonita Springs, Cape Coral, Lehigh Acres and Fort Myers Beach. Community Cooperative works in close partnership with the Harry Chapin Food Bank and the School District of Lee County as well as collaborating with fellow community and service groups, churches, businesses and community support organizations.

For more information, call 332-7687 ext. 101 or visit www.communitycooperative.com.✴

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Female Pioneers of Fort Myers
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"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*

Tickets Available For Taste of Freedom Benefit



The chef team from Cantina Laredo

photos courtesy Taste of Freedom

The 2nd annual Taste of Freedom will offer an opportunity to win a two-year lease on a 2017 Lexus. The Southwest Florida Regional Human Trafficking Coalition will host this masquerade affair on Saturday, April 8 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Scanlon Lexus of Fort Myers, located at 4200 South Tamiami Trail in Fort Myers.

Unmask and Empower is the theme as the community comes together to support the lifesaving mission of the coalition and its community partners to raise

awareness of human trafficking and celebrate the empowerment of its survivors.

Taste of Freedom is a fun, foodie-themed masquerade gala featuring cocktails, chef stations from a wide array of local restaurants, wine tastings, live entertainment by local musical favorite Electric Lipstick and attractive auction prizes. 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. For increased chances, raffle tickets are available in advance of the event for \$50 each or three for \$100 at swfl-humantrafficking.org/events. One lucky person will win his or her choice of a 2017 NX200T or IS350.

Restaurants confirmed to date include Bahama Breeze, Bonefish Grill, Crave Culinaire, Cantina Laredo, Cru, DaRuMa, Fresh Fit Foods of Naples, Indian Palace, Lee Roy Selmon's, Tarpon Bay and Trattoria Mia.

Auction items include an airboat ride and lunch with Mayor Randy Henderson, a year-long fitness membership, restaurant-and-hotel packages, an exclusive experience on the Cape Coral Police Department beat, a thrilling cat-and-mouse action adventure with Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott, a beach house weekend with a picnic-equipped Regions Bank green bike, golf packages and much more.

With its service partners, the Southwest Florida Regional Trafficking Coalition raises awareness through educational seminars to first responders, corporate training, advocacy and more. Notifications to the local human trafficking hotline at 939-3112 have increased 50 percent in the last year alone. The coalition has made many measurable gains since forming 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.

Event tickets are \$100 and can be purchased at SWFL-humantrafficking.org/events. Tables are available for purchase as well. All proceeds raised through the Taste of Freedom event will benefit the Southwest Florida Regional Human Trafficking Coalition.

Along with title sponsor Scanlon Lexus of Fort Myers, sponsors include Dunkin's Diamonds, Platinum PEO Resources, Inc., CONRIC PR & Marketing, Card Systems, Walmart, ARC of Life, Christine Massey, Marcia Weis & Dae Abram, Immokalee Casino, CRE Consultants, Cape Coral Police Department, Paul Mitchell the School - Fort Myers and Zonta-Naples.

For information about sponsorships or chef station opportunities for restaurants, contact Coalition President Lynn Brewer at 691-1128 or lynn@swflhumantrafficking.org.

Senior Living Symposium

Registration is now open for the sixth annual Lee County Senior Living Symposium to be held on February 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, 2301 First St., Fort Myers. The educational event is free to attend for seniors, families and caregivers, and features four panel discussions with the opportunity to ask questions of local experts:

- Continuing Care Retirement Community and Independent Living
- Assisted Living, Memory Care, Skilled Nursing/Rehab and Hospice
- Preparing for your Move, Planning for your Future
- Aging in Place - Services in your home

Christine Austen, MSW with Lee Health, will serve as the opening speaker, providing an update on Medicare Bundling and New Aging in Place Techniques.

The Independent Living and Assisted Living panels will feature discussion and a question-and-answer session with representatives from American House, Brookdale, Campo Felice, Cypress Cove, Gulf Coast Village, Heartland, Hope Healthcare, Juniper Village, Shell Point Retirement Community and The Terraces of Bonita Springs.

Financial, insurance, moving and estate planning experts will include Kelly L. Fayer, Attorney at Law; Tucker Johnson of Move Seniors Lovingly; Ernst Gautier of Safe Money Management of

Florida; Jan Maze, registered nurse and Oasis Senior Advisor; and Dee Merritt of Logical Insurance Solutions.

The Aging in Place panel will feature Comfort Keepers, Lee Health, Doctors Hearing, Gulfshore Inventory Services and Clear Captions.

More than 40 local vendors will be on hand to present products and services to enhance seniors' quality of life.

Complimentary valet parking as well as continental breakfast and lunch are included. Registration is required for the free, educational Lee County Senior Living Symposium by calling 236-0641 or emailing events@seniorsbluebook.com.

The symposium is supported by the generous support of sponsors including Lee Health, Comfort Keepers, Hope HealthCare Services, The Terraces of Bonita Springs, Cypress Cove, Gulf Coast Village, Kelly L. Fayer, P.A., Brookdale, Shell Point and Campo Felice.

Contest Winners

The Gulf Coast Writers Association is hosting a special awards celebration on Saturday, February 25 when the winners of the 2016 annual writing contest will be announced. The celebration will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers. There will be live jazz and light refreshments. All first-time guests are welcome, free of charge.

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Sabrina Baldassarre and Denise Ruiz

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QuestBridge Scholarships

Florida SouthWestern State College Collegiate High School (FSWC-Lee) students Sabrina Baldassarre and Denise Ruiz have been awarded the QuestBridge National College Match scholarship for the upcoming academic year.

QuestBridge's National College Match program pairs high-achieving, low income high school seniors with full scholarships to some of the nation's

top colleges. Only 767 students were awarded the National College Match scholarship. The students are guaranteed a full, four-year scholarship, including tuition, room and board, and other expenses.

After an extensive application and interview process, both Baldassarre and Ruiz were matched with their first choice colleges.

"I chose the University of Virginia because I admire the principles it was founded on – Thomas Jefferson's belief in the pursuit of knowledge being never-ending and in an equality of ideas,"

said Baldassarre. "I plan to pursue a degree in biomedical engineering and a degree in Chinese studies, or perhaps a minor in East Asian humanities with a concentration in Korean."

Ruiz chose to attend the University of Chicago and plans to study political science with a minor in human rights.

"I want to attend U of C because of their overall attitude toward learning and higher education and their history of commitment to free speech," said Ruiz. "I believe that this is incredibly important, especially in a polarized nation where many will only listen to those with the same views as themselves."

Both students are grateful and honored to have received the scholarship.

