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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

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A past American Virtuosi gala

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## American Virtuosi Concert And Gala

The American Virtuosi Concert will be the grande finale of the 2017 Chamber Series at Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. The concert will be held on Friday, April 14. Cocktail hour

begins at 7 p.m. and the performance will begin at 8 p.m.

Returning for a seventh season, the concert will feature chamber music from great masters combined with the talent of some of the world's leading concert artists. The group includes violinists Peter Winograd and Caterina Szepes, cellists Andres Diaz and Wolfram Koessel, violist Jim Griffith and pianist Wendy Chen.

Tickets are \$29 in advance and \$35

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## SoCo Second Saturday Returns This Weekend

Another artful night will be held at the SoCo Cultural District on Saturday, April 8. The rain-or-shine event starts at 5 p.m. and ends at 10 p.m.

The monthly SoCo Second Saturday began in October and continues to grow, with more cultural venues, new vendors and a redesigned map. It includes all of the night's attractions and the details on how to win a great prize by one of the participating SoCo stops. Patrons of the arts, collectors,

art enthusiasts and all attending guests will have the chance to win that prize by collecting the popular golden tickets from each location. The winner will be announced one week after the event. This month's prize is four tickets to Wine & Art Nights hosted by visual artist David Acevedo at DAAS Co-op Art Gallery & Gifts.

This month's participating SoCo Cultural District venues are Alliance for the Arts, DAAS Co-op Art Gallery & Gifts, Gittleman Studios, OcasioCasa, The Union Artist Studios and the Crafted Shop, Catch 22, Vamped Up Vintage, Yoga Bird, Living Vine Café, A Swedish Affair, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Suzanne's

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Art vendors will be selling their handmade crafts

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Lance Julian assisting in the construction of authentic vessels for the film photos provided

## Local Captains Help In Making Scorsese Film

*Silence*, a recently released film by Academy Award-winning director Martin Scorsese, features a collection of stunning maritime filmology

thanks to local captains and marine consultants Lance H. Julian and Harry Julian, co-founders of Pure Florida and Marine Team International. Lance and Harry Julian were behind each water-related scene depicted throughout the film, a 14-month commitment from pre-production to filming a six-month shoot in Taiwan, with Lance as the on-site marine coordinator for the film, and



Filming for Martin Scorsese's *Silence*

Harry consulting from the U.S.

Paramount Films' *Silence* stars notable actors Andrew Garfield, Adam Driver and Liam Neeson, telling the story of two 17th Century Christian missionaries, Sebastian Rodrigues (Garfield) and Francisco Garpe (Driver), as they face the ultimate test of faith when they travel to Japan in search of their missing mentor, Father

Ferreira (Neeson), during a time when Christianity was outlawed and their presence forbidden.

Known for their work in *Titanic*, *Waterworld*, *Bond 007 – Quantum of Solace*, the television series *Survivor* and the HBO 10-part series *The Pacific*, the Julians have 23 years of experience providing professional marine consulting,

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

## Wilbur Martindale Radio And TV



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

This ostensible focus of this circa-1956 photo is the Boy Scout pulling a charming float named “Edison Captures the Moon’s Light” in the Edison Baby Parade.

But look in the background at that storefront crowded with onlookers and you’ll see Wilbur K. Martindale’s Radio & Television.

That long-lived business located on First Street just one building east of Bayview Court was there for about four decades.

Also visible in the historic photo is part of the façade of the Belk-Lindsey Department Store (right), which occupied the 1914 Heitman Hardware building at First and Hendry from the mid-

1940s to the mid-1950s.

The 1925 building occupied by Martindale had been built on property owned in the late-nineteenth century by pioneers ZJ Brown, who had a store there, and later Robert B. Leak, who lived in a large wood-frame building on the site.

Leak did everything from surveying and teaching mathematics to dealing in real estate and serving as town mayor in 1895.

The 1925 building was enlarged, or deepened, to its present size as Bayview Court was constructed during the last half of the 1920s boom.

In the 1930s, the building was occupied by JS Tarrer & Sons Paints & Fishing Tackle. Martindale, meanwhile, already had a radio shop on First Street and then in the Theatre Arcade.



People gather in front of Wilbur K. Martindale’s Radio & Television store as the Edison Baby Parade proceeds down First Street circa 1956

photo courtesy Southwest Florida Historical Society



Today, the 1925 building is a newly opened restaurant

photo by Gerri Reaves

It should be noted that when he moved to the pictured building in the 1940s, Fort Myers was still in the pre-television era. WINK-TV’s going on air in 1954 could be said to have officially ushered in the era of television in Fort Myers – as evidenced by the sign advertising RCA radios and televisions.

Martindale’s remained in that location until about 1980, after which a law office took up residence until the late 1990s, when Fort Myers Court Reporting moved in and stayed until quite recently.

Now, a newly opened burrito restaurant occupies the former Martindale’s building and the courtyard opening onto Bayview Court.

Walk down to First Street and the site of a long-running radio and television business.

Then, visit the following two research centers to learn more about the many businesses that kept downtown going through the decades.

The Southwest Florida Historical Society is an all-volunteer non-profit organization open Wednesday and Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon and Wednesday from 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 [www.swflhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.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 [www.leecountyblackhistorysociety.org](http://www.leecountyblackhistorysociety.org).

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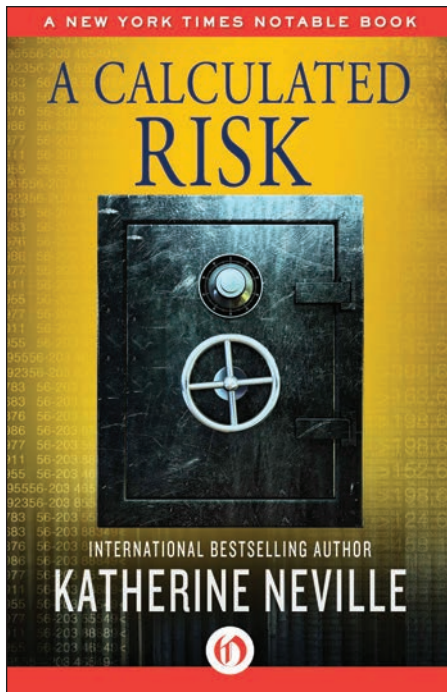
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# Lecture Series At Art Center

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# Taylor Hicks To Perform For Local Cause

Proceeds from the charity weekend will go directly to Blessings in a Backpack of Lee County, which feeds more than 3,200 children at schools and programs across Lee and Collier County: Tice Elementary, Sanibel School, James Stephens Academy, Unity Charter of Cape Coral, Unity Charter of Fort Myers, Colonial Elementary, Golden Gate Elementary, J. Colin English Elementary, Villas Elementary, Shadowlawn Elementary, Mirror Lakes Elementary, Bonita Springs Assistance Office, Boys and Girls Club of Lehigh, Veterans Park Elementary and Bonita Springs Charter School.

During this year's event, Champions 4 Children hopes to raise enough money to feed over 1,500 children in

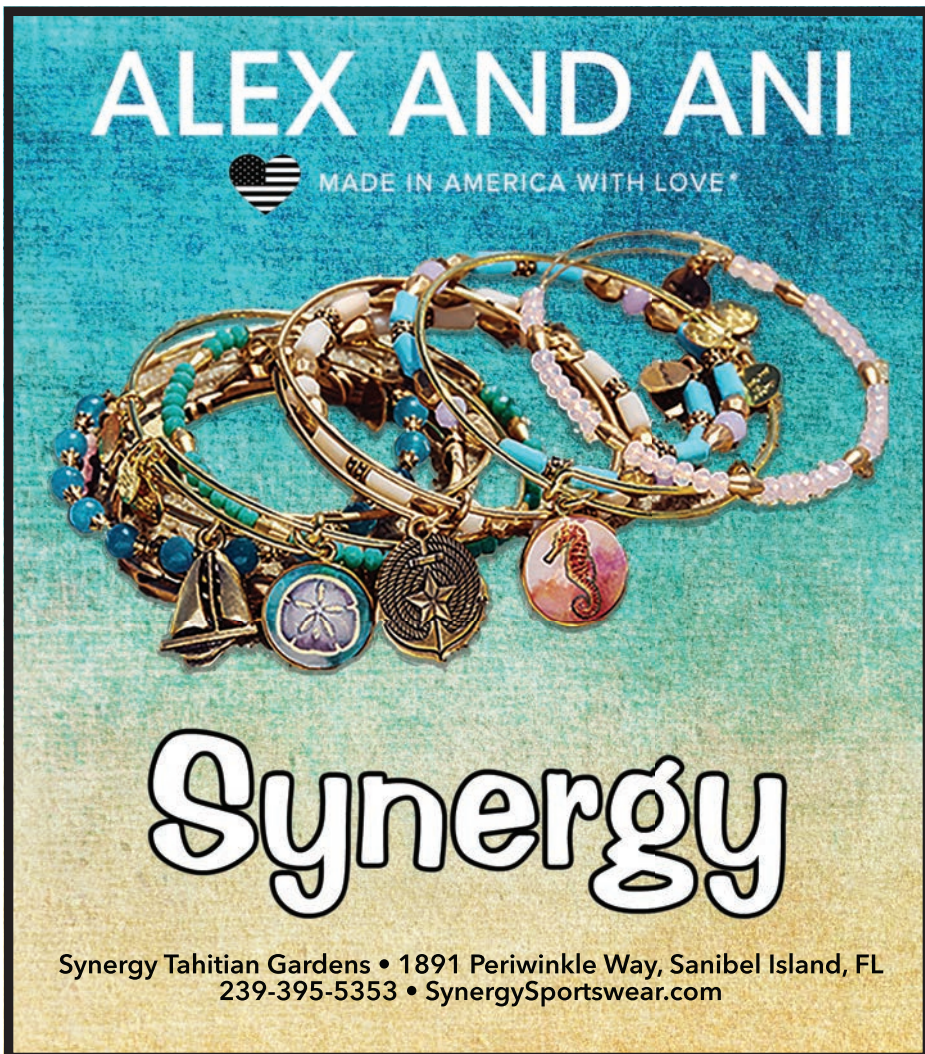


Lee and Collier counties.

Tickets for the Taylor Hicks poolside concert and other weekend activities can be purchased at [Champions4ChildrenSWFL.com/individual-event-tickets](http://Champions4ChildrenSWFL.com/individual-event-tickets). Sponsorships are also available for each event. When you purchase two general admission concert tickets, you will help feed one child for a year. By purchasing two VIP concert tickets, you will help feed two and a half children for a year. By purchasing two Kentucky Derby tickets, you will help feed four children a year.

For more information, visit  
Champions4ChildrenSWFL.com.

Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort and Spa is located at 17260 Harbor Pointe Drive.\*



# Theater To Host Soiree Fundraiser

The Laboratory Theater of Florida will be hosting a Season Announcement Soiree on Monday, April 17 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The event will announce the shows for theater's upcoming ninth season and raise funds for necessary repairs and refurbishments to the building. The gathering will take place at The Laboratory Theater of Florida, 1634 Woodford Avenue, in Fort Myers

Attendees will have an opportunity to purchase season tickets at a discounted rate at the soiree. This discount will be

given at the event only.

As the theater is in the process of purchasing the building it currently calls home, a fundraiser will be held to assist with top-priority repairs, which include termite extermination, sewer line repair and a roof replacement. Proceeds from the event will also fund the expansion of the theater's educational and outreach programs, investing in future community-oriented programs and socially-conscious theater.

During the soiree, multiple opportunities to win naming rights will be available, as well as silent auction raffles.

For more information, call the theater at 218-0481.★

# Derby Party Fundraiser

The first annual Downtown Derby Party to support the volunteer mission of the Junior League of Fort Myers will be held on Saturday, May 6 at The Barrel Room at Twisted Vine Bistro, 2214 Bay Street in downtown Fort Myers.

Guests will enjoy food, a specialty Derby cocktail, spirited silent auction and much more race-themed fun. All are encouraged to dress to impress with prizes being awarded for the best hat and best outfit. The 143rd running of the Kentucky Derby will be broadcast live at the event to ensure all guests can watch the excitement of the fastest two minutes in sports.

Tickets for this event are \$50 prior to Tuesday, April 18, with the price increasing to \$65 for each thereafter. Tickets can be purchased by visiting [www.jlfm.org/derby2017](http://www.jlfm.org/derby2017). All proceeds will benefit the ongoing volunteer mission of the League in Southwest Florida.

"Our League is beginning to forge a new path in youth mentorship in the coming year," said President Erin Velotti. "Fundraisers like this allow us to create opportunities for at-risk youth and making a positive impact in our area."

The Junior League of Fort Myers is currently seeking community partners for this event. Sponsorship opportunities start at just \$1,000. For additional event information or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, email [events@jlfm.org](mailto:events@jlfm.org) ✪✪



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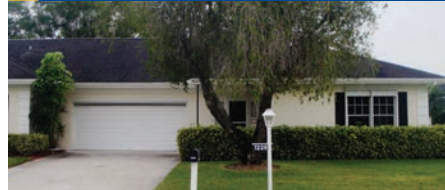
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# Theater To Host Mental Health Advocate



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SalusCare is proud to bring mental health advocate, writer and storyteller Emily Robinson to Fort Myers for a special luncheon event on Monday, May 8. The presentation Shattering the Stigma will be at

Broadway Palm Theatre at 11:30 a.m. with registration beginning at 11 a.m. It is in honor of Mental Health Month. Robinson's topic is We Are All Just Humans: Breaking Down Stigma and Building Up Humanity Through Storytelling. She is the creator of *You Are In This World*, an advocacy project that began as an outgrowth of her mother's struggles with schizophrenia. Robinson uses journalism, social media and art to reveal humanity, eliminate stigma and form communities for people who suffer from or care for those who have mental illnesses. Her blog is available at [www.youareinthisworld.com/](http://www.youareinthisworld.com/). Robinson's work has been featured in numerous publications and websites, including the *Huffington Post* and *CTV News*. "You cannot improve a situation if you do not understand it, and you cannot understand it until it can be talked about, boldly, and without shame. Our stories bring us together, make us strong and dust off the needless shame that creates a thick, isolating blanket on a community who are already too vulnerable to isolation," she wrote. Tickets are \$25 with lunch and \$30 with continuing education units for mental health professionals. Tickets may be purchased at [www.shatteringthestigma.com](http://www.shatteringthestigma.com). For more information, contact Todd Cordisco at 791-1575.\*



Back row from left, Mark Vincent, Kevin Lewis, Gary Green, Joe Hensley, Steve Russell, Pat Mann, Frank Mann, Roberta Lloyd, Bob Beville and Paul Mussler. Front Row from left, Walter Grace, Lee Howington, Patricia Bell, Jon Holterman, John Nolan, Bill Valenti, Martin Redovan, Jon Zehnder, Steve Pontius, Victoria Stephan, Bob Sheehan and Steven Bowen. photo by Karen Harmon

## Club Holds 95th Anniversary Party

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers celebrated its 95th anniversary with a party on Tuesday, March 28 at The Marina at Edison Ford. Nearly two dozen former presidents of the club were on hand to commemorate the occasion with cake and stories about the history of the club. Chartered in 1922, the Rotary Club of Fort Myers is the first, oldest and largest

among the 54 rotary clubs in Southwest Florida. It has a rich history of service commemorated by the planting of the historic royal palms along McGregor Boulevard, promotion of the I-75 corridor and advancing the partnership with the Boston Red Sox, as well as allocating grants locally and internationally to combat hunger, provide education and job training, improve health, mentor youth and promote world peace. The Rotary Club of Fort Myers has raised over \$2.2 million for various organizations since 1922.\*

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how to dress for success, resume preparation, consultations and mock interviews. Karen Anderson, president of the board of directors for Dress for Success of SW Florida, is the chairman for this exciting program that will begin in June. The fashion models for the evening will be Dress for Success SW Florida clients who will be styled at a local White House Black Market boutique. Following the fashion presentation, WHBM will donate the outfits to the women for their personal and professional needs. The Founding Sponsor is White House Black Market. Elizabeth K. Galeana Charitable Foundation, Inc. is the Career Center Champion. Other sponsors to date are 227 Partners; Arthrex; Card Systems; Conric PR & Marketing; Edison National Bank; eBella Magazine; entech; First Florida Integrity Bank; Hodges University; Hyatt Regency Coconut Point and Spa; Jaguar of Fort Myers; Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Company, P.A.; MidWestOne Bank; Stevens Construction; and Windfall. Sponsorships are still available. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Nickole Hendra at 689-4992 or visit [www.dfsswflorida.org](http://www.dfsswflorida.org).\*



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### Apr 20 Dueling Pianos: Moscow Meets Manhattan

**FREE**

at 7:15pm. This international dueling piano and vocal act, comprised of Brian Gurl and Katherine Alexandra, has wowed audiences from Russia and Spain to New York for more than three years. Experience an epic musical journey with a versatile repertoire spanning from Rachmaninoff to ragtime, and from Broadway to the tango. All of this is highlighted by soaring Broadway duets, an engaging stage presence, and several humorous "four hands" pieces. **For more information, call (239) 454-2282.**

### Apr 27 G.M. Collin "Skin Scanner" Event

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### Tues & Thur Yoga Fit at The Club



from 3:45pm to 4:30pm. Get fit with Yoga Fit, a new class offered by The Club at Shell Point. This yoga-inspired session focuses on full-body stretching

and toning, in addition to improving overall fitness. Participants will get on and off the mat to perform various exercises and poses. Cost is \$10 per session, or Club members pay \$8, collected at the door. **For questions, contact Fitness Supervisor Hannah Hosterman at (239) 454-2107.**

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Fort Myers Art:

# Downtown Theaters Showing Comedies



by Tom Hall

On stage in the Off Broadway Palm through Saturday, April 29 is Katherine DiSavino's sentimental comedy *Things My Mother Taught Me*.