"The QuestBridge National College Match scholarship requires a high level of academic achievement and is an extremely prestigious recognition for a student to earn," said Dr. Brian Botts, principal, FSWC-Lee. "To have two of our students receive it in a single year is extraordinary, and it proves the quality of FSWC-Lee's faculty, staff and academic instruction as well as our students' commitment to education. We are extremely proud of Sabrina and Denise."✧

Volunteers Build Habitat Homes

On a chilly Saturday morning, volunteers Gerry and Sharon Trantina along with their family and members of their church, Chapel by the Sea, braved the cold to raise the walls of the Trantina's third sponsored Habitat for Humanity home in Lee County.

"Wall raisings are so unique. It is a wonderful feeling to see all the volunteers begin with just a blank slab and, by the end of the day, you can already see what the house will look like. You meet the future homeowners and realize it's not just a house, but a home that leads to a better life," Gerry said.

The three bedroom, two bath home will provide a family of four with a safe and decent place to call home. Gerry has also dedicated the past 15 years to volunteering with Habitat. He and Chapel by the Sea volunteers meet weekly to install the vinyl siding on the homes. With the volunteer partnership, Habitat is able to fulfill its mission to build homes, community and hope.

For more information on volunteering or to make a donation, visit www.Habitat4Humanity.org.✧





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For more information, visit www.HealthyLee.com



Yoga students smile as cats roam under them

photos courtesy GCHS

Cat Yoga Classes Are Back

After two tremendous showings and feedback of the Gulf Coast Humane Society's Meow Maste and Young Living – Essential Oils classes, each will be making a second and third return to the shelter, located at 2010 Arcadia Street in Fort Myers.

The two events were a hit and both were sold out, so it was an obvious choice to bring both back. The free Young Living – Essential Oils class will be held Saturday, February 18 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and Saturday, March 25 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Meow Maste, which features felines roaming the room while SoniYoga's teachers David and Soni Anderson lead a yoga class, will be held Monday February 27, and Monday, March 27.

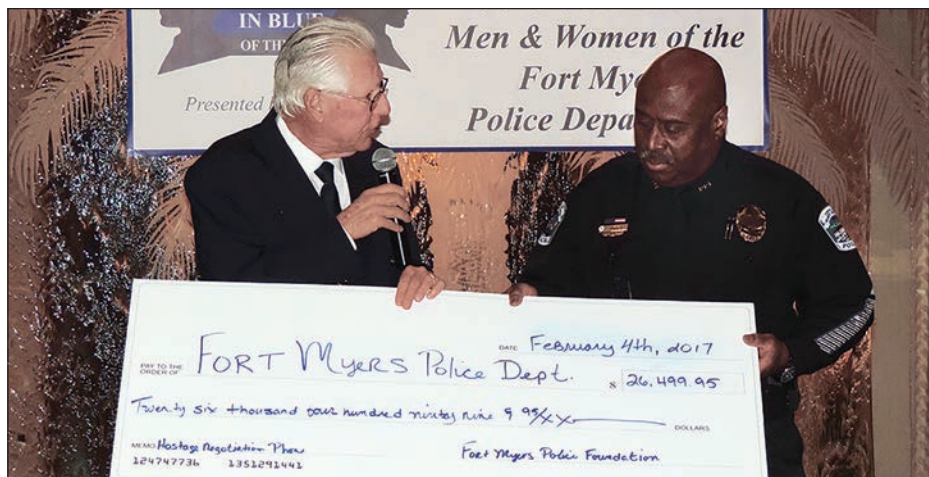
Both yoga classes will be from 6 to 7:15 p.m. and are \$15 per session.

"Everyone had a blast at Meow Maste cat yoga, it was a total hit," said GCHS Executive Director Jennifer Galloway, who also participated in the Yoga class. "We were as full as could be for the Essential Oils class as well, so we are bringing both back."

The Young Living Essential Oil's class will be directed by Elizabeth B. Alexakis, who has worked in non-profit organizations since 1996. She is a state licensed clinical social worker and holds two master's degrees in social work and hospitality.

There will be Essential Oils infused drinks and snacks available during the class.

Sign-up for the class at www.gulfcoasthumaneociety.org/events1.html or visit GCHS' Facebook page. It is listed under their events pages.✧



Paul Fratello presented Chief Derrick Diggs with a check for nearly \$27,000

photos courtesy FMPD

Police Appreciation Dinner

The Fort Myers Police Foundation hosted the Men & Women in Blue of the Year appreciation dinner on February 4 at the Colonial Country Club in Fort Myers.

The appreciation dinner honored more than 65 of the brightest stars of the

Fort Myers Police Department (FMPD) and other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies for their outstanding public service.

Top awards for 2016 included Bryan Smith, Quartermaster as Civilian of the Year, Officer Domonic Zammit as Officer of the Year, Lieutenant Roger Valdivia as Supervisor of the Year and Officer Brandon Birch and Detective Jesus Ramos as the 2016 George Sanders Distinguished Law Enforcement Officers of the Year.

FMPD retirements for 2016 were also recognized. Captain Dennis Eads and



Angela and Sergeant Glenn Thompson

Lieutenant Randy Jelks both retired after 30 years with the department.

"These men and women put themselves at risk each and every day to make our community safe, and we were glad to honor them with an evening of recognition and thanks," said Paul Fratello, president of the Fort Myers Police Foundation.

The foundation presented FMPD Chief Derrick Diggs with a check for \$26,499.95 for the purchase of a new hostage negotiation phone.

All funds raised by the Fort Myers Police Foundation go toward purchasing life-saving equipment for the FMPD.



Esther and Detective Jesus Ramos

Established in 2014, the foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose goal is to help build a stronger bond between the community and its local police department. Since its formation, the foundation has raised more than \$175,000 that has gone toward purchasing medical kits for patrol cars, ballistic shields, electronic ear protection for shooting ranges, a firearms training simulator and more.

For more information, visit www.fortmyerspolicefoundation.org or call Paul Fratello at 610-470-0049.*



Lieutenant Roger Valdivia and Chief Diggs



Sergeant Shawn and Stacey Yates



From left, Forrest Banks, Theresa Watkins Brown, Chief Diggs, Saeed Kazemi, Paul Fratello and Randy Henderson



Lieutenant Peter Tarman and Bill Weber



From left, Rick Michel, Cathy Sink and Paul Fratello



Officer Yvetta Dominique and Retired Captain Dennis Eads

5K Run Through The Calusa Nature Center



Joe Mitchell of Pool Pros, Inc and Keith Ruebeling of Larue Pest Management, Inc were The Big Bug Co. title sponsors for the 9th annual Calusa Bug Chase 5K run



Fort Myers Metro-McGregor Kiwanis ran and volunteered at the 9th annual Calusa Bug Chase 5K run. Pictured from left to right: Barbara Hartman, Todd Adams and Dick Arndt

The Fort Myers Metro-McGregor Kiwanis held the 9th annual Calusa Bug Chase 5K run on January 28 at the Calusa Nature Center in Fort Myers. The race benefitted the Fort Myers-Metro Kiwanis Club's BUG (Bringing Up Grades) Program and other club sponsored community service projects. There were over 225 registered participants who traveled the trails at the nature center and a portion of the asphalt bike path on Ortiz Boulevard. The race was timed with Chrono Track Bib Tag Technology and was supervised by the Fort Myers Track Club. The run raised a net total of over \$3,000.

The Big Bug Co. title sponsors for the race were Pool Pros, Inc. and Larue Pest Management, Inc. Other sponsors includee Nova Southeastern University, Leslea Ellis, LLC, United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee, Pampered-Pooch Dog Boarding and Daycare, Island Aire of Southwest Florida, Inc., Paychex, Ludden Insurance, Great Clips-Cape Coral and MLS Title, LLC. The Bagel Factory of Fort Myers, iberiabank, Sun Harvest Citrus and Calusa Nature Center committed to in-kind



Runners Sarah Smiley-Walters and David Browne check their race results



Eli Clemens (left) and Amiya Walker (right) of Orangewood Elementary compete in the 5K run



Heather Chouinard, Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Calusa 5K Bug Chase chair, presents race awards



From left, Shea Cunningham, Patrice Cunningham, Rachel Toomey, Vickie Waller and Stacy Vu sponsorships.

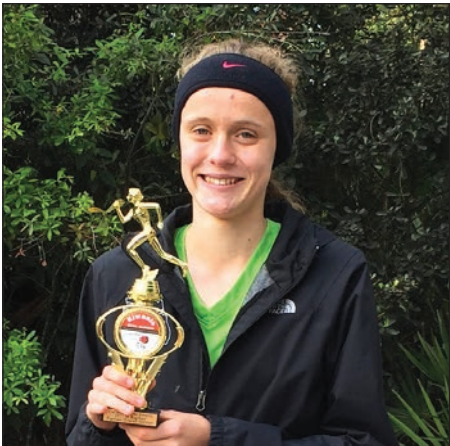
Caroline Mackenzie won the overall female division with a time of 21:16. Gregory Adman won the overall male division with a time of 18:36. Other winners included: Maryanne Hinkes (Masters Female), Paul White (Masters Male), Christine Coulthard (Grand Master Female), David Browne (Grand Master Male), Annie Houben (Senior Grand Master Female) and Al Navarro (Senior Grand Master Male). Age group awards were also presented. Full race results can be found at www.ftmyerstrackclub.com. Photos from the race can be found on the Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Club's Facebook page.

The Metro-McGregor Kiwanis currently has a BUG program at Littleton Elementary School and is seeking more schools to participate. For details, contact membership chair Stewart Ross at 507-304-1624 or club president Harris Segel at 939-4027. Interested individuals in joining the Kiwanis can also email stewart.ross@mnsu.edu or harris@pampered-pooch.com.

For more information regarding the 9th annual Calusa Bug Chase, contact Heather Chouinard at Heather.Chouinard@iberiabank.com.



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The Orangewood Elementary School Running Club poses for a photo

Book Review

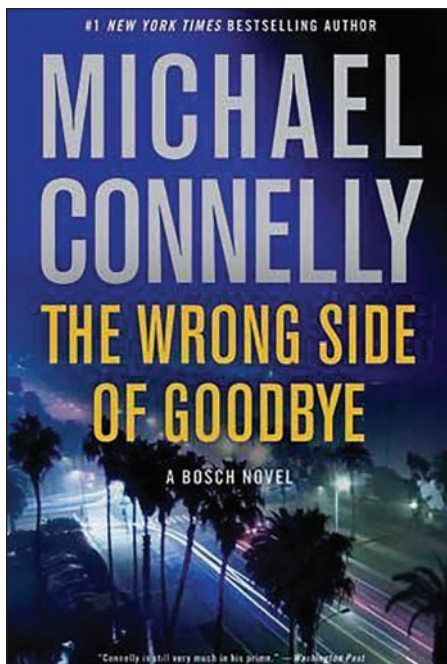
The Wrong Side Of Goodbye



by Di Saggau

Michael Connelly's Harry Bosch novels have a way of referring to earlier ones in the series. For this reason, I am glad that I read both *The Burning Room*

and *The Crossing* before picking up *The Wrong Side of Goodbye*. Connelly is a master at storytelling and mystery plotting. As the book opens, Bosch still faces hostilities from the Los Angeles Police Department because he won a



lawsuit against it for forcing him into early retirement. Now he has a new police job, working for the City of San Fernando, a small enclave inside Los Angeles with its own small police force. A perfect hide-out for the a loner like Harry.

He takes a commission from a very old and very wealthy recluse Whitney Vance. Fifty years ago, Vance was in love with a Mexican girl named Vibiana. She became pregnant and the Vance family separated him from her forever. Now in his mid-80s, Vance has no known heirs and wants Harry to find out if there are any. Since the book begins with a Vietnam-era prologue in which a young man, shot down in a helicopter, cries out the name "Vibiana," we are sure there are heirs somewhere.

In addition to working on the Vance-Vibiana case, Harry is also working on a rapist-murderer case about a man who gets into women's

houses by cutting window screens. The case is called "Screen Cutter," a nickname for the masked attacker who has assaulted at least four women in the area. Readers experience the stressful chaos of Harry's overloaded and divided life. One minute he's bending the rules and using law enforcement databases to check listings for Vibiana; the next he's chasing down leads to find the Screen Cutter.

There is a wonderful passage in the book where Bosch loses himself in a memory of the singer Connie Stevens, performing a Christmas show in 1969 for wounded servicemen on a hospital ship in the South China Sea. She's there with Bob Hope and Harry is there, too. It's a powerful moment. One of the things that Connelly seems to love best is Los Angeles's freeway system and this book really takes Harry traveling. *The Wrong Side of Goodbye* is swift, unpredictable and thrilling.✱

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, My daughter who is in fourth grade was just identified with a learning disability. She knows that she will have some special teachers who

will help her, but she's afraid of talking about this with her friends and others whom she worries will judge her. How can I help her?

Elena V., Cape Coral

Elena,

You have asked a very important question. Kids need to learn how to talk about their learning disabilities and as a parent, you can teach them how to do this. For a child to open up about learning differently is challenging, but with practice, the rewards can be significant.

Experts say that a very short explanation such as "I learn differently," can set the stage for understanding. Children with learning issues must learn how to speak up and these three simple but powerful words can lead to discussions with peers, teachers and others that will help them begin to understand the child's learning difficulties.