The play centers around Gabe (played by James Putnam)

and Olivia (Katie Pankow), two 28-year-olds (OK, she's only 27 and one-half) who have driven a U-Haul from New York to Chicago and are moving into their first apartment together. It's not going well. The brand new chair the couple bought together is wedged tightly in the door frame and won't budge, forcing Olivia and her beau to lug their belongings up the exterior fire escape to their fourth-floor flat. It's an omen. Her day is about to get much, much worse.

Unbeknownst to Liv, Gabe is planning to use the dubious occasion of move-in day to propose. I know. This violates Marriage Proposal Mistake No. 5: Not Waiting for the Right Moment. I mean, really, what girl hasn't dreamed of standing among unpacked boxes and haphazardly arranged furniture, tired, sweaty and frazzled, as her guy drops to one knee to propose marriage?

But this isn't Gabe's worst gaff. Committing Marriage Proposal Mistake No. 3, he has invited both sets of parents to join them on move-in day so that they can be on hand when he pops the question! In Gabe's defense, he's so passionate about Olivia he wants to shout his proposal for the entire world to hear. (He settles for jumping up on the kitchen counter and shouting out that he and the girl of his dreams are moving in together.) But for most women (according

to surveys), the only blunder bigger than proposing in front of family and friends is popping the question at an NFL, NBA or MLB game.

Which brings us to Marriage Proposal Mistake No. 4 – Blabbing about the Plan. Yes, Gabe told his parents and Liv's dad that he plans to ask Olivia to marry him and – you guessed it – Gabe's mom spills the beans, spoiling Gabe's big moment. Awkward.

And awkward describes what ensues during all of Act One. For example, Gabe's mom, Lydia (Nancy Antonio), is a neat-freak who won't allow anyone to cart a stick of furniture into the apartment until it's been cleaned from top to bottom, starting with the top of the refrigerator. Worse, she refuses to allow Olivia to use the commode until the toilet seat is replaced. When Liv insists she has to go now, Lydia crafts a "pee-pee pad" out of paper towels and toilet paper and stays in the room to make sure she uses it. Awkward.

For as bad as Lydia might be, Olivia's mom, Karen (ML Graham), is even worse. Based on her own failed first marriage, Karen has instructed her daughter in no uncertain terms to date lots of different men and, above all else, avoid marriage until she's at least 30 years old. Liv hasn't told her that she and Gabe are moving in together, a fact Karen doesn't discover until she arrives in their apartment on moving day. Awkward.

The semi-autobiographical situation in Act One is so realistic that many of DiSavino's comic one-liners failed to land with the Off-Broadway Palm audience, which found itself shifting uncomfortably in the theater's comfy seats during the show's early scenes. But that provided the perfect set-up for the warm sentimentality and outright hilarity of Act Two, which is heralded by the theft of the U-Haul and, with it, everything in the world that Gabe and Olivia own, including the engagement ring.

For this show, director Paul Bernier has assembled a cohesive cast that puts their all into every line and scene. ML Graham is superb as Olivia's overbearing mother



Cast members of *Things My Mother Taught Me*

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who, in spite of her prickly, judgmental veneer, is proud that her daughter's found love and got it right on her very first try. Nancy Antonio is delightful as Gabe's germaphobic mom, and Katie Pankow is endearing as the beleaguered OCD Olivia. From the play's very first scene, Pankow evinces an understanding and flair for physical comedy and intuitive feel for comedic timing.

While the title of this show is *Things My Mother Taught Me*, it is the men who save the day and the engagement in Act Two. Joel Stigliano is hysterical as the Polish building superintendent who knows that the quickest way for mothers and daughters to overcome their differences comes in the form of shots of honey vodka. Putnam is convincing as the romantic, glass-half-full Gabe, who is Olivia's perfect counterbalance. But it is Rob Summers and Michael Weaver who enjoy the funniest scenes in this light-hearted, full bodied comedy. As Gabe and Olivia's pickle-juiced dads, Wyatt and Carter, they dispense ice cream, whipped cream and drunken advice to a dispirited Gabe after he threatens to call off the engagement rather than propose without a ring.

In spite of his other missteps, Gabe knows that the biggest marriage proposal faux pas is asking for your girl's hand without a ring to seal the deal. Even Wyatt and Carter know that if you liked it, you better put a ring on it. And his solution to the loss of the ring is worth the price of admission alone.

*Things My Mother Taught Me* will leave you with a honey vodka or pickle whiskey kind of feeling. You may even come away with a greater appreciation for the different ways Millennials and Boomers

view love and relationships.

## Florida Rep Comedy Runs Through April 12

On stage now through Wednesday, April 12 at Florida Rep is *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. From set to storyline, music to acting, this production is so warmhearted, engaging and outright hilarious that it deserves your attendance even if you only use your personal copy of Merriam-Webster's or the New Oxford American Dictionary as a door stop or to settle scores on Scrabble night.

For this Bee, Florida Rep Set Designer Mike Winkelman has converted the historic Arcade Theatre into a full-scale gymnasium so realistic you can smell the companionable mix of wood flooring and pubescent pheromones. And it is there, on a skid of retractable metal bleachers, that 10 angst-filled wordsmith wannabes gather for their annual county spelling bee. At stake is not just local nerd-land bragging rights, but a spot in the ESPN-televised Scripps National Spelling Bee in Maryland during the week following Memorial Day.

## Lab Theater Comedy Begins April 14

Written by Alfred Uhry (*Driving Miss Daisy*), *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* takes place in Atlanta, Georgia in December of 1939. *Gone With The Wind* is having its world premiere and, overseas, German armies are massing on the borders as France, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg brace for the blitzkrieg that felled Poland in a scant 35 days while the continent's churches and museums rush to evacuate mankind's greatest works of art to hidden repositories before the bombing begins. But Atlanta's elitist German Jews are much

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## Chorus Captures State Gold Medal

The Spirit of the Gulf Chorus under the direction of Michael Slamka and Deanna Kastler has done it again by winning the coveted first place medals at the annual regional competition held at the Peabody Auditorium in Daytona Beach on Saturday, March 25.

This Fort Myers-based women's a cappella chorus is affiliated with Sweet Adelines International. They are a seven-time regional (State of Florida) champion that has also placed in the top 5 in the international competition. Internationally, they also received the "Most Entertaining Chorus Award" three times by audience vote, in Las Vegas, Denver and Hawaii. Winning the state competition on Saturday qualifies this group for the international competition, which will be held in St. Louis, Missouri in October 2018.

The chorus is comprised of women

ages 12 to 85 years old from all walks of life. Local members drive from as far as the east coast of Florida, as well as having many "snowbird" members who travel thousands of miles to join their "sisters" singing in this award-winning group.

Spirit of the Gulf Chorus will next perform on April 22 at their Spring Show at First Christian Church of Fort Myers. The show will also feature Premiere Quartet who just won first place at the regional quartet competition.

Spirit of the Gulf Chorus performs throughout Southwest Florida, including at the Naples Tree Lighting, Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, local charity drives, winter concert series as well as singing the National Anthem at spring training games and for the recent Harlem Globetrotters game. They also produce a holiday show annually at Barbara B Mann Performing Arts Hall.

For more information or to obtain tickets for the upcoming spring show, call the chorus at 844-704-SING (7464) or visit [www.spiritofthegulf.com](http://www.spiritofthegulf.com).✱

## Spring Fling Festival 2017

Bring your family to celebrate the annual butterfly release at the Holton Eco-Preserve at the annual Spring Fling Festival on Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and share in learning about all plants bright and beautiful in our Southwest Florida environment.

The festival includes guest speakers, children's activities, exciting vendors, food with demonstrations, and the second annual butterfly release.

The Holton Eco-Preserve is the proud sponsor of this gala family event. The eco-preserve is a South Fort Myers non-profit dedicated to helping neighbors be good environmental stewards.

Speakers and workshop hosts will present new ways to enjoy the plants and insects in the local environment. Between noon and 1:45 p.m., there will be activities for the young and young-at-heart. Face painting, games and the ladybug release are just a few of the

family activities planned.

Pine Manor Community Garden will be providing a continental breakfast and lunch featuring homegrown vegetables and refreshments for purchase. All food proceeds will help to fund the work done at the community garden in downtown Fort Myers.

A wide variety of edibles (fruit trees, herbs and vegetables) and native plants will be on display for purchase. Enjoy a collection of local cottage industry products including honey, soaps, worm castings and oils.

Do you have questions about plants, pests or any other gardening and/or landscaping issues? Bring them to the Lee County Master Gardeners located at the Ask the Expert table.

Are you interested in growing your own pesticide free vegetables? Or, maybe you are interested in the natural local beauty. Join in for tours of the Bill Brewer Family Gardens and/or the Holton Eco-Preserve.

For more information, contact Bill Petrarca at 561-2700. Holton Eco-Preserve is located at 13411 Shire Lane off Daniels Parkway in Fort Myers.✱

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## Along The River

The River District Alliance will host the monthly art event called **Art Walk** in **downtown Fort Myers** this Friday, April 7 from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The free, self-guided evening tour of visual arts gallery openings takes place each first Friday and Saturday of each month on a rain or shine basis.

Fourteen galleries invite visitors and residents to meet the artists and enjoy live art demonstrations and live entertainment throughout the river district. On Friday from 6 to 10 p.m., there will be an opening reception at Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center, located at 2301 First Street, featuring exhibit artist and writer Kyra Belan.

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

The **Southwest Florida**

**Symphony** closes its 56th season of Pops in early April with a burst of star power – a weekend of performances featuring multi-Grammy Award winning 1970s pop icon **Debby Boone** in her signature production called *Swing This: Vegas, The '60s and Me* – at **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall**.

Boone's performances, conducted by Cincinnati Pops arranger Maestro Tim Berens, will take place this Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8. Both shows are at 8 p.m. Tickets cost between \$27 and \$87 per person and may be purchased online at [www.swflso.org](http://www.swflso.org) or by visiting the Southwest Florida Symphony Box Office, located at 8290 College Parkway, Suite 103 in Fort Myers or by calling the Symphony Box Office at 418-1500 or at the door, 90 minutes prior to the concert.

Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall is located at 13350 FSW Parkway in Fort Myers. The concerts are sponsored by Scanlon Lexus.

The **Fort Myers Miracle**, Advanced A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins baseball team, will begin another season of baseball festivities this weekend at home park **Hammond Stadium at the CenturyLink Sports Complex**.

The Miracle will host the Jupiter Hammerheads, Advanced-A affiliate of the Miami Marlins, on Saturday, April 8 at 6:05 p.m. Gates open to fans at 4:30 p.m. The Opening Night 25th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday,



The Fort Myers Miracle will open its 25th season on Saturday, April 8

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sponsored by Wendy's, Metro PCS, iHeartMedia and Fox 4, will feature the team wearing their road grey jerseys in honor of the silver anniversary and end with the first of 11 fireworks shows in 2017.

On Sunday, April 9 at 4:05 p.m., Sway, the Miracle's lovable mascot, will be celebrating his second birthday on Family FUNday Sunday presented by Dairy Queen, Cat Country 107.1 and Fox 4. The first 500 fans who attend will receive a 2017 magnet schedule on their way in courtesy of the Florida Forest Service.

Purchase tickets by visiting [www.miraclebaseball.com](http://www.miraclebaseball.com), calling 768-4210 or stopping by Hammond Stadium's fourth floor between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The **Alliance for the Arts** will host **BBQ, Bands & Brew** on its outdoor campus this Saturday, April 8 from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Benefitting Builders Care, the family fun event boasts the best barbecue in town and includes local barbecue vendors, a friendly barbecue competition, live music all day long, games and fun for all ages.

Live entertainment includes Soapy Tuna, Rockin' Horse, Deb & the Dynamics and Ben Allen Band.

Admission is \$10 per person; children age 12 and under are admitted

free. Parking is free; VIP parking is available for a fee.

Blankets and chairs are welcome, but dogs, beach umbrellas and coolers will not be permitted. There will be games for children and adults alike. The Kids' Area showcases a barnyard theme and cornhole games are open to all.

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

The second annual **Taste of Freedom** will be held this Saturday, April 8 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at **Scanlon Lexus of Fort Myers**, 4200 S. Tamiami Trail in Fort Myers. The Southwest Florida Regional Human Trafficking Coalition hosts this food-forward masquerade affair that also presents the opportunity to win a two-year lease on a 2017 Lexus.

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.

More than 15 restaurants have signed up for the fun, foodie-themed masquerade gala featuring cocktails, chef stations, wine, live musical entertainment by local favorite Electric Lipstick, DJ Darius Joseph in chefs' area and attractive adventure auction prizes.

Event tickets are \$100 and can be purchased at [www.SWFL-humantrafficking.org/events](http://www.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.

One lucky raffle winner will win a 2017 Lexus – a choice of either the NX200T or IS350 – from Title Sponsor Scanlon Lexus of Fort Myers. For increased chances, raffle tickets are available in advance of the event for \$50 each or three for \$100 at [www.swfl-humantrafficking.org/events](http://www.swfl-humantrafficking.org/events).

Unintentional falls are the leading cause of death due to injury among Florida residents ages 65 years and

older and the fourth leading cause of death due to injury overall. Attend a **free balance screening** to find out about your fall risk and what you can do to get help to improve your balance and minimize your risk of falling.

The next screening will take place at the **Outpatient Rehabilitation at City Center** this Monday, April 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. A balance screening participant will complete a questionnaire prior to going through balance testing stations manned by licensed physical therapists. A summary of test results and findings will be reviewed during an exit interview with a licensed physical therapist.

The Outpatient Rehabilitation at City Center is located at 3114 Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers. Space is limited. Call 343-4960 to make your reservations.

The historic **Burroughs Home & Gardens** will host its final **tea party** of the season this Tuesday, April 11 at 1 p.m.

The Victorian Fairy Painting Tea is presented by local historical entertainer Laurie Nienhaus and will include a presentation of quality reprints of the great fairy paintings of the Victorian era. Guests will enjoy the scenery of the beautiful gardens from the dancing porch, while learning about the quirks associated with the unique genre of art. Light afternoon tea fare fit for a fairy will be served.

Admission for this interactive program is \$26. Seating is limited. Reservations are required and can be made by emailing Tera@BurroughsHome.com or by calling 337-9505.

The Burroughs Home is located at 2505 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. Parking is free across the street behind the Langford-Kingston Home at 2500 First Street.