When you're a child who's struggling to stay afloat, drawing attention to yourself is scary. It's very understandable that a child would be reluctant to open up about her learning needs, so support from home can help get the conversation started. You can model good advocacy skills by talking with your child and letting her see you talk to others about learning differences frankly and comfortably.

If your child is uncomfortable talking to others about her learning issues, have a conversation about what's bothering her. Frequently children feel embarrassed or ashamed of being "different." Take this as an opportunity to reassure her and talk through her fears or doubts. You'll both feel better and you'll have the information

you need to support her emotionally, as well as academically. Help her to come up with a script to explain her situation. When she feels ready, practice what she's going to say a few times at home. This way you can be sure she's sharing useful information and give her a chance to rehearse in a safe, non-judgmental environment.

It's also very important that your child has a strong understanding of her specific learning disability. She should be able to name it and describe it. Not all kids with learning issues are the same, so encourage your child to spell out the ways her LD affects her personally. For example, at school, even though teachers should have the information, she can say, "I have an auditory processing disorder." "It's hard for me to hear when there's a lot of background noise, so sometimes I miss parts of the lecture." If your child has habits or strategies she uses to manage her LD that don't necessarily look like what they are, encourage her to let the teacher know. For example, "I pay attention best when my hands are occupied, so I draw all through class." This type of detailed information will give teachers a head start on providing the best support.

Make sure that your child knows her strengths as well. Encourage her not to just recite a list of things she can't do, but to talk about things she's good at, too, and her interests. This will boost her self-esteem, and it may help the teacher place her in activities that allow her to demonstrate her strengths.

Teaching your child how to speak up about her learning issues and helping her develop the confidence she needs to advocate for herself will lead to personal and academic success. You'll be giving her the tools she needs for a brighter and better future.

Shelley Greggs is adjunct faculty at Florida SouthWestern State College, where she teaches psychology and education courses. She is also a nationally certified school psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.✱

Live Theater At FGCU

The Theatre Program in the Bower School of Music & the Arts at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) presents Larry Shue's *The Foreigner* from February 17 to 26 at FGCU's TheatreLab.

The Foreigner is the winner of two Outer Critics Circle Awards and the Obie for Best New American Play. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. on February 17, 18, 24 and 25 and 2 p.m. on February 19, 25 and 26.

Tickets are \$10 for the general public and \$7 for students. Tickets and further information are available online at www.theaterlab.fgcu.edu or the door, based on availability.

The TheatreLab is located in the Arts Complex on FGCU's main campus at 10501 FGCU Boulevard South. Parking is available in Lot 7 for patrons of the theatre and other guests.✱



The Foreigner

photo courtesy FGCU

Passion For Fashion Benefit

Literacy Council Gulf Coast (LCGC), the largest nonprofit literacy agency in the United States, recently announced their annual Passion for Fashion fundraiser for literacy. The luncheon and fashion show will be held at Colonial Country Club on Friday, February 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nola Theiss, executive director and founder of Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships, is the keynote speaker.

"Literacy Council Gulf Coast's mission is to assist adults and children to acquire the English literacy skills

and education necessary to improve their quality of life and enhance the entire community," said Susan Holman, executive director of Literacy Council Gulf Coast. "We accomplish our mission every day through the generous support of our volunteers, donors and tutors."

Tickets are \$50 and will include lunch, a glass of wine, the fashion show with the latest trends from Jennifer's of Fort Myers and a silent auction including jewelry, gift baskets, and more. All net proceeds from the event will be used to provide literacy programs for families in Lee, Collier, and Hendry counties.

To purchase tickets, call 676-5202 or visit www.literacygulfcoast.org.✱

dearRPharmacist

Healing Bouquet Of Flowers



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: For Valentine's Day, I know most of us ladies want some chocolate. I love chocolate myself, the darker the better. You don't need me to tell you about the health benefits of dark chocolate, there

are probably 100 posts about it being uploaded as I write this. So this year, I am thinking outside the Moonstruck box!

Let's consider another traditional standby, flowers. Not just any flowers,

flowers with medicinal power. You see, many of these beautiful and sweet-smelling plants are also powerful healers that deserve a place on your natural medicine cabinet. You can put together a healing 'bouquet' of remedies made out of flowers. It's creative and sure to win a special space in your Valentine's heart, especially if he or she is into health and wellness. Here are some ideas to build your bouquet:

Chamomile: This is a sweet little white flower with a big yellow center that, when dried and steeped as tea, is also a widely hailed sedative. Add a box of chamomile tea to help you and your Valentine unwind and fall asleep together.

Echinacea: This popular garden plant is hardy and has great antiviral properties. It is known to help you reduce symptoms and shorten the duration of colds and flu. A 2015 study by researchers in the Czech Republic found that a hot drink made of Echinacea extracts was as effective as

Tamiflu at reducing flu symptoms, with far fewer side effects.

Roses: It's everyone's Valentine favorite. Consider rosewater, which is created when rose petals are steam distilled. The end result is a beautiful smelling rose toner that I use to spritz my face... like all the time. Rose hips have anti-inflammatory properties so, in addition to smelling divine, it's good for reducing facial redness, whether from acne, rosacea, cold weather or dry skin.

Rose hips: Rose hips are the fruit of rose bushes and these little scarlet, globe-shaped beauties are packed with vitamin C. I keep them right beside the stove, and steep two teaspoons to the water which I use for green tea. It adds a strong antioxidant boost and makes my skin more youthful. You can buy dried rose hips at most health food stores and online.

Lavender: Lavender is a tiny purple flower that packs a healing punch. Put

a half cup in the middle of a pretty handkerchief and tie up the ends to make your Valentine a sachet. At night, take a shower and sprinkle some of the essential oil onto your shower floor. A 2015 study found that dialysis patients reported a significant reduction in needle insertion pain over patients who had no intervention or who received a placebo.

So, go make your lover a beautiful bouquet and choose your flowers wisely based upon their medicinal purpose. From now on, Valentine's or not, you will always think of flowers with a new healing perspective. Unlike chocolate, they don't go straight to your thighs.

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. ✨

Eden Energy Medicine

Create The Love Hormone



by Karen L. Semmelman, Certified EEM, JD, AAML (03-01)

It is the season of romance, of sharing our love with those close to us. Let's understand why hugging is so important in creating a strong

bond with loved ones. Are you a hugger or an avoider? After reading this article, hopefully you will join the ranks of the huggers. Why? -- Because hugging increases the levels of oxytocin, known as the "love hormone." Sounds good, doesn't it? At an energy medicine workshop on hormones, the presenter reminded us of the power of hugging and the famous quote by psychotherapist Virginia Satir, who states: "We need four hugs a day for survival. We need eight hugs a day for maintenance. We need 12 hugs a day for growth."