For more information, visit [www.uncommonfriends.org](http://www.uncommonfriends.org).

The Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) of SWFL is holding its inaugural **Bling & Bags Bingo** fundraiser this Wednesday, April 12 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at **The Landings** in Fort Myers. The night's special caller and official emcee will be Lee County Tax Collector Larry Hart, who was recently named Public Official of the Year.

The month of April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, which is an appropriate time for CAC to hold its fundraiser, not only to raise funds for the agency, but to raise awareness of the need for programs that protect children. The symbol of this cause is the blue pinwheel. At the event, all attendees will be given one to hold for a group photo which CAC will use throughout the month in its communications.

Tickets are \$45 per person, which includes 12 bingo game cards for a chance to win fine jewelry and designer handbags. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. Tickets must be purchased in advance by going to [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

For more information, call 939-2808 or visit [www.cac-swfl.org](http://www.cac-swfl.org).



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

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## Church Services For Holy Week

Everyone is invited to Holy Week worship services at New Hope Presbyterian Church that begin on Palm Sunday, April 9 and conclude on Easter Sunday, April 16.

On Sunday, April 9, New Hope will have three Palm Sunday worship services to celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. traditional services will include the Grace Notes Handbell Choir directed by Kathryn Ball, and the 11 a.m. will feature contemporary music.

After Palm Sunday worship, everyone is invited to Eggstravaganza on the church lawn for fellowship, food, and fun. Hot dogs, chips and bottled water will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. After the 11 a.m. service, there will be a rock wall, inflatables, train rides, Easter egg hunt, face painting and live music by the Praise Team. This free family event is open to all ages.

On Thursday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m., come celebrate the Lord's Supper and meditate on the glory of the cross at New Hope's Maundy Thursday Communion worship service.

On Friday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m., New Hope will have a Good Friday worship service that will focus on

Jesus' death on the cross with solemn hymns, prayers of thanksgiving and a message centered on His suffering for our salvation.

On Easter Sunday, April 16, New Hope will have four worship services at 6:45 a.m., 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. The 6:45 a.m. sunrise service will be held outside on the lawn. A free pancake and sausage breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 9 a.m.

The 8 and 9:30 a.m. traditional services will be held in the sanctuary. Under the direction of Traditional Music Director Benjamin Ball, the choir will be accompanied by organ, piano and trumpet and will sing the Hallelujah by Ludwig van Beethoven.

The 11 a.m. contemporary service will also be held in the sanctuary with music led by Contemporary Worship Leader Kevin Kenworthy and the New Hope Praise Team. Pastor Eddie Spencer will speak at all four Easter services.

New Hope Presbyterian Church seeks to obey the Great Commission through family ministry, worship, instruction and service. New Hope is located at 10051 Plantation Road in Fort Myers, just two blocks south of Colonial Boulevard.

For more information, contact the church office at 274-1230 or visit [www.newhopefortmyers.org](http://www.newhopefortmyers.org).

## Celebrate Clara Ford's 151st Birthday

On Tuesday, April 11 at 2 p.m., Edison & Ford Winter Estates will celebrate Clara Ford's 151st birthday.

Living history character Clara Ford will greet visitors at her winter estate home, named The Mangoes for the many Mango trees planted around the house. She will discuss her interests and connections with Fort Myers. Clara will be available to answer questions.

Afterward, Senior Horticulturist Debbie Hughes will lead a tour through the Clara Ford Tribute Rose Garden. The rose was Clara's favorite flower, and her Michigan garden had more than 10,000 specimens.

Cost is free for Edison Ford members; \$20 for nonmembers (includes general admission to the site, gardens, lab and museum). Iced tea and



Clara Ford photo provided cookies will be served.

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

## Volunteers Needed To Do The Wave

Organizers are seeking beachgoers to do the "wave" on Fort Myers Beach on Saturday, April 8. Interested participants are asked to meet at the Beach Pier at noon

Join organizers LightMark Productions and Fear No Fin Apparel for the mass congregation. The event is a social media experiment to draw awareness to the water quality issue and help increase awareness. A video will be taken to challenge other beach officials to see if they can get a bigger wave.

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## Comedian To Perform At Hall

On Sunday, May 14, the Barbara B Mann Performing Arts Hall presents Sebastian Maniscalco, the 2016 Just for Laughs' Stand Up Comedian of the Year, with his new hit show *Sebastian Maniscalco: Why Would You Do That?* Maniscalco instantly captivates his audience with his over the top, silly hyper-exaggerated body language and hilarious facial expressions. His Italian machismo persona fits him like a glove as he goes off on the funniest riffs

on life's minor irritations.

In October, Maniscalco returned to *Showtime* with his wildly popular special that was filmed at the Beacon Theatre during one of his seven sold-out shows. The premiere proved to be a major win for the *Showtime* network. *Sebastian Maniscalco: Why Would You Do That?* was the most watched comedy/variety special of 2016, ranking number one with total viewers. The special eclipsed the premieres of his two prior Showtime specials, Sebastian Maniscalco: *Aren't You Embarrassed?* and Sebastian Maniscalco: *What's Wrong With*

*People?* by double and triple digit margins.

"Coming up in this business over the years has taught me to look for folks that are in it for the same reasons I am," said Maniscalco. "I knew we had found a great partner in *Showtime* on my last special, and I am happy we are continuing that relationship. Through their platform, I've been able to expose my stand-up to a broader audience and am looking forward to continuing to ask the hard questions like 'Why Would You Do That?'"

Maniscalco's tour will contribute to the Tag You're It! Foundation, his own charity, by donating \$1 for every ticket sold. The foundation, set up through the California Community Foundation, strives to support research in Alzheimer's disease, children's education and the U.S. military.

Maniscalco is one of comedy's fastest rising new stars. Born and raised in a

working-class Chicago neighborhood, he moved to Los Angeles in 1998 to pursue his comedy career. There, he employed the work ethic his father instilled in him to build his name – simultaneously working as a waiter at the Four Seasons Hotel – and eventually drew the attention of actor Vince Vaughn, who cast him in Vince Vaughn's *Wild West Comedy Show*. Maniscalco also stars in his own wildly popular *The Pete and Sebastian Show* podcast every Friday night. Maniscalco was seen in the 2016 season of Jerry Seinfeld's *Comedians In Cars Getting Coffee* as well as in the upcoming feature films *The House*, starring Will Ferrell and Amy Poehler; *Cruise*, directed by Rob Siegel and produced by Jeremy Renner; and the animated feature *Nut Job 2*.

Visit [www.SebastianLive.com](http://www.SebastianLive.com) and follow @SebastianComedy on Twitter and Instagram.✴

### Lake Kennedy Senior Center

## Isle Of Capri Casino Trip

Join the Kennedy Kruisers as the group heads to Pompano Beach for an day of gaming fun at Isle Of Capri Casino on Wednesday, April 12. Meet at the center's 400 Santa Barbara Boulevard location in Cape Coral at 7:30 a.m.

Get ready to make your lucky selection with over 1,500 slot machines and 38 poker table. An all-you-can-eat buffet will feature salads, freshly baked breads, chicken and beef entrees, stone-baked pizzas and side dishes. Each member will receive a \$10 free play and a \$4 off buffet coupon. Come and join in for another lucky excursion. Preregistration required.

Cost is \$35 per member and \$40 per non-member.

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

## Taste Of Beach Coming In May

The 22nd annual Taste of the Beach will be held on Sunday, May 7 on Old San Carlos Boulevard just down the street from Times Square. Restaurants will offer samples of their signature dishes available for purchase and compete for top Taste of the Beach Award honors in the categories of Best Appetizer, Best Beef or Veal Dish, Best Seafood Dish, Best Chicken Dish, Best Dessert, Best Decorated Booth and People's Choice. Gates open at 11 a.m. Food will be served until it runs out or at 4 p.m. Tickets will be available on site. Admission is \$5 for adults and children over age 12. Children under age 12 are free. Food tickets are \$1 each, with a \$5 average food serving price. Live music

will be provided from noon to 4 p.m.

There are also volunteer opportunities for admission, ticket sales, water sales as well as setup and cleanup. Volunteers receive free admission, 10 complimentary food tickets and free water. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. Contact Rhonda Murray at 454-7500 or [rhonda@fmbchamber.com](mailto:rhonda@fmbchamber.com) for more information.

The Lee County Supervisor of Elections Office will oversee the People's Choice voting. This event is brought to you by the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Visit [www.fortmyersbeach.org/taste-of-the-beach/](http://www.fortmyersbeach.org/taste-of-the-beach/) for more information.✴

## Mini-Masters Golf Tournament

The 5th annual 'Mini' Masters Golf Tournament comes to Jungle Golf on Thursday, April 20 with the first tee time of 4 p.m. and check-in at nearby Pinchers Crab Shack. The Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce event will feature prizes, raffles and mulligans. The jungle survivors will celebrate at the 19th hole at Pinchers Crab Shack where the champions are crowned and legends are made. Trophies will be awarded for winning team, lowest individual score and highest individual score. There will also be a secret hole-in-one prize. Registration is at Pinchers and transportation will be provided to and from Jungle Golf.

Anyone can enter a team, but space is limited to only 18 teams. This event is open to the public and cost is \$150 per five-player team. However, if you just want to watch and mingle afterwards at Pinchers, then sign up for the gallery for just \$5. It's a great opportunity to network.

If you are a chamber member there are an array of sponsorship opportunities and benefits. For more information, download an application at [www.fortmyersbeachminimasters.com](http://www.fortmyersbeachminimasters.com). You can also register and pay for your team or the gallery on the webpage.✴

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

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## SUMMERLIN JAKE'S

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## Feeding Fish Bring More Feeding Fish



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Springtime action has kicked into high gear, with more and more bait and species of fish showing up every day. Tarpon are now beginning to appear in all the usual places, schools of hungry Spanish mackerel are out on the beaches and all the way in through the passes. Snook have made that annual move towards the passes and action on big redfish has also got a little bit more consistent with

30-inch plus bruisers being caught near the passes, too.

April is a big transition month for our fishery, with many of the migratory species showing up a little early this year due to the warm water temperatures. Our water is also in much better condition due to very little rain and no water releases from Lake Okeechobee all winter. We are experiencing one of the better spring set ups we have seen in the past few years and have our fingers crossed that we could see some of the best tarpon fishing in years.

Snook action was my go-to fishery all week, with my anglers enjoying a often crazy wide open bite and experiencing lots of double and triple hook-ups. Once these fish started to feed, often every shiner we cast got bit. Most of these snook were small males in the 20- to 26-inch range. We did hook and tangle with a few real

giants when casting larger shiners to these same places; it seemed the larger models sat way out from the protected shorelines

Along with the snook, we also caught a few small bonus tarpon. A 10-pound plus tarpon will often fool you into thinking you're hooked into a big snook at first... until they start jumping six feet in the air. It's still legal to lift a small tarpon out of the water to safely remove the hook and get a quick photo, as long as its under 40 inches long; the larger models are not allowed to be removed from the water for both the safety of the fish and the angler. These juvenile tarpon are one of my favorite fish we are lucky enough to catch as they are high flying and just explosive fighters.

Many places I caught fish this week it was simply about getting the fish to start feeding. Once you persuaded them to bite, the others got fired up and the bite would just keep going and going. On several half-day trips this week, we only fished two or three places and had great success. Feeding fish attract more feeding fish, and until something changes, it's nuts how many fish you can catch on just one small shoreline. Catching the last few hours of a falling tide, this bite would be not stop until the tide quit moving. Then an hour later, when the tide started coming back in, it would start again.

Watch your speed in the sound this month as manatee zones went back into effect on April 1. After we experienced such a warm winter, manatees never really migrated to the artificial warm water refuge of the power plants like they usually do. This week, the now thriving Florida manatee has been removed from the endangered species list; this is a huge FWC success story. Unfortunately, I seriously doubt we will ever see any changes to our poorly placed slow speed manatee zones. There are no better



Caleb Crocket from Chicago with a juvenile tarpon caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

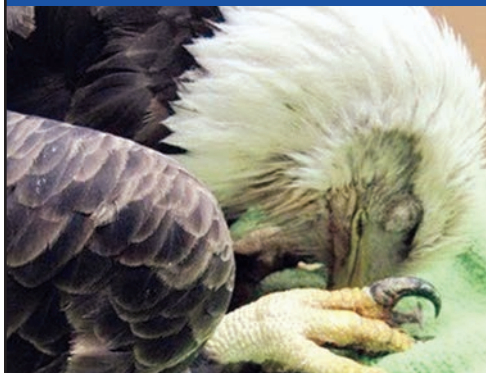
stewards of the environment than the people who get to live on it every day. We all love the harmless manatees and, after years of slow speed zone enforcement and lots of ticket revenue, many of these badly placed protection zones need to be studied, reviewed and then removed. If we need any protection zones in Pine Island Sound at all, they need to be placed in the well known areas that we see the largest populations of manatees. Common sense is that the shallow grass flats where manatees gather in big numbers and feed are the most likely places they may get accidentally struck by a boat. The single most critical factor to the continued population growth of the Florida manatee is improving our water quality.

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

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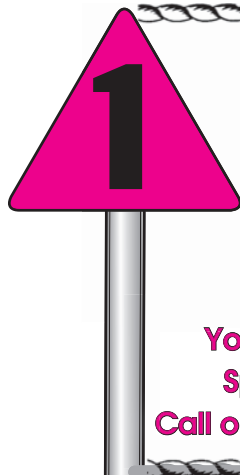


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## CROW Case Of The Week:

## Eagle Fledgling



by Bob Petcher

Some bald eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) begin life with rough circumstances. When more than one chick hatches within a single nest, there can be continuous battles for food and one may not live past their own sibling's fight for nourishment. The larger eaglet may decide to kill the smaller one in a survival of the fittest, while neither parent makes the slightest

effort to intervene.

Then, there is their rapid growth that involves a one-pound gain for every four days of living. That increased appetite has them grow to nearly the same size as their parents at six weeks and gain an even larger appetite at eight weeks. Along the way, the eaglet goes from an insulating gray down coat at four weeks to growing black feathers just weeks later.

Eventually, the eaglet is coerced by his parents to take up flight to begin his own hunting for food. That process is further forced when a parent leaves the eaglet alone to fend for himself. With the young bird hungry, the parent worsens the effect by flying past with food in its talons.

When an eaglet tries to make its first flight, it is often unsuccessful. Wing and tail feathers need to be developed before he or she leaves the nest, and confidence may be needed for another try. By the 11th or 12th week, feathers have usually grown in, baby fat lost and muscle built for better practice at flight. If the young eagle tries flight and lands on the ground, parents will drop food at the grounded bird as a reward until the eaglet becomes a successful fledgling. But it does take weeks for a juvenile eagle to hone its skills, nail its landings and improve agility.

At CROW, a juvenile bald eagle arrived from Cape

Coral last week. It was found in a grassy median of the roadway with a possible wing injury. CROW officials stated the fledgling arrived emaciated, but alert. Upon reviewing x-rays, it was determined that the bird had a fractured humerus in its left wing.

Unfortunately, the patient's injury was deemed difficult to repair due to the location and size of the fracture. CROW medical staff decided not to place pins in the fracture site.

"The humeral fracture in the bald eagle is a proximal humeral fracture, meaning it is high up the bone and near the shoulder joint," said CROW intern Dr. Spencer Kehoe. "These proximal humeral fractures are very difficult to repair and require very advanced surgical techniques. In the case of this bald eagle, the fracture was so close to the shoulder, and the proximal fragment – the piece of bone closest to the body – was broken into at least two pieces, making surgery a less viable option."

CROW medical staff decided immobilizing the wing with body wraps would be best in this case. They intend to recheck the fracture site with additional x-rays in a couple of weeks to ensure it is healing properly. The patient will be treated with pain medication and nutritional support as it heals.

"Sometimes, the body is able to heal itself well enough for the animal to regain normal function," said Dr. Kehoe. "We placed the wing in a wrap with a bandage that goes around the affected wing and the rest of the body, so that it pins it tight to the side of the body. For a fracture to heal, the bones involved need to be immobilized and stabilized near each other for the body to bridge the fracture with new healthy bone."