Our auric field which surrounds the body is comprised of seven layers, like the Russian Doll sets. When we hug someone and move into each other's auric fields, we are sharing energy. The skin contains

networks of tiny pressure centers that sense touch and then connect to the brain through the vagus nerve. This nerve winds its way through the body, connecting to organs, to all the chakras, to the gut (our second brain) and to the heart. The nerve is connected to oxytocin receptors and thus stimulation of the vagus triggers an increase in oxytocin, which in turn "leads to the cascade of health benefits" and a feeling of bliss with well-being.

The bottom line is that the more physical touching through hugging, the more oxytocin produced, resulting in powerful health-giving properties and good will.

Oxytocin is released by the pituitary gland. The pituitary gland works hand in hand with the spleen organ. Spleen's energy is the first energy used by triple warmer when under stress. So the more hugs, the more spleen is calmed and the more triple warmer is calmed, resulting in a boost to your physical and emotional well-being.

Reach out to your spouse, children, friends, family and pets! Given our celebration of Valentine's Day, what a great way to remember this romantic holiday daily.

If you have a question, email Karen at SemmEnergyCenter@gmail.com or visit www.semmelmanenergy.com. EEM does not diagnose or cure illness, but working with subtle energies of the body has been shown to help many conditions. ✨

Free Autism Screening

Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, in partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, will offer a free autism spectrum disorder screening for toddlers 18 months to age 5 on February 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wellness Center of Cape Coral at 609 SE 13 Court.

The monthly screenings are held on the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile

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.

The ASD screening is conducted by the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida and 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. ✨

Foundation Scholarships Available

The deadline for the Southwest Florida Community Foundation's scholarship application process is fast approaching with less than two weeks left to apply.

Closing on March 3, the scholarship application process is available through the foundation's online portal at www.floridacommunity.com/scholarships. Students may apply for multiple scholarships and upload transcripts, SAT/ACT scores, letters of recommendation and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) report, as well as access an online tutorial about how to create and submit the online application.

Approximately \$500,000 in scholarship money for the 2017-18 school year is available through more than 50 scholarships for local high school students, undergraduate and graduate students from Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties.

Need-based scholarships require

the FAFSA form, which is available at www.fafsa.gov. Educators, mentors, parents and students can find resources to complete the FAFSA form through the local FAFSA first website recently launched by the FutureMakers Coalition at www.fafsafirst.org/. The goal of the FutureMakers Coalition is to transform the workforce by increasing the number of Southwest Florida residents with degrees, certificates and other high-quality credentials by the year 2025.

With the partner help of individuals, families and corporations who have created more than 400 philanthropic funds, the Southwest Florida Community Foundation has invested \$5 million in grants and programs to the community. With assets of \$93 million, it has provided more than \$67 million in grants and scholarships to the communities it serves since inception. It is the backbone organization for the regional FutureMakers Coalition and Lee County's Sustainability Plan.

Based in Fort Myers, the community foundation has satellite offices located in Sanibel Island, LaBelle (Hendry County), and downtown Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.FloridaCommunity.com or call 274-5900. ✨

Trauma Center Hosts Survivors Support Group

Trauma, by its very nature, is sudden, unexpected and often life-changing for victims and their families. A traumatic accident can leave a patient with serious injuries to his or her spinal cord or brain, or he or she may even lose a limb. These injuries, along with the emotional and psychological side effects of a traumatic injury affect the entire family.

The Trauma Center at Lee Memorial Hospital offers the Survivors Support Group to assist patients and families as they navigate recovery from trauma. The group is open to anyone whose life has been affected by trauma. This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday,

February 21, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Medical Staff Conference Room at Lee Memorial Hospital.

"The support group offers survivors, family members and caregivers the opportunity to meet and connect with others who have experienced traumatic injuries," explained Shannon Bradley, medical social worker and trauma outreach coordinator. "Life changes after a traumatic injury, and it helps knowing people are there who understand and have also experienced similar fears, anxieties, pain and feelings of loss."

Moving forward, the Survivors Support Group will meet at the same time and location, but on the second Tuesday of each month.

For more information or to register to attend, contact Shannon Bradley at 343-3474 or Shannon.Bradley@LeeHealth.org. ✨

PETS OF THE WEEK

Lee County Domestic Animal Services



Sugar ID# 681957



Cameron ID# 688541

Sugar is a 1-year-old female hound mix who is one of our Cell Dog graduates. She has had training to learn sit, shake, crate trained and house trained. She will walk well on the leash with a treat incentive. She comes with her diary that her trainer kept of her time in the program. If you are looking for a well-mannered pup, she is your girl!

Her adoption fee is \$75.

Cameron is a 5-year-old male American staffordshire terrier who has a little dog personality in a big dog body. We haven't told him yet that he isn't a lap dog; he will sit there if

you let him. He's an ace with the tennis ball and loves to have his picture taken. He gets along well with other dogs and will be here waiting if you would like to meet him!

His adoption fee is \$50.

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.

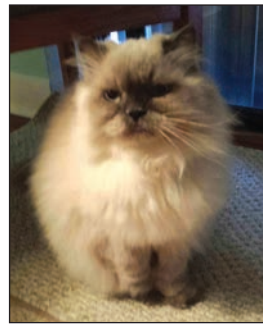
All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Science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

The adoption package is valued at \$500.*

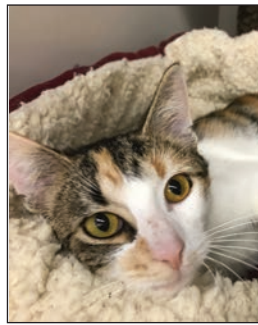
Haven on Earth Animal League

Hello, my name is Maya. I am a Himalayan mix - notice my beautiful, thick coat. I'm a female, about 10 years old, spayed and well mannered. I am up-to-date on all shots and my front paws have been declawed. I have a typical Himalayan personality, and I'm looking for someone who is a Himmie cat lover that will enjoy brushing my beautiful coat every day. I am currently residing with my foster parents. My adoption fee is \$75.

Hi there! I'm Pyewacket. I'm only 7 months old, spayed and up-to-date on all shots. I'm a very sweet young girl and just waiting for someone to take me home and love me forever. I'm currently at the Petco located at Gulf Coast Town Center, so stop in and meet me. My adoption fee is \$75.



Maya



Pyewacket

We are being cared for by Haven on Earth Animal League. For more information, contact havenonearthanimalleague@yahoo.com.*

HORTOONS



THE RIVER WEEKLY NEWS

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

ARTS

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

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Angel Flight.....	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center.....	731-3535
American Business Women Association.....	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL.....	339-8046
Audubon Society.....	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR.....	482-1366
Caloosahatchee Folk Society.....	321-4620
Cape Chorale Barbershop Chorus.....	1-855-425-3631
Cape Coral Stamp Club.....	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees.....	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists.....	415-2484
Embroiderers Guild of America - Sea Grape Chapter.....	239-267-1990
FM UDC Chapter 2614 - United Daughters of the Confederacy.....	728-3743
Friendship Force Of SW FL.....	561-9164
Garden Club of Cape Coral.....	239-257-2654
Horticulture and Tea Society.....	472-8334
Horticultural Society.....	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society.....	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation.....	939-7278
NARFE (National Active & Retired Federal Employees.....	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America.....	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL.....	667-1354
Sons of Confederate Veterans.....	332-2408
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy.....	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association.....	561-2118

Kiwanis Clubs:

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

Lions Clubs:

Fort Myers Beach.....	463-9738
Fort Myers High Noon.....	466-4228
Esterio/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

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PUZZLES

Answers on page 37

Super Crossword

PAIR-A-PHRASING

- ACROSS
- 1 Music-licensing gp.

6 With greatest frequency

14 Light, in a way

20 River to Lake Geneva

21 Many kids' art projects

22 "Any way is fine by me"

23 STARDOM WEALTH

25 "Bewitched" husband

26 F minor, e.g.

27 Albany hrs.

28 Abbr. on a pay stub

30 One of King Lear's daughters

31 Most like Solomon

33 STRIKE DWELLING

39 "... boy — girl?"

40 Gambling place, briefly

42 Planted "pet"

43 "Für —" (Beethoven favorite)

44 HUDSON OCTET

48 "Peanuts" girl with glasses

52 Student's dissertation

53 Country's McEntire

56 Wyatt of the Old West

57 Hector

60 "Mona —"

63 Makes match up

66 Pasty luau fare

67 Skating rink shape

68 PERFORM ZERO

71 In a strict way

74 Bovine sound

75 Global divide

76 NEGATIVE LEVY

81 Tomb-raiding

82 Suffix of pasta names

83 "A Bell for —" (classic novel)

84 Any minute

85 "Slim Shady" rapper

87 Blockhead

89 Half of Mork's goodbye

91 Gradually withdrew

93 Antigen attackers

96 EMERALD JEALOUSY

102 Path in a jet

105 Miami- — (Florida county)

106 Wasted

107 Small battery size

108 GREATLY OFFING

113 Guevara's commander

115 Of the hipbone

116 Prickly seedcase

117 Ark.-to-Ill. dir.

119 Mai —

120 Frolic

122 ALLOWED STATUTE

129 Verdi tragedy

130 Hold dear

131 Flared dress

132 Forwarded, as mail

133 Furry marine mammal

134 Encounters

8 Overly

9 Be incorrect

10 Met or Phillie rival

11 Avian runner

12 RCA rival

13 Fly of Kenya

14 Pot coverer

15 Reality TV celebrity fired by Donald

16 Cry from a member of an arriving group

17 Ship's goods

18 Faith Hill's "Take Me —"

19 Wife of Dick Cheney

24 Prickly plants

29 N.J. neighbor

31 Pan for stir-frying

32 Ex-froshes

34 Strands post-blizzard

35 Summer misery stat

36 Puff piece?

37 Actor Bert in a lion suit

38 Footballer Tebow

41 City transport

45 And others, in Latin

46 Grain storer

47 See 72-Down

49 El — (peak in California)

50 Mined find

51 Clever adage

54 Party abbr. about drinks

55 Append

57 Certain wind musician

58 Of flight technology

59 Music of Scott Joplin

61 Highway rig

62 Parts of nerve cells

64 — au vin

65 Good name for a chef?

68 Bob of folk

69 Country in West Africa

70 Silver — (photo lab compound)

72 With 47-Down, forensic tool

73 Kind of TV

77 A, in Aquila

78 Ding- —

79 Out-of- — (visitor)

80 De novo

85 Tempted

86 Maestro Zubin

88 Like nondefective DVDs

90 Pakistani's language

92 Feel sickly

94 Capital of Nebraska

95 135 degrees from 117-Across

97 Nosh on

98 End of some URLs

99 Cole of song

100 "Iglu" for "igloo," e.g.