Such a procedure will take time to heal, but nothing is guaranteed as far as the young eagle's life in the wild.

After the weekend, the patient was reportedly eating well on its own and placed outdoors in a secluded cage to be in a "calmer and relaxing environment" to help with the healing process.

"It is hard to say when the fracture will heal, as there are many variables that come into play. We hope it will



Patient #17-805 prior to having his wing immobilized

photo by Brian Bohlman

be well on its way by four to six weeks, but the patient will still need PT (physical therapy) and exercise to build up strength in that wing after the bones heal," said Dr. Kehoe. "In reality, there is a low chance for a complete return to function and release, but it is possible. If the eagle is unable to regain 100 percent function, then we will find it a home in an education facility that can teach the public about these and other animals."

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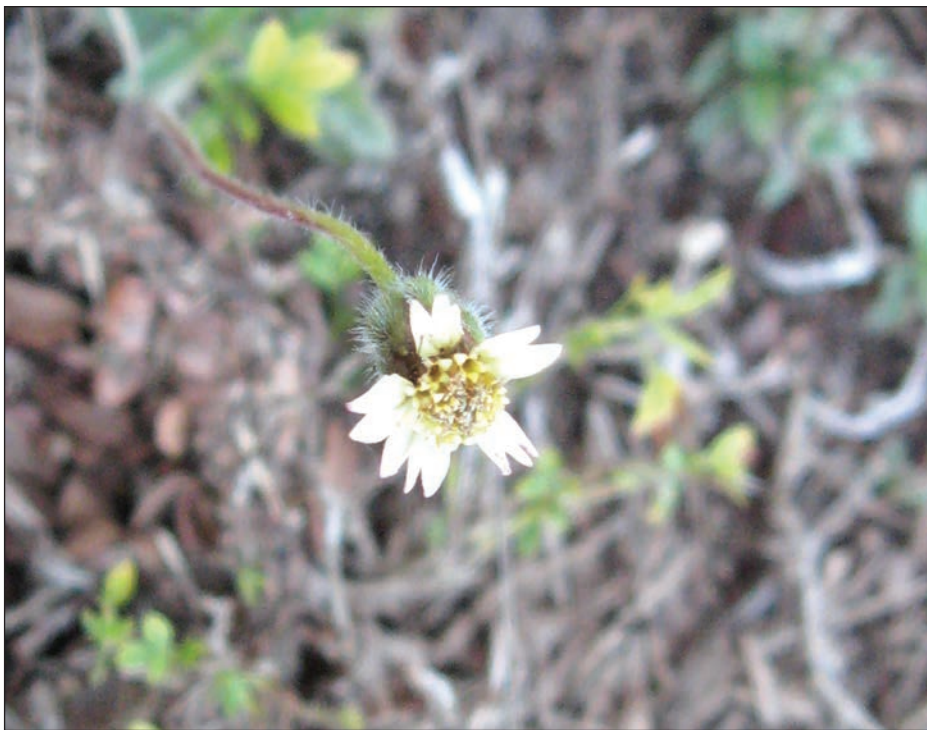
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Coatbuttons is a member of the aster family and listed as a noxious weed

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#### Plant Smart

## Coatbuttons

by Gerri Reaves

**C**oatbuttons (*Tridax procumbens*) is a perennial wildflower native to South and Central America and is classified at the state and federal level as a noxious weed.

A noxious weed is “an exotic species that is listed in Florida state regulations as a pest of agriculture, an invader of natural areas, or a threat to protected plant species.”

Accidentally introduced to the U.S. in the 1920s, the plant has become all too common in South and Central Florida, spread in large part by its plentiful wind-dispersed seeds.

It can pop up about anywhere, from pinelands and lawns, to undeveloped lots, roadsides and beside sidewalks.

The word *Tridax* refers to the creamy yellow-white ray flowers and *procumbens* refers to its procumbent habit – trailing or spreading along the ground.

The branches spread out from a main taproot, sometimes forming dense mats. The creeping stems can be as

long as 30 inches.

Superficially, this pretty weed resembles the native wildflower Spanish needles (*Bidens alba*), a fellow member of the aster family.

Like many asters, coatbuttons is daisy-like, having both ray flowers and a central disk flower. In fact, *tridax* daisy is one of its other common names.

Three to six toothed ray flowers surround a disk packed with tiny yellow flowers and measuring about a half-inch across.

The flowers bloom all year long, appearing singly atop hairy upright stems as tall as eight inches.

The dark green leaves are opposite, lance-shaped, toothed, coarse and hairy.

On the positive side, coatbuttons – like asters in general – is a nectar source for butterflies.

Also, it is used medicinally to treat a variety of conditions.

Sources: *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer, *Wildflowers of Florida* by Jaret C. Daniels and Stan Tekiela, [freshfromflorida.com](http://freshfromflorida.com), [invasive.org](http://invasive.org), [usda.gov](http://usda.gov) and [wildsouthflorida.com](http://wildsouthflorida.com).

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

## Identifying A Sea Level Problem

submitted by Kate Gooderham,  
ASBPA Managing Director

**C**ommunities with coastal management programs in place may feel they are ready for whatever sea level change may throw at them (within reason). Should the level rise, they can adapt by increasing the height of the beach and dunes to compensate for both higher tides and stronger storms.

But for those communities who are on islands or on barrier beaches, what about the non-beach side? Is it ready for any rise in tides? What other vulnerable areas need to be looked at? It does you no good to have a high-and-dry beachfront if your mainland access is under water.

Communities around the country are facing the very real sea level change impacts already, as flooding that once was rare now becomes far too common. Often, these calamities make themselves felt on the non-beachfront side first, in a variety of subtle ways that can easily sneak up on you due to their slow progression.

How will you know there's a problem – and what (if anything) can be done?

**Flooding:** First and foremost, increased flooding (in both depth and frequency) is a dead giveaway that sea level is on the rise. Often the first indication there is a problem is that streets are inundated more frequently, by waterfront properties complaining that their lawns are being attacked by seawater, and by seeing flood levels creeping higher and higher. Those are clear warning signs. What can you do? Elevate buildings, roadways, you name it; improve drainage in low-lying areas (assuming your drainage is not being similarly affected); even consider ways to create either barriers or distance on the non-beach side between high water lines and upland structures or infrastructure using wetlands, vegetation or other soft or hard structures.

**Septic Systems:** If your community still relies on these systems for wastewater treatment, changes in sea level that push the groundwater levels higher will soon have an impact on their effectiveness. Most septic systems rely on drainfields to treat waste and must have significant separation (24 inches, as a rule) from the underlying groundwater. If those drainfields are inundated or holding tanks are sitting in ground water, you have a problem. What can you do? Nothing cheaply... moving to so-called performance systems (which clean wastewater above ground before releasing it into the ground) are pricey and take a lot of work to keep them running effectively. The alternative may be a move to sanitary sewer, which is a major public works effort requiring both time and money aplenty.

**Potable Or Irrigation Water:** Wells also feel an impact from rising ground water, either through salt water intrusion or increased pressure on the

freshwater “lens” or aquifer your wells are accessing. What can you do? Move away from relying on wells or expect to install desalination devices on them. If you're not on a central water system now, you will be soon... and either looking for a purer source or figuring out your options to remove the salt. That may also push your community toward a re-use or “gray water” system, to avoid having to use increasingly expensive potable water for irrigation.

**Stormwater Management And Drainage:** If levels are higher and storms are stronger, your community will need to be able to hold back higher levels or water... or retain more stormwater before needing to drain it immediately away. And if some of your current drainage outfalls are starting to go under water, their ability to work when needed will be increasingly compromised. What can you do? Higher berms for retention or to forestall flooding, move outfalls higher and install one-way gates so water goes out but will not be drawn back in.

**Non-beachfront Barriers:** Holding back any rising tides on the bay side will take either barriers or buffers (as noted above). But you'll also need to look at what's already in place to see if they'll be able to stand up to higher water levels. What can you do? If you're using seawalls, they may need to be modified to both go higher and to avoid failure through overtopping or undercutting. And hard structures may need to be replaced with “living” shorelines, which create both a better buffer and give you the ability to move them further inland as waters push them there.

**Natural Vs. Human Resources:** An island is finite and, as waters around it rise, there's less land to go around. Prized coastal ecosystems that rely on a delicate mix of conditions – especially between fresh and salt water – will be squeezed... hard. What can you do? It will be necessary for your community to eventually make some tough choices to balance natural and human needs... and these will not be just environmental choices but economic ones, should rising water levels start pushing costs equally higher. It's better to start that conversation sooner, before options are limited and change is imminent.

Some coastal experts may quibble about how much sea level is likely to change, but no one ever says there won't be change. So coastal professionals charged with keeping their communities safe and prepared for any pending sea level change must look at all the potential vulnerabilities in order to be effective at their jobs. In many communities, the most vulnerable points may be far away from the sandy beach – and the solutions may be both complicated and costly to implement. This makes it even more imperative that your community begin the planning process now. Developing a management plan will be even more critical in years to come.

That's why understanding these pressure points for sea level change is crucial, and having a clear-eyed assessment of vulnerability and timeframe is essential.\*



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## Scorsese Film

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to strategize, supervise, and provide topographical, tidal and weather-related consultation to recreate and capture the true conditions of the surrounding waters. He worked closely with local government and crews, providing his expertise for a realistic approach to the location and budgeting, and remaining environmentally and culturally conscious of the filming location.

The film is the result of Scorsese's 28-year journey to bring the 1966 acclaimed novel by Shusaku Endo to life. *Silence* made its debut on December 2016, and is currently in theaters nationwide.

To learn more about the Julians' history within the filming industry, visit [www.MarineTeam.net](http://www.MarineTeam.net).\*



On the set of Martin Scorsese's *Silence*

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Cast and crew preparing to film the drowning scene



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Jennifer Bobka, Conservancy of Southwest Florida education specialist with Horatio the Red-Tailed Hawk at the Earth Day Festival on April 16

## Conservancy To Host Earth Day Festival April 22

The Southwest Florida community is invited to the Conservancy of Southwest Florida's Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Conservancy Nature Center, located at 1495 Smith

Preserve Way in Naples. From electric boat tours to live animal shows, to live music and great food, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida's annual Earth Day Festival offers a full day of fun and educational eco-friendly activities for visitors of all ages.

"Our Earth Day Festival provides fun for all ages and a family-friendly atmosphere for our community to celebrate the Earth, while learning about the unique qualities of nature that make

the world we live in so special," said Rob Moher, president and CEO of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. "As our biggest community celebration of the year, we are pleased to have the opportunity to share our love for the Earth with people of all ages, and hope to instill our commitment to preserving its natural beauty within the minds of our guests as well."

The festival has many activities this year including Glen Beitmen of Super Science and Amazing Art. Children will have the opportunity to participate in science experiments throughout the day in the Kids' Zone. There will be hands-on activities with Snapology Legos Presents Nature's Super Transformers. Guests can enjoy live music, a variety of food vendors, a bounce house and more.

For the youngest guests, the Golisano Children's Museum of Naples will be hosting special family-friendly day-long activities. The Little Explorer Play Zone and Junior Vet Lab will be open for play for children under age six, and the Kids' Zone will feature a variety of activities for children, including games, crafts, face painting and sand art.

Offering a fun day of celebration for the whole family, admission to the eco-friendly event is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and free for children under 2 years old. Admission is free for Conservancy members. For a full schedule of events, visit [www.Conservancy.org/EarthDay](http://www.Conservancy.org/EarthDay).

Earth Day Festival sponsors include



Conservancy of Southwest Florida biologist Vanessa Booher shows a snake skeleton to one of the young guests of the Earth Day Festival

Naples Daily News, *Florida Weekly* and D'Latinos, Hertz and Whole Foods. Conservancy's largest community event of the year will feature a variety of vendors and environmental exhibitors showcasing educational and entertaining family activities and experiences for guests to enjoy.\*

## Spring Science Cruise On April 15

Pure Florida is celebrating spring with a Spring Science Cruise featuring EGGciting experiments in Naples and Fort Myers on Saturday, April 15 with cruises departing in Naples at 10 a.m. and in Fort Myers at noon. The Spring Science Cruise is free to children with paid adult admission as part of Pure Florida's Kids Cruise Free Program.

Children and their families will enjoy EGGsperimenting with colors, discovering different types of eggs and seeing the wonders of the water aboard Pure Florida's Spring Science Cruises in Naples or Fort Myers. Guests cruising from Pure Florida's Naples location will travel along the Gordon River aboard the *M/V Double Sunshine* with Glen Beitmen of Super Science & Amazing Art. Guests visiting Pure Florida's Fort Myers location will cruise along the Caloosahatchee River aboard the *M/V Edison Explorer* with Marina Hurt of Pure Florida's Pure Education team. When the experimenting is done, families can enjoy sightseeing along Southwest Florida's waterways. Guests are invited to post pictures to social media using hashtag #GoPureFL for a chance to receive a \$100 gift certificate to Pure Florida for additional fun on the water.

Cruise admission at Pure Florida's Naples location is \$37.50 for adults with free child admission with every paid adult. Additional child admission is \$18.75. Pure Florida's Fort Myers location's cruise admission is \$32.50 for adults with free child admission with every paid adult. Additional child admission is \$16.

While Pure Florida cannot guarantee animal sightings in the wild, the captain will alert passengers to wildlife such as dolphins, eagles, manatee, native birds and more. The *M/V Double Sunshine* departs from the historic Tin City, located at 1200 Fifth Avenue South in Naples and the *M/V Edison Explorer* departs from The Marina at Edison Ford, located at 2360 W. First Street in Fort Myers. Reservations are required.

For more information on Pure Florida, or to register for a cruise, call Pure Florida's Naples location at 263-4949, its Fort Myers location at 919-2965 or visit [www.PureFL.com](http://www.PureFL.com).\*

## Preserve Field Trip

A park ranger will lead a field trip at Sister Vesta Newcomb Wildlife Preserve, located adjacent to the Koreshan State Historic Site and the Estero River on Saturday, April 8 from 9 to 11 a.m. Wear long pants and closed toe shoes and bring binoculars, water and bug spray. Entry fees to the park are \$5 per vehicle with a limit 2 to 8 people per vehicle and \$4 for a single occupant vehicle.

The preserve is owned by Audubon of Florida and managed by Koreshan State Historic Site. It was part of the Koreshan Unity settlement and is primarily a slash-pine scrub area that was donated to Audubon to be maintained and preserved in its natural state and provide an area for wildlife. Come and learn about the natural and cultural history of the preserve.

Space is limited to no more than 20 people. Send e-mail reservations to [audubon.southwest.florida@gmail.com](mailto:audubon.southwest.florida@gmail.com).\*

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# Day-Late Television Viewer's Email Alters Outcome Of Golf Tournament



by Ed Frank

It's absolutely ridiculous when a television viewer's day-late email can change the outcome of a major golf tournament.

But that's exactly what occurred to Florida's 22-year-old Lexi Thompson,

who was assessed a four-stroke penalty last Sunday just as she was closing in on winning the ANA Inspiration, the LPGA's first major of the year.

A television viewer had e-mailed LPGA officials to report Thompson had allegedly made a one-inch ball placement error the day before. And, 24 hours later, when she was on the 13th hole of the final round and cruising to what appeared an easy victory, Thompson was levied the four-stroke penalty – two for misplacing the ball and two for signing an erroneous score card the day before.

The penalty sparked an outrage. "Viewers at home should not be officials wearing stripes," said Tiger Woods.

It's not the first time that golf officials have levied late penalties after television viewers had called in or emailed what they believed were violations.

If you've watched golf, you know that tournament officials follow the players on the course to enforce the rules and answer questions. These are the rightful persons charged with assessing penalties-- not a television viewer hundreds or thousands of miles away.

If a know-it-all television viewer can change the outcome of a golf tournament, will we soon allow this practice to alter the play of other sports?

We now have official television reviews in baseball, basketball and football. Maybe we should have television viewers make such decisions if you follow last Sunday's debacle in Ancho Mirage, California.

The personable Thompson, who is fast becoming the face of the LPGA, was gracious when told of her infraction that occurred 24 hours earlier. "Every day is a learning process," she said. "I'll learn from it and hopefully do better."