101 7"6" Ming

103 R&D center

104 Bursts forth

108 Pep

109 Make thrilled

110 Country singer LeAnn

111 Brother, in Brest

112 Between, in Brest

114 Vogue topic

118 — -do-well

121 Boatload

123 Actor Stephen

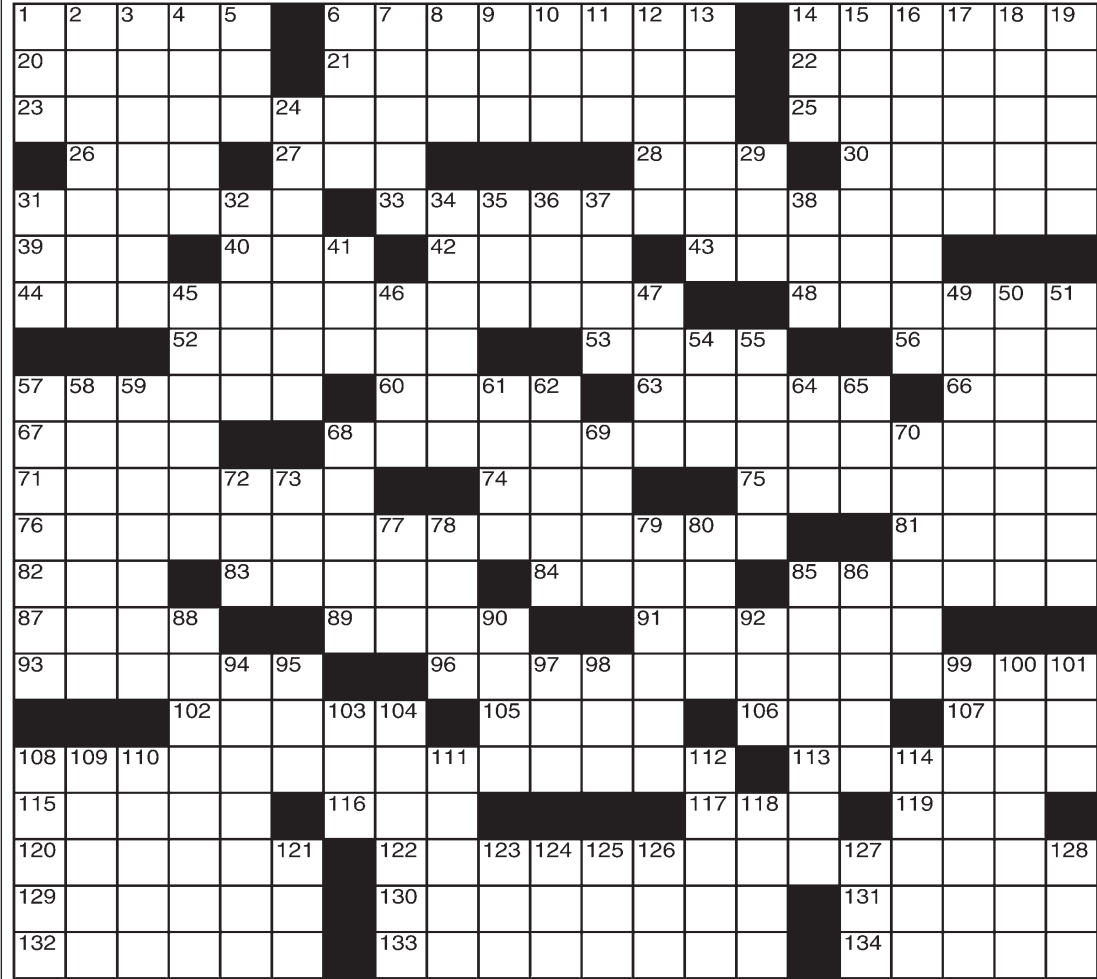
124 — Zedong

125 Suffix with 124-Down

126 Boy pharaoh

127 "Whack!"

128 Craven of horror films



King Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Paid player

4 Taxi

7 Expert

12 Potential syrup

13 Lennon's lady

14 Similar

15 Citric beverage

16 Underwent reduction

18 Jeremy of basketball

19 Tijuana toodle-oo

20 Rolling stone's lack

22 Poetic night-fall

23 Antitoxins

27 -- de deux

29 Maintenance

31 Quibblers split these

34 Senorita's wiggle?

35 "Rabbit, Run" author

37 Feedbag morsel

38 Piratic quaff

39 Paving goop

41 "-- is life!"

45 Con game

47 Pair

48 Absolutely

52 Use a towel

53 Photoshop company

54 Reading matter, for short

55 90-degree shape

56 Therefore

57 Tokyo's old name

58 Deli loaf

8 "The Greatest"

9 Kin of "i.e."

10 -- out a living

11 Homer's neighbor

17 Bourgeois, to Brits

21 Parsley serving

23 Revue segments

24 Conger or moray

25 Roulette bet

26 Mimic

28 Request

30 Sch. org.

31 Embrace

32 Spring mo.

33 Bachelor's

36 Needle case

37 Corsage bloom

40 Point of view

42 Milk dispenser

43 Moe's brother

44 Rulebook compiler

45 A "Desperate Housewife"

46 Director

49 Preminger

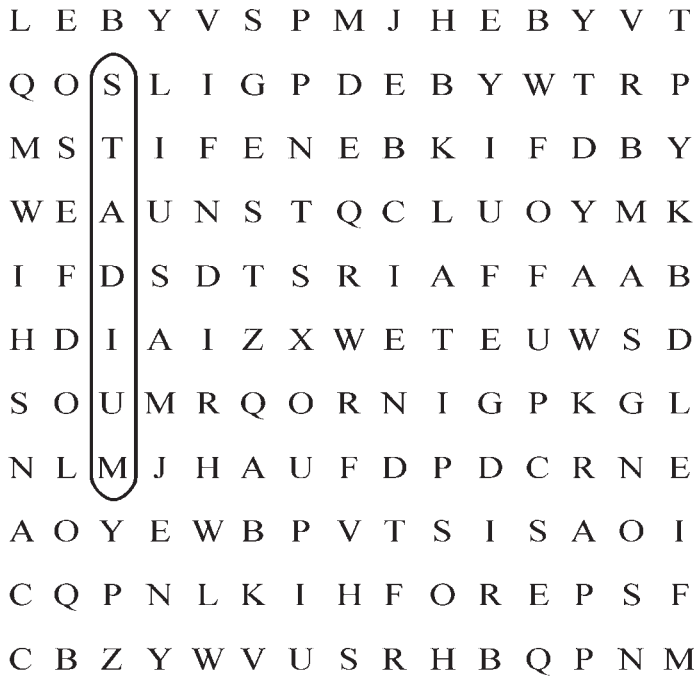
48 Doo follower

49 Praise in verse

50 Took the prize

51 Peacock network

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

- Aid

Benefits

Bridge

Bureau
- Committee

Day

Field

For Peace
- Home

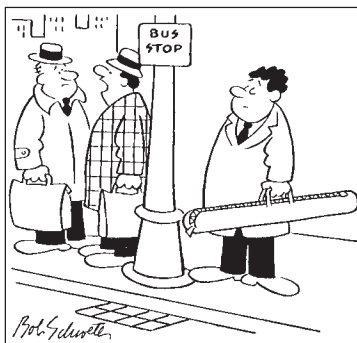
Hospital

Parade

Parkway
- Pension

Songs

Stadium



"I used to think he was a musician,
too — but then I found out that he's
a _____ salesman!"
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!

Chaos
LAMBED _____

Stage
SHAPE _____

Rule
GRINE _____

Blend
GREEN _____

TODAY'S WORD

1	4	5	3	9	7	8	6	2
3	8	9	2	5	6	4	7	1
2	7	6	1	8	4	9	3	5
6	1	4	9	2	3	5	8	7
5	3	8	7	6	1	2	9	4
9	2	7	5	4	8	6	1	3
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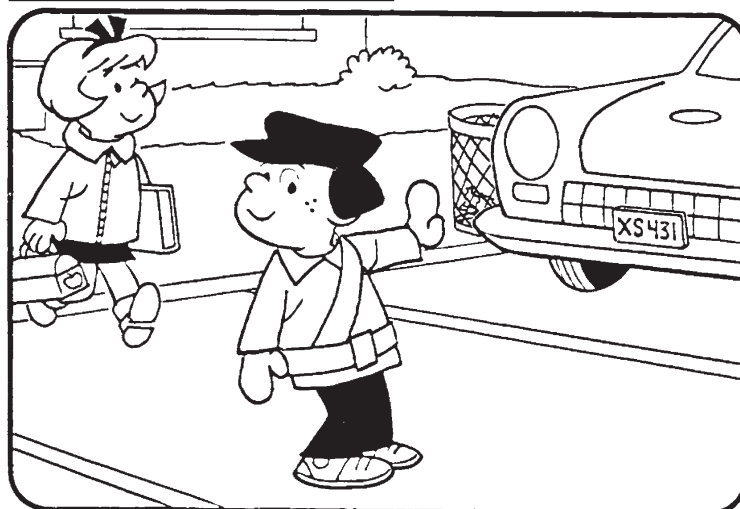
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Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (the same number cannot appear more than once in a row, column or 3x3 box.) There is no guessing and no math involved, just logic.