The ruling probably cost her \$155,000, the difference between the first-place check of \$405,000 and second place of \$250,000.

After surviving the shock and the tears of the penalty, she forced a playoff with eventual winner So Yeon Ryu by birding three of the final holes.

And, even in defeat after the huge penalty, she stopped to sign autographs for her adoring fans.

Despite the bizarre penalty, the Florida-born Thompson will continue her amazing professional career where she already has won more than \$5 million dollars.

She turned professional at the age of 15, and a year later set a LPGA record by becoming the youngest-ever winner by capturing the Navistar LPGA Classic. She won her first Major in 2014, the Kraft Nabisco Championship.

We know that most golfers are sticklers when it comes to following the rules.

But, assessing a day-late, four-stroke penalty as the result of a television viewer's email is beyond what you would call reasonable.



Lexi Thompson photo courtesy LPGA

## Miracle Home Opener Saturday Night

The Fort Myers Miracle baseball team opens its 25th anniversary season Saturday night at 6:05 p.m. hosting the Jupiter Hammerheads at CenturyLink Sports Complex.

A gigantic fireworks show will follow the home opener. A Sunday matinee at 4:05 p.m. will be played the next day.

The popular Doug Mientkiewicz is returning as Miracle manager after spending the last two years managing the Double-A Chattanooga Lookouts.

In his first year here in 2013, Mientkiewicz led the Miracle to the best record in the Florida State League at 79-56. The next year, he managed the local team to the league championship.

The Miracle is the advanced Class A team of the Minnesota Twins.✪

## Spring Training Store To Close

The Boston Red Sox Spring Training Team Store at JetBlue Park, located at 11500 Fenway South Drive in Fort Myers, will officially close for the season on Friday, April 14.

Beginning March 30, the team store will offer 50 percent off regular retail prices on all items, including authentic merchandise, novelties, youth apparel, men's and women's apparel, hats and St. Patrick's Day apparel, except its published programs and media guides.

Store hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the store phone number is 226-4732.

The Red Sox Spring Training Team Store is not scheduled to reopen until January 2018.✪



Action at a past roller hockey game

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## Roller Hockey Championship And Free Clinic

Lee County will host the 2017 National Collegiate Roller Hockey Championships from Wednesday, April 5 to Saturday, April 9 at the Fort Myers Skatium, 2250 Broadway in Fort Myers.

During the championships, the National Collegiate Roller Hockey Association (NCRHA) will also host the Mission Hockey College, which is a free, one-hour youth roller hockey clinic for players ages 5 to 15, at the same venue. The clinic will be 5 p.m. Saturday, April 8, with check-in available at the Fort Myers Skatium beginning at 4 p.m. Space is limited and will be filled on a 'first come, first serve' basis. Only the first 50 players to email a player's

name, age, position and emergency contact name and telephone number to NCRHAHockeyCollege@gmail.com will enjoy this developmental opportunity.

The National Collegiate Roller Hockey Championships is expected to create considerable economic impact across the Lee County area by attracting approximately 1,160 out-of-town visitors, generating about 1,740 hotel room nights and resulting in approximately \$1.1 million in direct spending.

The championships will bring together more than 700 outstanding roller hockey players from 56 of the nation's best collegiate teams. For local Lee County youth players, who already possess the basic knowledge and skills of skating and roller hockey, this presents an opportunity to learn from many of collegiate roller hockey's finest.

For more information relating to the Mission Hockey College clinic, visit [www.ncrha.org](http://www.ncrha.org).✪

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Pitcher Wandy Rodriguez set a Texas Rangers record in 2015 for consecutive batters retired (34). Who had held the team mark?
2. How many times did Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan lead a league in shutouts?
3. When was the last time the University of Indiana football team won a bowl game?
4. In the 2014-15 NBA season, John Wall became the second Washington Wizards player to average 10 assists in a season. Who was the first?
5. When was the last time before the 2016-17 NHL season that the Philadelphia Flyers won 10 consecutive games?
6. When was the last time before 2016 that Mexico's men's soccer team won a World Cup qualifying match in the U.S.?
7. Boxer Vinny Paz won titles in three weight classes during a 60-fight pro career (1983-2004). Name the weight classes.

## ANSWERS

1. Ken Hill retired 31 consecutive batters in 1996. 2. Three times: 1972 (nine), 1976 (seven) and 1979 (five). 3. It was 1991. 4. Rod Strickland averaged 10.5 assists per game during the 1997-98 season. 5. It was the 1985-86 season, when Philadelphia won 13 in a row. 6. It was 1972. 7. Lightweight, junior middleweight and super middleweight.





Michael Volk

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## Bike Shop Hires New Manager

If you already own a bicycle and it just needs perked up, the Bike Bistro team is pleased to welcome Michael "Mike"

Volk as its full-time service manager, known as the head wrench. Volk has been trained by some of the best mechanics and areas most experienced technicians throughout his eight years of professionally working on bicycles.

"I was always taking apart bikes and

putting them back together, as a child. Today, a bicycle is my daily commuter," said Volk, who owns seven bicycles and counting. "You can really never have too many." He is a versatile cyclist, from participating in fund-raising events to trail and road rides.

"Mike brings his depth of knowledge and experience to the work bench," said Bike Bistro Owner Steve Martin. "He has been around bikes most of his life, leaving him with years and years of know-how coupled with quality training. We are just delighted to welcome him to our team."

Volk moved to Fort Myers 16 years ago when most of his family migrated to the area from Virginia. He enjoys a good challenge at the service bench and helping others be happy with their ride brings joy and satisfaction to Volk.

Bike Bistro is a mash-up of two concepts that unassumingly go hand in hand: bikes and coffee. If you never thought to pair them together, don't worry, the Bike Bistro team is there to make sense of it seven days a week. "Coffee is integral with the attitude of cycling," said Martin.

Bike Bistro caters to all riders of all styles, types and levels. From carbon

to cargo, the shop carries renowned brands like Felt, Fuji and Bianchi. Bike Bistro offers brands made in the United States like Litespeed titanium bikes, as well as electric bicycles by Prodeco Tech, BionX and Felt.

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Ron Price meets members of the Daughters of the American Revolution

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## Veterans Honored At Ceremony

Estero Island Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) recently honored more than 75 local Vietnam Veterans at a Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony at the Fort Myers Regional Library in recognition of the nation's 50th Vietnam War Commemoration program. Lawrence Kearny and Caloosahatchee NSDAR chapters co-hosted the event on March 29.

Veterans attended along with their friends and families as they were recognized one by one with a presentation of certificates of

appreciation and 50th Vietnam War Commemoration lapel pins. The Vietnam Veterans of America Firebase #594 presented the colors and a POW/MIA Missing Man ceremony was held. Veterans and active duty from all wars were recognized. Four women Vietnam veterans participated in the event.

Commissioner Frank Mann read a proclamation on behalf of the Lee County Board of Commissioners and Alexis Mansolo read remarks on behalf of Sen. Lizbeth Benaquisto. Other local dignitaries in attendance were Fort Myers Mayor Randall Henderson, Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass, Commissioner Brian Hamman, Lt. Angelo Vaughn of the Lee County Sheriff's Office, Tami Holliday representing U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson; and Leilani Gonzalez representing

Rep. Ray Rodrigues. Other guests at the ceremony were Tom Doerr, news director for WINK-TV, and Kim Gaide, BSM, military support coordinator of Lee Health.

Connie Lizak, newly elected NSDAR state registrar and Estero Island Chapter honorary regent, offered this to the veterans, "This may be 50 years overdue for some of you, but we say 'thank you' to you and your families for your service."

Mission BBQ, which generously supports veterans and military, provided food for the ceremony, as did Annie's Restaurant of Cape Coral and members of the Lawrence Kearny and Caloosahatchee NSDAR chapters.

Throughout the month, Estero

Island Chapter, Caloosahatchee, and Lawrence Kearny chapters of NSDAR co-hosted a 50th Vietnam War Commemoration Display at the library.

The 50th Vietnam War Commemoration activities are being held in tandem with the national organization based in Washington, DC, and DAR chapters across the country to recognize the sacrifices of Vietnam War veterans and their families. This is part of a national effort to recognize the men and women who returned home after the war 50 years ago and are now being honored for their contribution to our nation's history.

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## Financial Focus

# How 'Sandwich Generation' Can Relieve Financial Stress



by Jennifer Basey

**D**on't worry too much if you haven't heard, but April is National Stress Awareness Month. Of course, stress can present emotional and physical challenges to all of us,

but if you belong to the "sandwich generation" – that is, you may be caring for aging parents while still supporting your own children – you may be facing some financial stress as well. What can you do to relieve it?

For one thing, be aware that you're certainly not alone. About one in seven middle-aged adults is providing financial support to both an aging parent and a child, according to the Pew Research Center.

Still, knowing that you have plenty of company won't provide you with solutions for your own situation. So consider the following:

- Suggest "downsizing." Are your parents still paying a costly mortgage on a house that's now too big for them? You might want to encourage them to think about downsizing. They may be emotionally attached to their home, but they might benefit substantially if they moved someplace that's less expensive.

- Talk to parents about their income sources. Are your parents maximizing their Social Security payments? Are they following a sensible withdrawal strategy for their IRA, 401(k) or other retirement accounts? You may want to recommend that they work with a qualified financial professional.

- Discuss all legal arrangements. Be aware of your parents' estate plans and the status of important legal

documents – will, living trust, power of attorney, health care directive, and so on. When the time arises for any of these arrangements to take effect, you don't want to face any unpleasant – and possibly costly – surprises.

- Find out about health care. Try to learn about your parents' health insurance coverage. And have they done anything to protect themselves from the potentially catastrophic costs of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay? You may not be able to do a great deal for them in these areas, but at the least, you may be able to get them to take some positive action on their own behalf.

- Don't ignore your own retirement savings. Even if you can afford to provide some financial support to your parents, don't shortchange yourself when it comes to your own retirement savings. You don't get a "do-over" when it comes to putting away money for retirement, so contribute as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

- Prioritize your investment choices. If you would like to help your children go to college, you might want to consider a college savings vehicle. Still, you may need to prioritize your investments. After all, your children will likely have a variety of options – such as loans and scholarships – to help them pay for school, and they may also be able to reduce costs substantially by going to a community college their first two years. But you are basically "up against the clock" when it comes to saving for retirement, so you'll want to take that into account when allocating your investment dollars.

Belonging to the sandwich generation can certainly produce feelings of anxiety. But by following the above suggestions, you may be able to reduce some of this stress. And by doing so, you can help your parents, your children – and yourself.

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## Kiwanis Donates To Five Nonprofits

**K**iwanis Club of Fort Myers Gateway to the Islands recently announced it made \$1,000 donations to five local non-profit agencies: Early Learning Coalition, Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships (HTAP), Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida (CAC), United Way and Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida.

United Way will use the money for its Reading Pals early literacy program. The program is designed to match volunteers with at-risk young children who have not been exposed to reading. The "pals" work with the children one-on-one for an hour a week throughout the school year. Progress of early reading skills is assessed three times a year and tracked relatively to the amount of intervention each child receives.

"Most of these children have no books at home. Book drives and donations are relied upon to enable us to give books to the children to help build a home library, but often the donated books are not new. The donation from Kiwanis Gateway to the Islands will enable United Way to purchase new take home books for each of the 184 children who are currently participating in the program," said Nancy Coker, United Way community relations manager.

The Early Learning Coalition serves

an average of 3,300 children from economically disadvantaged homes in Lee County. In order to draw the funds needed to provide child care scholarships, the coalition must raise 6 percent of the total amount. They will use the \$1,000 donation to help with its matching funds requirement for Lee County.

HTAP will use the donation for ArtReach, an interactive creative arts program for boys and girls developed by the agency. It is designed to instill a sense of awareness about human trafficking in our community. The program uses painting, theatre and photography as mediums to deliver the students' messages about human trafficking and to empower them to become peer spokespersons.

The club also signed on as a \$1,000 sponsor for fundraisers being put on by Healthy Start and the Children's Advocacy Center. Healthy Start's annual Boots and Bling event is Saturday, May 6 at Florida SouthWestern State College, and this year will feature a "horse" race. CAC's Bling & Bags Bingo event is Wednesday, April 12 at The Landings. Guests will play bingo for the chance to win designer bags and jewelry.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.

For more information on Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers Gateway to the Islands, call 218-5768 or email [gttkiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:gttkiwanis@gmail.com).✱

## Bank Ranked For Performance

**S**anibel Captiva Community Bank has been named among the top 20 banks in S&P Global Market Intelligence's 2016 ranking of the 100 best-performing community banks with under \$1 billion in assets in the U.S.

Ranked 19th, the local bank is one of only three Florida banks and the only one in Southwest Florida named to the top 100 among 4,585 eligible banks and thrifts in this national category.

"Sanibel Captiva Community Bank's ranking attests to our exponential growth and strength in the community we serve," said Sanibel Captiva Community Bank President and CEO Craig Albert. "Our strong financial performance allows us to give back to the community through financial support and volunteerism for more than 90 Southwest Florida nonprofit organizations, helping make our community even stronger."

S&P Global Market Intelligence used six metrics to calculate the ranking: pretax return on average tangible common equity; net charge-offs as a percentage of average loans; efficiency ratio; adjusted Texas ratio; net interest margin; and loan growth.

In a statement, S&P Global Market Intelligence Senior Director of Global Financial Institutions J.P. O'Sullivan noted, "The performance

of the finalists is extremely impressive, especially in such a competitive banking environment. Community banks and credit unions are an integral part of their local economies, helping people and businesses access credit and drive dollars back into the community. Each of these institutions has demonstrated a clear commitment to excellence, and the results speak for themselves."

Eligibility required a loan-to-asset ratio of at least 33 percent, with no more than half of those loans from credit cards. Companies also need to be well-capitalized according to current regulatory standards, and no more than half the institution's revenue could come from nontraditional banking activities.

S&P Global Market Intelligence, a leader in multiasset class research data and insight, is a division of S&P Global, a leading provider of transparent and independent ratings, benchmarks, analytics and data to the capital and commodity markets.

Founded in 2003, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank has two locations on Sanibel: the main office at 2475 Library Way and 1037 Periwinkle Way, and five additional locations in Fort Myers: in the Edison Theatre building in downtown Fort Myers; in the Myerlee community; on McGregor Boulevard near Kelly Road; on College Parkway; and at the intersection of Gateway Boulevard and Devonshire Lakes Drive.

To learn more, visit [www.SanCapBank.com](http://www.SanCapBank.com).✱

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We spend on ourselves and, especially at the beginning and the end of our lives, others spend for us and on us.

There are four great potential interrupters of cash flow: unemployment, death, disability and retirement. And financial instruments exist to protect against these last three threats.

As for the interruption of cash flow resulting from death, life insurance was created hundreds of years ago. Some life insurance, of course, is used for its lump-sum benefit, such as for buying a business from a deceased partner's estate or paying off a loan or taxes in a single payment. But the vast majority of life insurance is used in the family setting to replace the cash flow that had been provided to the spouse and kids from the earned income of the breadwinner who died. He or she no longer needs the cash flow, but the survivors sure do.

Regarding retirement, the paycheck stops when the worker leaves the workforce. But our financial system has devised retirement-income plans – and tax law has encouraged and supported them – to replace that lost income and thus continue the cash flow, hopefully for the rest of the retiree's life and that of the spouse, if needed.

As for disability, many people do not think about this at all, or they assume that this is a benefit that is automatically provided by the employer or that Social Security will cover. So, they feel, they do not have to worry about it.

Large employers' benefit packages do cover disability, subject to limits, as

discussed below. But many medium and small employers do not. And Social Security can be helpful but is hard to qualify for, has a long wait and, in many cases, pays an inadequate benefit.

Employer-provided disability benefits received, if the premium has been paid for by the employer and not included as salary for the employee, are taxable as ordinary income. And, depending on the design of the plan, it may or may not pay benefits all the way to normal retirement age, even if the disability lasts that long.

Major shortcomings of most employer-provided plans include the cap on the amount of salary that is covered. The plan may cover the first \$8,000 or \$10,000 of gross monthly income and pay 60 percent of that income as a disability benefit. And the formula usually does not cover bonuses. So, a person making \$15,000 or \$20,000 per month plus a bonus will get only a fraction of that 60 percent. Plus, it usually covers just total, not partial, disabilities.

Those who enjoy no employer-provided disability benefit or who make substantially more than the maximum covered salary have an alternative if they are healthy enough to be insurable.

They can obtain an individual income-replacement policy from one of a number of insurers. In many cases, one can in this way cover earnings up to 70 percent of gross earnings and can have it payable during total or partial disability all the way to retirement age. This policy is portable, going with the employee from one job to another. The premium is usually paid by the employee with after-tax dollars, then any benefits are received tax-free. If the employer chooses to pay this policy's premium for the employee, then premiums paid are deductible by the employer and not taxable to the employee, but any disability benefit received would be taxable as ordinary income.

Having an emergency fund is essential in protecting one's cash flow. But for longer, even permanent, interruptions of cash flow due to death or disability, insurance can be a godsend.

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## Calusa Chapter MOAA Meeting

Col. Gary Nolan (USAF Ret.) will be the speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Calusa Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America on Saturday, April 8. The 10:30 a.m. meeting will be held at Gulf Coast Village, 1333 Santa Barbara, in Cape Coral.

All current, former and retired military officers and spouses are invited to attend. The cost for the buffet breakfast is \$15, payable at the door (cash only). Reservations are requested and may be made by contacting Natalie Pittenger at 689-5899 or [nfaino@comcast.net](mailto:nfaino@comcast.net).

comcast.net.

For more information about the Calusa Chapter of MOAA, contact Calusa Chapter President Gary Peppers at 573-6690. Contact Tom Wagner at 608-658-6254 for membership information.✴

## Legion Luau

American Legion Post 38 will hold a Hawaiian Luau Party at its 1857 Jackson Street location on Saturday, April 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. Chicken Kabobs or Ham will be served. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for non-members. There will be free entertainment with DJ "Hollywood" Frank.

Call 332-1853 for more information.✴

## Lee Coast MOAA Meeting

The next meeting of the Lee Coast Chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) will be held at Crown Colony Golf and Country Club at 5:45 pm, Monday, April 10. This is the annual meeting for the installation of officers. The speaker will be LTC Shannon Horne, Military Academy liaison officer for Southwest Florida who will discuss the Military Academy selection process.

Former, retired or active duty uniformed officers who are interested in joining MOAA should contact

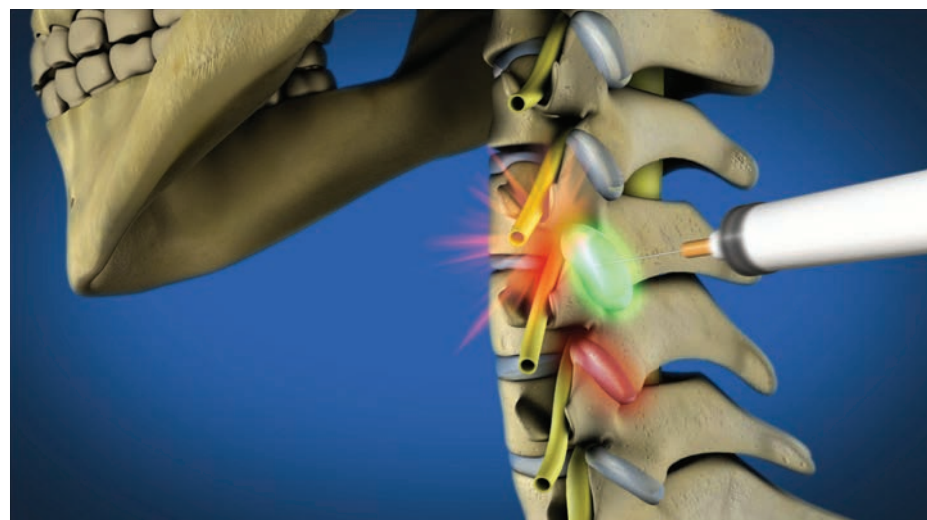
Jeff Nichols at 515-720-5204 for membership information.✴

## Gulf Coast Writers

The Gulf Coast Writers Association will be holding its monthly meeting at Zion Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 15 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Guest speaker Glenn Miller will be sharing insights on his 40 years of writing and his recently published novel *Grabmore*. All first time guest are welcome, free of charge.

Zion Lutheran Church is located at 7401 Winkler Road in Fort Myers. For more information, call 770-906-7885.✴



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## Fort Myers Art

more concerned with who is going to Ballyhoo, the social event of the season. Chief among them are the Freitags.

The family gets pulled apart and then mended back together with plenty of comedy, romance and revelations along the way. Events take several unexpected turns as the characters face where they come from and are forced to deal with who they really are. Themes of prejudice, romance, self-revelations, expectations and family obligations are masterfully woven into this award-winning play.

"This heartwarming play is disarmingly funny," said director Annette Trossbach. "Social boundaries and prejudice are overcome by love and the Freitag family rekindles its faith. It is a beautifully written

story and a delight to work on."

After the performance on Thursday, April 20, the theater will host a talk-back to include Holocaust survivor Steen Metz and *Florida Weekly* journalist Ella Naylor. Attendees of this performance are invited to stay participate in this discussion.

The show stars Bonnie Knapp (*I'll Eat You Last: a Chat with Sue Mengers*), Amy Tardif (*True Colors*), John Repa (*The Best Man*), Kate Dirigl (*Bad Jews*), Steven Coe (*Play On!*), Lexie Anne Cole (*The Best Man*) and Tyler Charpentier, who makes his Lab Theater debut.

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.✴





From left, Cindie Barker, Jan-Erik Hustrulid, Tracie Bagans and Tom Hornby photos provided

# Celebration Held For Heights Fundraisers

A celebration for top fundraisers of The Heights Foundation’s 2016 Over The Edge event was held at the riverfront home of Kim and Ron Agypt. Guests enjoyed dinner from Bruno’s of Brooklyn. Over The Edge is a rappelling fundraiser, benefiting The Heights Foundation and The Heights Center and supports The Heights

Center’s School Success program for at-risk children in the Harlem Heights neighborhood. The 2016 event raised more than \$100,000. Over The Edge 2017 will be held at The Westin Cape Coral Resort at Marina Village on October 21 and 22. Participants who raise a minimum of \$1,200 will have the opportunity to rappell the 19-story building. For more information about the Over The Edge Rappelling event or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.heights-overtheedge.com](http://www.heights-overtheedge.com) or call 482-7706.\*



From left, Enrique Garcia, Pedro Raez, Carla Solazzo, Flor Rios, Genevieve Bruno, Kim and Ron Agypt and Cal Bruno



Illima Matthews and Kenny Brewer



Jay McCauley and Cindie Barker



From left, Stephanie and Ed McLoughlin, Wayne and Nancy Haroldson, Phyllis and Earl Bird



Karen Lesza and Deb Mathinos



Teri Palmer and Kim Agypt



## Plastic Surgeon Receives Award

Fort Myers Facial Plastic Surgeon Dr. Stephen R. Prendiville is one of 500 doctors worldwide to receive the prestigious RealSelf 500 Award for 2016. The award is presented by RealSelf, the leading online community that helps people make confident choices about elective cosmetic procedures.

Dr. Prendiville was selected from thousands of board-certified specialists for the honor. He is the only Southwest Florida facial plastic surgeon to be recognized by RealSelf. This is the sixth consecutive year that Dr. Prendiville has been honored by RealSelf.

Medical professionals that made the annual RealSelf 500 list are recognized both for having an outstanding record of positive consumer feedback and for providing unique, valuable insights to questions asked by consumers.

Dr. Prendiville was invited to join [www.RealSelf.com](http://www.RealSelf.com) as a reviewer in 2008 and has now achieved distinguished member status for his responses to patients with questions about facial plastic surgery and skin rejuvenation techniques. As an expert contributor to RealSelf, he has posted more than 2,000 answers to questions posted on the RealSelf website.

"The 500 doctors receiving this award are part of a select group of top influencers on RealSelf who collectively answered more than 300,000 consumer questions in 2016 alone," said RealSelf Founder and CEO Tom Seery. "These doctors are leading the way in terms of their online engagement and focus on empowering patients with good information."✱

## Benefit For Organ Transplant Recipients

Night For Life will celebrate its 10th anniversary at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers on Monday, April 17 from 5 to 9 p.m. The fundraising event is sponsored by the Organ Transplant Recipients of Southwest Florida, Inc., to benefit local organ transplant patients and those on the transplant waiting lists. This event also raises awareness about organ donation.

Entertainment this year includes the popular local band 41 South. Tickets are \$35 per person, \$50 for VIP seating. Cost includes a buffet dinner, program, entertainment and the popular silent and Chinese auctions. Doors open at 5 p.m. with auctions

from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and the dinner buffet from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Night For Life raises money for the Fletcher Trust Fund, which was established in 2004 to assist transplant recipients in Southwest Florida. An average of 22 people die each day in the U.S. due to a lack of available organs and tissue donors. If you are interested in finding out more about registering to be an organ donor, visit [www.donatelifeflorida.org/register](http://www.donatelifeflorida.org/register).

For tickets, call David Weinstein at 560-3401. To become a sponsor or if you are interested in donating auction items, call 247-3073. For more information, visit [www.organsupport.org](http://www.organsupport.org) or the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/pages/Organ-Transplant-Recipients-of-SW-Florida-Inc/456165927762457](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Organ-Transplant-Recipients-of-SW-Florida-Inc/456165927762457). If you are interested in learning more about the Organ Transplant Recipients of Southwest Florida, Inc., contact [otrofsowl@gmail.com](mailto:otrofsowl@gmail.com).✱



Visit participating locations for a chance to win this month's prize

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## Second Saturday

Dance Fitness, and Studio Os Urbanos.

In addition, more than 10 vendors, located at various locations of Royal Palm Square, will be offering their handmade fine crafts during the event. There will be live musicians at the Art Loft in the Alliance for the Arts campus

and at various locations of Royal Palm Square.

The SoCo Cultural District location encompasses the block south of Colonial Boulevard, from the corner of McGregor Boulevard to Summerlin Road, to Royal Palm Square Boulevard and back to McGregor Boulevard.

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



From left, Andrea Hern and Patricia Stanco from The ALS Association present the check to Lee Health ALS Clinic Director Carol Emmick and Cindy Drapal, DNP, system director Neuroscience Institute at Lee Health

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## ALS Clinic Receives Check

The ALS Association recently presented a \$5,000 check to Lee Health's ALS Clinic in acknowledgement of the clinic's status as a recognized treatment center.

To be identified as an ALS Association Recognized Treatment Center, clinics must meet association's clinical care and treatment standards, which are based on the American Academy of Neurology Parameters and successfully complete a comprehensive site review. This designation assures patients that they will receive the very best standard of care.✱

## Auxiliary Donates To Children's Hospital Initiative

As one more example of their commitment to children in our community, the Lee Memorial Auxiliary Board of Directors recently voted unanimously for the auxiliary to donate \$375,000 to the pediatric behavioral health initiative of the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. This brings the auxiliary's total donations to the children's hospital to well over \$1.1 million just within the last five years.

According to Golisano Children's Hospital Medical Director Emad Salman, MD, the statistics of adolescent and teen depression and suicide are staggering. Southwest Florida in particular has a critical lack of mental health access, programs and services for our kids. Dr. Salman is spearheading a community effort

in our five-county area to develop a comprehensive program to address these needs.

"We always have been a champion of the physical health of our pediatric patients and now, with the opening of the new Golisano Children's Hospital, we are excited for this opportunity to help address their mental health," Lee Memorial Auxiliary President Jim Andrews explained. "The auxiliary has donated over \$8.2 million through the years for programs, projects and technology to benefit the patients of Lee Health and our community. When we heard Dr. Salman speak about the critical need for mental health services for our children, we jumped on this new opportunity to help lessen the hopelessness, suffering, or stress of affected children."

The Lee Memorial Auxiliary supports Lee Health and Southwest Florida through volunteering and fundraising. If you are interested in becoming a member, contact Andrews at 415-8539 or [jmjanandrews@ameritech.net](mailto:jmjanandrews@ameritech.net).✱

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## FSW Student Earns National Recognition

Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) student Veronica Aguilera was recently named to Phi Theta Kappa's (PTK) All-USA Community College Academic Team.

Aguilera was one of four students from FSW named to the All-Florida Academic Team last month – an honor bestowed to students in the Florida College System based on academic achievement, leadership skills and service to the community. A total of 1,800 applications were submitted for the All-USA Community College Academic Team this year, a program co-sponsored by PTK and *USA Today*.

Having earned one of the highest competition scores nationwide, Aguilera was chosen as a 2017 Coca-Cola New Century Scholar. PTK's national office also announced recently that she was one of 15 students in the country awarded the 2017 Guistwhite Scholarship, which helps offset the costs of pursuing a four-year degree.



Veronica Aguilera

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"The truth is I am still waiting for someone to pinch me and say 'wake up, it's all just a dream,'" said Aguilera. "As much as I have always believed in myself, I have always had the idea that I was not good enough to receive such prestigious scholarships, but today I am

proof that every sacrifice has its reward in the end."

Aguilera was recognized at PTK's Annual Convention in Nashville, Tennessee on April 6. She will also be honored at the American Association of Community College's Annual Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana on April 24. She currently serves as the FSW president of Phi Theta Kappa and vice president of membership and public relations for National Collegiate Scholars.

"Our entire college community is very proud of Veronica for being recognized nationally by the All-USA Community College Team and for earning the scholarships to help her achieve her goals," said Dr. Christine Davis, vice president, student affairs & enrollment management at FSW. "She is the kind of model student that others look up to."

With a 3.75 GPA, Aguilera plans on continuing her studies at Florida International University in Miami where she will major in health science with a pre-med focus and a minor in public health. After attending medical school, she wants to work as a pediatrician. One of her long-term goals is to

establish a foundation where she can provide financial assistance to children who cannot afford health insurance.

As a student in FSW's Honors Scholar Program, Aguilera has also taken advantage of the many extracurricular opportunities offered, participating in Harvard's Collegiate Model United Nations Conference, traveling to France for an introductory language class and winning the Suncoast Financial Literacy Essay Contest in 2015.

Learn more about PTK and the All-USA Community College Team at [www.PTK.org](http://www.PTK.org).✱

## Author To Speak

Join the Friends of Lakes Regional Library on Friday, April 14 at 1 p.m. as award-winning author Robert Macomber discusses his latest novel in the Honor Series.

An honorable war continues the adventures of Captain Peter Wake as the Spanish-American War begins.

The program is free and open to the public and no registration is required.

Lakes Regional Library is located at 15290 Bass Road.✱



The Saint Michael School Varsity Boys Basketball Team

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## Local School Wins Tournament

Saint Michael School Varsity Boys Basketball Team captured first place at the National Lutheran Schools Basketball Tournament at Valparaiso University (VALPO) in Indiana recently. The Saints defeated Salem Lutheran School from Tomball, Texas in the championship game to become the national champions. The Saint Michael Varsity Lady Saints also returned to the tournament as the 2016 defending champions and brought home third place at the tournament.

Both teams won state championships and CFLAA championships to gain entry into the national tournament.

Coach Robert Schaaf who has been with St. Michael School coaching for the last 35 years and assistant coaches Aurthor Ceden and TJ O'Connell led the local boys squad. The girls team was led by coach Jaime Outten and assistant coach Rodney Denning.

Individuals honors were given to three local players. Javian McCollum and Chase Garrett from the boys' team and Janay Outten from the girls' team were named in the top 10 all tournament players overall. Javian McCollum from the boys' team was also awarded the prestigious Jack Fordyce Award for boy's individual sportsmanship.