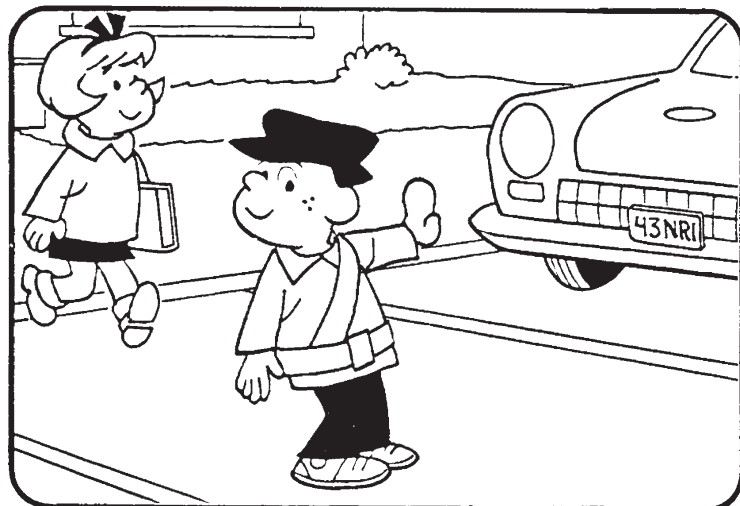
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Zipper is missing. 2. Lunchbox is missing. 3. Earlap is different. 4. Mitten is missing. 5. Trash can is missing. 6. License is different.

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- 3/4 cup Mexican rice
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
- 2 pinches salt
- 2 pinches pepper
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 3 cups cornmeal
- 2 tablespoons olive oil

Preparation:

Place the zucchini flowers in cold water to open and make the preparation easier. In a large mixing bowl, place the rice, all the chopped and grated ingredients, half of the olive oil and lemon juice, and a pinch of salt and pepper. Mix well. With a small spoon, take small amounts of the stuffing and fill the zucchini flowers. Fold over the flower ends to seal the stuffing inside. Heat a sauté pan over medium-high



Stuffed Zucchini Flowers

heat. Carefully dip the stuffed flowers into the egg mixture, then roll them in the cornmeal. Repeat this process with half of

the stuffed flowers at a time. Gently sauté the coated flowers in the oil until golden brown. Repeat in batches until all flowers

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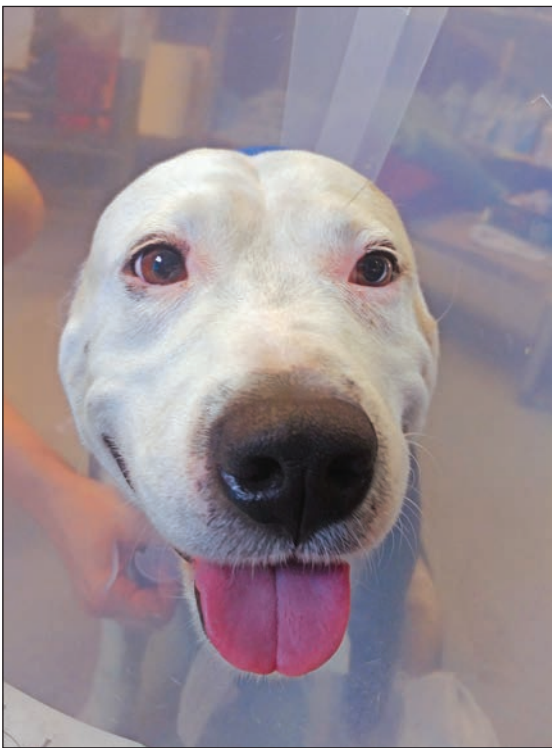
Harvey, a two-year-old American Staffordshire, came into GCHS as a transfer from Clewiston Animal Services. He was diagnosed with a dislocated ankle, making it very painful for Harvey to walk normal. He was transferred to Specialized Veterinary Services (SVS) for surgery on January 31, and was back to GCHS that same day to start his rehab.

"We had to partially fuse his ankle (joint), but the prognosis for Harvey is very good," said Dr. Jason Eisele, DACVS, who performed the surgery at SVS. "When the main joint is not involved, like Harvey's, it's always a better prognosis. He should have little to no long-term effects and should be able to run, jump and play normally."

The second dog who underwent surgery at SVS, which was funded by the Second Chance Fund, was Bear, a 10-month old Great Pyrenees, who suffered a deformity in one of his hind legs. He had a laterally luxated patellar, which was dislocated on the outside of his leg.

The deformity caused a severe limp when Bear walked, so the decision was made to perform surgery to correct his walk. His surgery was performed over a month ago at SVS. Since then, he has been in foster care during his rehab, in which he is getting used to walking on his fixed leg.

"Bear had more deformity to the joint than normal," Dr. Eisele said. "Bear won't need revision surgery, which is good, and his implants are holding up well. There will always be a difference from his normal leg, and we expect Bear to have a gait for



Harvey

the rest of his life, which won't be painful. But his knee should be stable for the rest of his life."

The cost of Harvey's surgery ranged in the \$1,600 area, while Bear's cost \$1,400.

"These surgeries could not be performed without the Second Chance Fund," said GCHS Executive Director, Jennifer Galloway. "It's a vital fund for these animals who really have nowhere else to turn. It provides them a literal second chance at life. We also give a big thank you to SVS and Dr. Eisele for doing such a great service and work on these animals."

There is always a need for donations for the Second Chance Fund, because it is used on a normal basis for the animals that come in needing it.

To donate directly to the GCHS Second Chance Fund, go to www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org/second-chance-fund.html. The website also has other Second Chance Fund stories, which all have turned out well for the recipient.

Call 332-0364 or visit the shelter at 2010 Arcadia Street in Fort Myers.

Harvey is still in need of foster care during his rehab. To offer your foster services to Harvey or any of animal who needs fostering, contact GCHS Foster Coordinator Alyssa Dudley at foster@gulfcoasthumanesociety.org.

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Mcphie Park	Fort Myers Beach	2002	3,028	\$1,395,000	\$1,325,000	112
Kenwood	Estero	2004	3,019	\$875,000	\$825,000	288
Ascot	Bonita Springs	2001	3,084	\$859,900	\$824,000	13
Edgewater	Fort Myers	1997	2,717	\$824,000	\$799,000	101
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2004	2,725	\$799,000	\$741,250	361
Carolands	Bonita Springs	1957	3,022	\$749,900	\$650,000	280
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