Saint Michael School is a Pre-K3 through grade 8 Lutheran school in downtown Fort Myers, located at 3595 Broadway. For more information, visit [www.SMLCS.org](http://www.SMLCS.org).✱

## College Gallery Senior Projects

The Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Art Galleries of the Bower School of Music & the Arts presents Senior Projects, Spring 2017 Exhibition with an opening reception in the main gallery in the arts complex on Thursday, April 20 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Each student will give a brief presentation about their exhibition beginning at 5 p.m. in the U. Tobe Recital Hall in the Music Building on the FGCU campus. The exhibition runs through Friday, May 5 and is made possible with the generous support of U. Tobe, Palette Pals of the United Church of Christ and the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.

At the end of their studies, each art major completes a senior project in which he or she successfully executes a body of work combining their knowledge of techniques and concepts

while drawing on the research of historical and contemporary artists. The completed projects are presented in an exhibition open to the university community and the public. Patricia Fay and Mary Voytek are the faculty mentors for this group of graduates.

Senior Project students this semester include Sabrina Alonso, Jacob Beil, Tiffany Billings, Jordan Blankenship, Hannah Brasacchio, Marshall Bynoe, Brianna Criswell, Kaitlin Dowis, Taryn Estrada, Adriana Flores, Marile Franco, Taijhyrl Goggins, Kelsey Hallbeck, Amanda Martin, Anna Nunez, Donald Smith and Sarah Wasson.

The gallery is in the arts complex on FGCU's main campus is located at 10501 FGCU Boulevard South. Parking is available in Lot 7 for gallery visitors. Regular viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday.

For more information on this exhibition and others, go to [www.artgallery.fgcu.edu](http://www.artgallery.fgcu.edu) or call Anica Sturdivant at 590-7199 or [asturdiv@fgcu.edu](mailto:asturdiv@fgcu.edu).✱

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## Virtuosi Concert

at the door. Visit [www.sbdac.com](http://www.sbdac.com) for info and tickets.

On Saturday, April 15, the American Virtuosi Gala will be held at Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.

The gala is an exquisite chamber concert paired with a gourmet wine dinner prepared by G3 Catering. Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. and the performance begins at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$100 per person or \$700 for a table for eight.

Experience the music of some of the chamber music's masters, including violinists Peter Winograd and Caterina Szepes, cellists Andres Diaz and Wolfram Koessel, violist Jim Griffith and pianist Wendy Chen.

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

Visit [www.sbdac.com](http://www.sbdac.com) for more information or to purchase tickets.✱



## Book Review

# A Separation



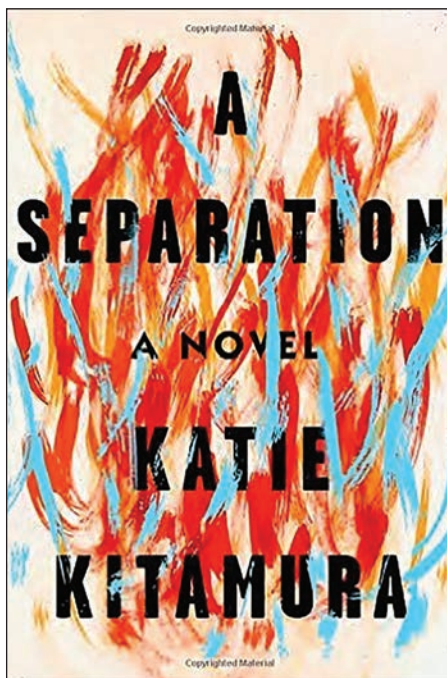
by Di Saggau

**A** *Separation* by Katie Kitamura is a novel that refers to the split between two characters, a man and his wife. The wife is in an international pursuit to find her estranged husband

believed to be somewhere in Greece. The two had agreed it was time to separate, mostly due to his infidelities. It's something known between the two of them, but not with others. The unnamed narrator is a literary translator. She has been married to Christopher Wallace for five years. He is a wealthy cultural critic. They live in London.

Kitamura writes in her novel, "Our marriage was formed by the things Christopher knew and the things I did not. This was not simply a question of intellect, although in that respect Christopher again had the advantage, he was without a doubt a clever man. It was a question of things withheld, information that he had, and that I did not."

The book starts with a phone call from Isabella, Christopher's hostile



mother, wanting to know where her son is. A question the narrator can't answer. She only knows that he was going to Greece to do some research. At Isabella's urging, she travels to a remote region of rugged, southern Greece looking for him. She keeps their estrangement to herself; that and the fact that she is now living with another man. The book is a meditation on infidelity and discovering what it's like to find out that you understand less

than you thought about a relationship and marriage with a man you used to love.

In a remote fishing village, she discovers grim scenes of stray dogs, a landscape charred from a season of wildfires, and the hostility of a hotel receptionist who might have had an affair with Christopher. In each of the 13 tight chapters, we learn something new. At the start of the seventh, there is a murder that the author leaves unsolved. The narrator thinks, "One of

the problems of happiness, and I'd been very happy, when Christopher and I were first engaged, is that it makes you both smug and unimaginative."

*A Separation* is a suspenseful story of intimacy and infidelity and lays bare the gulf that divides us from the inner lives of others. Kitamura, with exquisitely cool precision, propels us into the experience of a woman on edge, with a fiercely mesmerizing story to tell. I found it a very interesting read.✧

## College Earns State Ranking For Online Learning

**T**he Community for Accredited Online Schools has ranked Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) as one of the best colleges offering online learning in Florida. Of the 394 state universities, colleges and vocational schools in the state, FSW ranked 40th.

To qualify, schools must hold public or private not-for-profit status in addition to institutional accreditation. Top schools are determined by a scoring system that uses value-based methodology, analyzing several qualitative and quantitative data points.

"We wanted to highlight schools like Florida SouthWestern State

College, who are providing exceptional education programs online," said Doug Jones, CEO and founder of the Community for Accredited Online Schools. "These colleges offer an outstanding educational experience, upholding rigorous accreditation standards and show an overall commitment to maximizing student success."

"We're pleased that we ranked in the top 10 percent of our sister institutions in Florida," said FSW President Dr. Jeff Allbritten. "This is the result of the exceptional efforts and caring of our faculty, staff and administrators to help ensure our students receive an education that leads to a career. Most of our students remain here in southwest Florida, trained and ready to fill high-demand, much-needed professions."

Visit [www.FSW.edu](http://www.FSW.edu) for more information.✧

## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

**D**ear Shelley, My third grade daughter struggles with reading comprehension. She can sound out the words fairly well and has a good speaking vocabulary. In fact,

she loves acting, art, poetry and reading aloud, so I'm not sure why comprehending what she's reading has been difficult. What can I do to help her out?

Karen N., Fort Myers Beach

**Karen,**

It's often said that it's in third grade when children transform their reading skills from learning to read into reading to learn. Your daughter may not yet have moved into this higher level reading stage. It seems like she is very interested in oral reading and vocabulary, which is great and will certainly help her. Perhaps directing her interests into comprehension activities would increase your daughter's ability to enjoy and understand reading from the text. Below are several activities that you may want to try with her.

One of the best strategies for comprehension is to create a KWL Chart. It's a discussion that takes place with students where they answer the following questions, "What do you know, what do you want to know, and what have you learned? Typically the teacher will chart the answers and discuss the findings. You

could do this easily with your daughter on an individual basis.

Another easy comprehension activity is simply a discussion called 3-2-1. Your daughter would tell you three new things she found out from her reading, then two interesting things, and finally one question she still has.

Tapping into your daughter's interest in art might be a good way to increase her comprehension as well. Ask her to either sketch a picture of what she has just learned or have her make an advertisement about it. She could create an ad, with visuals and text, for the newly learned concept and visually represent the new knowledge she has acquired.

Again working with your daughter's interests, ask her to write a summary poem about what she has just read. Tell your daughter to list 10 key words from an assigned text. Then have her create a free verse poem with the words she has chosen. Next, have her summarize what she has read using the key words. This activity may be a bit difficult at first but if she enjoys poetry, then I'm sure she would profit from this exercise.

If comprehension continues to be difficult for your daughter, a discussion with her teacher would be most appropriate.

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**Female Pioneers of Fort Myers**  
*Women Who Made a Difference in the City's Development*  
 By Robin C. Tuthill and Thomas P. Hall

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

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





**Baby Shay before her emergency surgery**  
photos provided



**Baby Shay is now a bright 1-year-old**

share a story about how the equipment, facility and staff of the children's hospital have saved the life of one young patient, commenting, "I love to share happy family stories."

This is the story of the remarkable recovery – in the doctor's own words.

"Baby Shay was born in a Naples hospital five weeks early and weighed exactly four pounds. She was in the hospital for about four days when she became ill and doctors diagnosed NEC – the intestines and colon of the infant rupture and become dead tissue – a life threatening condition. Doctors in Naples suggested a transfer to Miami, but her parents, Ashley and Jerred Hoover, requested their baby be sent to the Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Golisano Children's Hospital in Fort



**Dr. Amy Stanfill, pediatric surgeon at Golisano Children's Hospital s, describes some of the life-saving results facilitated by hospital equipment donated through SanCap Cares fundraising**

Myers instead. Baby Shay was transported from Naples in the SanCap Cares-funded NICU ambulance. I was called in at 11:30 p.m. knowing there was likely to be a delicate surgery. When Shay arrived, she was critically ill and the diagnosis was confirmed. The pediatric anesthesiologist and I arranged for emergency surgery as soon as she was stabilized. You can imagine the stress and emotional toll this would take on a new mother and father.

During surgery, in the overnight hours between midnight and 7 a.m., Shay was indeed found to have a rupture and dead portions of her small intestine and much of her colon. It was necessary to remove this and make an ostomy, where the intestine

loop comes to the skin and empties into a bag. A six-week long recovery in the NICU followed, due to the critical nature of her condition, size and prematurity. The NICU physicians and surgery team worked very closely to ensure her recovery. She recuperated, and the ends of her intestine were reconnected in a second surgery when she was six-months old.

Because she was a long-term patient, Shay was able to stay in one of the private NICU rooms, built to match the design of the new hospital's neonatal unit. Shay's mom, Ashley Hoover, compliments the staff and volunteers at the NICU, recalling especially the extra efforts of Nurse Gillian, the precious crocheted hats provided by volunteers, and the special attention Shay received when her parents could not be in the hospital. They were very grateful to be able to make the one-hour trip each way to GCH instead of having to stay over in Miami. The family also has a 3-year-old son, Hayden. Shay is now a thriving 1-year-old and, according to mom, "you wouldn't even be able to tell anything ever happened to her."

This is just one example of the teamwork of the nurses, physicians, and operating room crew as well as the necessary instrumentation to run a pediatric OR (including that fabulous OR table also funded through SanCap Cares) all located right here at Golisano. I'm extremely proud of the job we do, so we can care for these babies right here in our community."

For more information, visit [www.SanCapCares.org](http://www.SanCapCares.org), contact Ali Levine at 984-0381 or email [SanibelCaptivaCares@gmail.com](mailto:SanibelCaptivaCares@gmail.com).✧



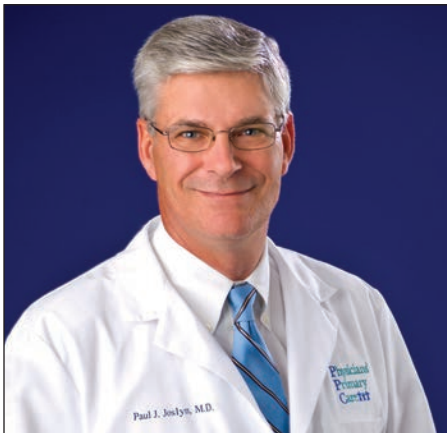
**Charles H. Curtis** photos provided

## Top Doctors

Six physicians with Physicians' Primary Care of Southwest Florida have been named Top Doctors by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd. in New York.

Family Medicine physician Charles Curtis, MD, Pediatrician Georgia Rocha-Rodriguez, MD, Obstetrician/Gynecologists Paul Joslyn, MD, Blaise Kovaz, MD, Sarah Krauss, MD and Mary Yankaskas, MD will be featured in the June issue of *Gulfshore Life* magazine. It's the 12th consecutive year that Dr. Yankaskas has been recognized as a Top Doctor. Dr. Curtis, Dr. Joslyn and Dr. Kovaz are repeat winners from 2013 to 2016. Dr. Krauss and Dr. Rocha-Rodriguez were honored for the first time last year.

Selections are made through a national survey of physicians and hospital administrators conducted by Castle



**Paul J. Joslyn**

Connolly, an independent research and information company that is the nation's leading provider of information on top physicians. After the votes are tallied, Castle Connolly ensures that the physicians meet the company's criteria, which include board certification, years of experience in their specialties and a clean disciplinary record.

"Castle Connolly is widely recognized for its extensive research of the medical profession. This demonstrates to our patients that we have been evaluated and meet their highest standards," said Dr. Yankaskas, who also is managing physician of Physicians' Primary Care of Southwest Florida.

The physicians will be honored by *Gulfshore Life* magazine at an awards banquet.

For more information, visit <http://www.ppcswfl.com>.✧



**Blaise Kovaz**



**Georgia Rocha-Rodriguez**



**Sarah H. Krauss**



**Mary C. Yankaskas**





From left, Spencer Aleman, Kersees Charles, Cindy Orozco and Austin Engle photo provided

## College Team Places At Ethics Case Regionals

Students from the Florida Gulf Coast University's Lutgert College of Business Ethics Competition Team finished runner-up in their division at the Southeast Regional Business Ethics Case Competition held at Stetson University March 2 and 3. The students also tied for fourth place overall, winning a trophy and a cash

prize.

Participating students were Spencer Aleman, Kersees Charles, Austin Engle and Cindy Orozco. They were led by faculty advisors Dr. Craig Randall and Dr. Eric Dent, Uncommon Friends Foundation's endowed chair professor of ethics.

"Our students had a chance to take a real-life example of an ethical dilemma and work on solutions that challenged them," Dent said. "We are so proud of our students, as this was the first year they competed at this event."

The students focused on a current

case concerning the Dakota Access Pipeline, role playing as they made recommendations to the Army Corps of Engineers on whether to grant an easement to complete the pipeline. Students made recommendations taking the ethical, financial and legal implications into consideration.

## Athletic Hall Of Fame Inductees

The School District of Lee County recently announced the Lee County Athletic Conference Hall of Fame inductees for 2017. The inductees will be honored at a banquet scheduled for Sunday, April 23 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The banquet will begin at 5 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase for \$25 per person.

Lee County Athletic Conference Hall of Fame Class of 2017 includes:

- Clyde Allen of Fort Myers High School

- Alvin Ashley of Mariner High School
  - Ikechukwu "EK" Binns of Island Coast High School
  - Eddie Carmean of Cape Coral High School
  - Sheldon Fleming of East Lee County High School
- Contributors include:
- Gary Freis of Fort Myers High School
  - Don Justice of Cape Coral High School

The Crowne Plaza Hotel is located at 13051 Bell Tower Drive in Fort Myers. For tickets, email Jackie Smith at [JacquelineSM@lleschools.net](mailto:JacquelineSM@lleschools.net).

## Doctor and Dietician

## Hiking In Nature



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

Do you feel more calm the instant you step into nature? We certainly do! We love how the beautiful Florida weather enables us to be active in all of the outdoor sports we adore. Time spent in nature has amazing health benefits all on its own, plus science has found, when combined with hiking, the two can positively change your brain and even reduce depression.

We all know that sedentary lifestyles promote negative health outcomes. But studies also show that increased urbanization correlates with higher levels of mental illness, including depression. So, people who are sedentary and live in the city have this unfortunate duo to contend with. Fortunately, we have hiking and nature to turn to as a remedy. Hiking has numerous benefits including boosting mental, emotional,

physical and social well-being; enhancing the immune system; aiding in weight loss; and decreasing blood pressure, stress levels and depression.

How does combining hiking and nature help us? Many of us find ourselves lost in negative thoughts. We tend to ruminate or spend time rehashing the day's events. Rumination involves repetitive, negative self-thought. But hiking in nature can stop that. In a study in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, researchers tested how a 90-minute walk in nature, and a walk on a loud, busy four-lane street with traffic, affected ruminative thought. The urban walkers showed no changes. Those who went on the nature walk showed lower levels of self-reported rumination. In other words, they reported fewer obsessive, negative thoughts. They also demonstrated reduced activity in an area of the brain that relates to mental illness, showing improvement.

The next time you take a walk, try a hike through a nature preserve or along the beach. Enjoy the beautiful sights and sounds, along with all their health benefits.

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

## Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

### Dear Mom & Me,

Over the years, I often wondered why my husband chose to marry me. It hasn't been wedded bliss for 50 years, but I have finally decided why.

My husband bosses me around like a child. I never initiate anything because he always does everything for me. He does what he wants, gets what he wants and I have never complained. I realize now I have no personality, no interest, no opinions... even when I am sick, he tells me how I feel. This arrangement has always been exactly what he wanted and rather than argue, I just went along to get along.

Our two daughters are like their father. They argue a lot with him, rebelled a lot but they both boss their husbands around, just like their father has done to me.

Our sons-in-law are both fed up, they have had it and want out of this family.

My husband is completely mystified and can't understand why. Please tell me, what has happened?

Vivian

### Dear Vivian,

You are a passive follower, but maybe a victim of your own social conditioning. Men were the leaders and they were considered to be so much more intelligent, they made the decisions; women were supposed to keep the house and care for the children. But times have changed.

Your daughters may have inherited your husband's personality type, and with more progressive thinking "that women can do anything" with some, it has been taken to extremes. Some women are so aggressive, their husbands just get fed up being pushed around, so they leave. The pendulum for some has just gone to far.

Marriage counseling is a suggestion for your daughters and their husbands. So far as you and your husband are concerned, I doubt that change can ever happen. You have tolerated it for 50 years, accept the fact that he will never change because I don't think he ever will.

Lizzie

### Dear Vivian,

By today's standards, you are still in middle age, and you have your health. If you are unhappy with your current situation, while you cannot change your husband, perhaps there are things you can do to change yourself so you can find more joy and contentment in life. It is never too late to explore change and growth for yourself.

For your adult children, they need to find their own way. It is probably true they learned their interpersonal and relationship skills at the feet of your husband. However, exploring growth, if any, is their decision.

Pryce

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dearRPharmacist

## DIY Hair Treatments



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**Dear Readers:** I've lived in the bitter cold of Queens, New York and Somerset Massachusetts until I was 11 years old, then hot and humid Ocala and Gainesville, Florida for 35 more years, and recently the past 6 years in the

dry climate of Denver, Colorado. My hair's seen a lot, yet it's still thick and healthy so I'll share my DIY tips with you today. There's actually a much longer version of this article at my website.

Confession: I'm a little too attached to my bottle of It's A 10 Miracle and a flat iron straightener. Now, here are some tips:

### Dry or Frizzy Hair

**Avocado** – Use half of a ripe, buttery avocado. For best results, blend it in a blender or mash it really well, so it is super creamy and smooth (trust me, you don't want to be picking out chunks of avocado from your hair). Natural fat in avocado will help smooth your hair strands and make them shine. You can thin this out with a little water. Shampoo it out.

**Olive oil** – The fats in olive oil can really luxe-up your locks, have you ever given olive oil to a dog to soften up his fur? Well, it works for you too! Use about one-quarter of a cup of it on its own or mixed with other ingredients for a beautiful sheen. It's so softening that this tip will

make people want to scratch behind your ears (kidding!). Shampoo it out.

### Oily Or Flat Hair

**Apple cider vinegar** – OK, it doesn't smell great, but apple cider vinegar clears away excess oil and may help dandruff. Put two tablespoons in a spray bottle with four ounces of water, and spray onto your hair until damp. Shampoo (and/or condition) your hair like normal.

**Corn starch** – This fine white powder is a DIY dry shampoo. Sprinkle a tablespoon or two onto your hair for 10 minutes; then brush it out. The cornstarch will absorb excess oil and give you that instant shampooed look. This is nice if you're tired, have had recent surgery, or you're disabled. You can buy commercial brands of "dry shampoo," but they sometimes contain weird chemicals.

### Balanced Normal Hair

**Eggs** – I prefer my eggs scrambled or as egg salad to be honest, but if you can get past the "ick" factor, the rich, fatty egg yolks moisturize and lend natural protein to your hair. Apply one or two lightly beaten eggs to your hair. You can also try just the yolks or just whites if you want to experiment, then shampoo as normal.

**Beer** – Yes, beer! You want to let it sit out in an open glass for an hour or so to eliminate the bubbles so it doesn't foam all over the place. Hide it so your hubby doesn't walk by and have himself a Bud. I don't have to worry about that because my husband hates beer (so do I actually) but the protein in beer adds structure to your hair, meaning it's a DIY hair volumizer.

*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](http://www.SuzyCohen.com).✱*

### Eden Energy Medicine (part 2)

## Digestive Rumbles Resolved



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

**L**ast week, you learned three techniques to resolve digestion troubles. This week, you splurged on the brie cheese appetizer, a rich gourmet white sauce

over grouper and a flaming dessert. Now what? EEM to the rescue with three more tools:

1. Using your knuckles with firm deep pressure, rub the large intestine neurolymphatic reflex points on the outside of your upper thighs for one or two minutes. Make nice deep circles as you move up and down on both sides at the same time. You just activated your large intestine to assist in digestion.

2. Place the right hand over the stomach organ itself, directly under the bottom of the left rib cage. With the other

hand, place the thumb and baby finger on the stomach points (see last week's column for location) and the index and middle finger at the inside edge of the eyebrows, close to the bridge of the nose. Hold for several minutes until you feel a shift. You are now connecting the energy of the stomach itself to the stomach meridian and bladder (which governs the nervous system).

3. Rub the ileocecal valve, which is situated between the small and large intestine on the right side of the body and governed by the kidney meridian. If you place the top knuckle (where it attaches to the palm) of the little finger of your right hand on your right hip bone with your palm flat and the rest of the fingers touching one another, you will be over this valve. Rub it with firm pressure while pulling up seven inches on an inhalation. To maximize the pressure, you may place your left hand on top of the fingers and press in. Repeat four times. End by pushing the fingers downward one time.

You should be feeling better already and all set for your next splurge!

*If you have a question, email [Karen@SemmEnergyCenter@gmail.com](mailto:Karen@SemmEnergyCenter@gmail.com) or visit [www.semmelmanenergy.com](http://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.✱*

## Calendar Girls Visit Club



The Calendar Girls performed for the residents of Golfview Gold & Racquet Club in Fort Myers on April 1  
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## Institute To Hold Workshop On Retirement

**A**s the age 55 and older population is continuing to work longer and reshape what retirement means, there is an increase in businesses started by individuals in this demographic. To assess the impact and role the built environment has on this trend, the five district councils throughout Florida are conducting consumer research and workshops.

On Monday, April 10, the Urban Land Institute (ULI) of Southwest Florida will hold a workshop from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Florida Gulf Coast University in Edward Hall, Room 112 to discuss research results. It will be the third in a series of five workshops held throughout the state, conducted as part of an Urban Innovation Grant received through ULI. Insights and ideas shared within the workshop will be of interest to investors, healthcare providers, urban planners and financial planners as to future trends to anticipate.

The consumer research polled over 1,000 Florida residents, ages 55 and older, on their intentions for retirement and the spaces and places they may choose to work. The Southwest Florida workshop sponsored by Florida Gulf Coast University and Neal Communities will be a forum to share the results of the research and gather input from key stakeholders on potential solutions in the built environment. After the results of the survey are presented, a moderated discussion between expert panelists and the audience will take place. Expert panelists include:

- Mary Andrews, Lee Health
- Kristine Smale, John Burns Real Estate Consulting
- Marshall Goodman, The Naples Accelerator
- David Hamblett, SWFL SCORE, Chapter 219
- Tyson Smith, Raymond James
- Jean Cannon, My Startup Suncoast

Goals of the workshop include:

- Identifying challenges and opportunities for the age 55 and older population to pursue encore careers
- Explore the built environment and how it might further enhance entrepreneurial activity in this population segment
- Size the market demand and opportunity
- Create a white paper for distribution, which includes a summary of the consumer research and workshop results

The results of the workshop and consumer research will be compiled in a report and presentation that will be used as a resource for planners, developers, builders, community leaders and local governments.

There is no cost to attend the workshop; advance registration is required.

For more information or to register for the event, visit [www.swflorida.uli.org](http://www.swflorida.uli.org).✱

## Free Balance Screening

**U**nintentional falls are the leading cause of death due to injury among Florida residents ages 65 years and older and the fourth leading cause of death due to injury overall.

Attend a free balance screening to find out about your fall risk and what you can do to get help to improve your balance and minimize your risk of falling.

The next screening will take place at the Outpatient Rehabilitation at City Center on Monday, April 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. A balance screening participant will complete a questionnaire prior to going through balance testing stations manned by licensed physical therapists. A summary of test results and findings will be reviewed during an exit interview with a licensed physical therapist.

The Outpatient Rehabilitation at City Center is located at 3114 Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers. Space is limited, so call 343-4960 now to make your reservation.✱





Florida Vegetable Nachos

photo courtesy Fresh From Florida

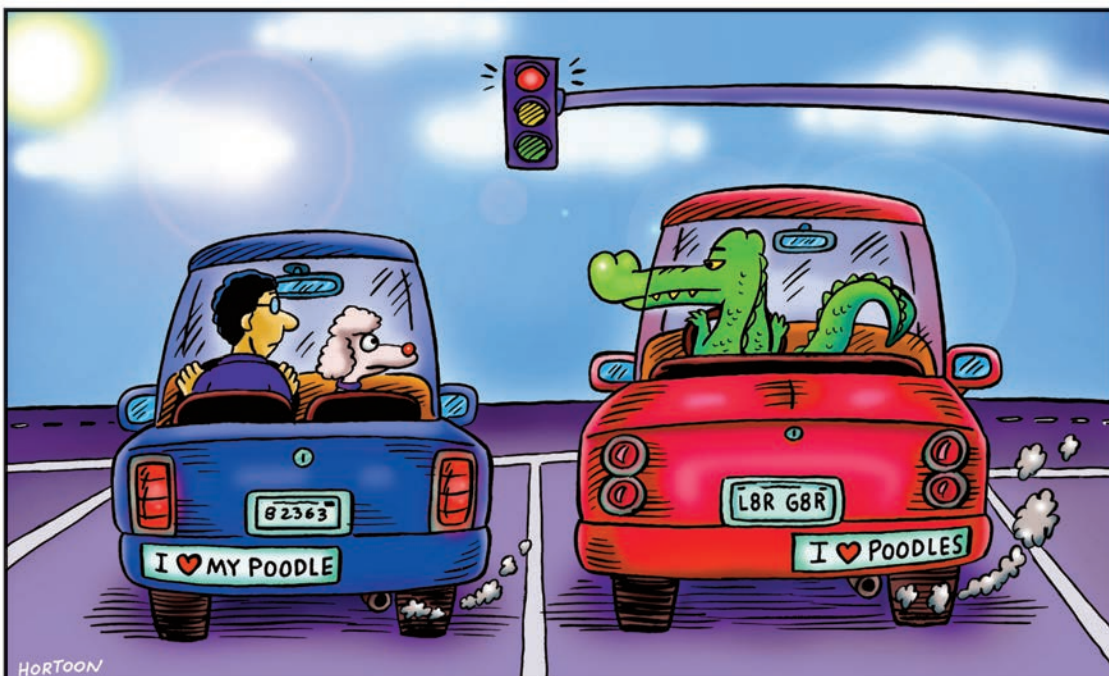
**Florida Vegetable Nachos**

2 cups low-fat refried beans  
1 cup broccoli, chopped small  
1 cup radishes, chopped small  
1 cup squash, chopped small  
2 cups shredded pepper jack cheese  
1/4 cup fresh scallions, chopped small

1/4 cup fresh cilantro, finely chopped  
Tortilla chips

Spread refried beans at the bottom of a baking dish and sprinkle chopped broccoli, radishes and squash on the oven at 300 degrees F for 7 minutes. Remove baking dish from the oven and add cheese and tortilla chips on top and bake in the oven for 3 minutes more. After removing the baking dish from the oven, sprinkle nachos with scallions and cilantro. Add low-fat sour cream, fresh salsa and guacamole on the side. Serve immediately.

Yields 2 to 4 servings.✱

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PUZZLES

Answers on page 37

Super Crossword

SPLITTING THE LAND

- ACROSS**

1 Bullfights

9 Taft or Tell

16 Artistic work

20 Natural balm

21 Pundit

Huffington

22 One of four on a diamond

23 Lightning rod inventor

25 Partly open

26 Yoko who married John

27 Chant

syllables

28 One paying dues: Abbr.

29 Photo, e.g.

30 Pop or jazz, in Germany

33 Throw with force

35 Biblical "verily"

37 Like much deep-dish pizza

40 Arctic slab

41 Pretty — picture

42 Roadwork marker

43 Morales of "Rapa Nui"

44 Name a price of

46 Shaming cluck

48 Gleeful laugh

50 Remotely

57 Old TV's "— Na Na"

58 Zee preceder

59 City just west of Sparks

60 Former coin of Italy

61 The norm

64 Orem's place

66 — Marcus (high-end retailer)

69 Male and female

70 Org. for cavity fixers

71 Korea, e.g. (or any of eight lands split literally in this puzzle)

74 Horace work

75 Numbers on clothing tags

77 Apprehend

78 Sub in a deli

79 Motion "yes"

80 First-time driver, often

81 SI mass unit

82 Apt., e.g.

84 Manet works

86 Old Brooke Shields sitcom

90 "Good goin', kid!"

94 Egg opener?

95 R-V link

96 With 8-Down and 113-Across, big Baja resort

98 City east of Wichita

99 Peculiar

102 AFB truant

105 Earthworm

108 Verdant spot in an urban area

111 Hits hard

112 An inert gas

113 See 96-Across

114 Archaic verb suffix

115 Stifle legally

116 Back-to-sch. day

117 Kuwaiti VIP

118 Social networks or video games

125 Uncourteous

126 Virgin Mary's mother: Abbr.

127 Groups of spreadsheet figures

128 Went hastily

129 Kitchen scourers

130 Kind of

**DOWN**

1 Jitney cousin

2 Cry at 1-Across

3 Actor Palillo

4 Ones crying "Hallelujah!"

5 Daughter of Donald Trump

6 Test version

7 Onassis' nickname

8 See 96-Across

9 In a kind way

10 Investments for later yrs.

11 Hoopster Jeremy

12 Léo Delibes opera

13 Covered with foliage

14 Creature

15 Dude

16 First lady Michelle

17 — party (sleepover)

18 Applications

19 Tennis great Williams

24 Beef up

29 That is, to Livy

30 Livy's 1,300

31 "This looks very bad"

32 Relating to China: Prefix

33 Wash (down)

34 Uncle Sam's land

35 Rural assent to a lady

36 "That's a lie"

38 Italian ice creams

39 China's — -tzu

45 Merited fate

47 Frilly veggie

49 Sounds upon impact

51 Zellweger of the screen

52 Video game losses

53 Navel variety

54 Watergate president

55 Belief system

56 Simplified

58 Having rapid rotation

61 Histories

62 "Goodbye"

63 Tore down

65 Be of help to

67 Pub. staffers

68 IV part

69 Sty noise

72 Smeltery residue

73 One elocuting

76 Within: Prefix

81 Is sure about

83 Spellbind

85 Like Keelung residents

87 Dale riding Buttermilk

88 — Reader (quarterly digest)

89 Anna of fashion

90 Basics

91 Audacious

92 Roll topping

93 Knitter's ball

97 It spits out moola

99 Leering sorts

100 Solicit, as business

101 Opt

103 Receptive regarding

104 Café drinks

106 Adorns

107 Café lures

109 Dog- —

110 Cut-rate

115 Wedding ring

116 Prefix with carpal

118 Mag. edition

119 Virusoid material

120 Cruel Amin

121 Atlas vehicle

122 Wildcat's lair

123 "FWIW" part

124 Enzyme ending

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King Crossword

- ACROSS**

1 Scrooge's cry

4 Astronaut

Grissom

7 Indiana politico Bayh

11 Egg

13 Fire residue

14 Predicate part

15 Thin tie with a clasp

16 Shelter, at sea

17 Corp. bigwig

18 Honey bunch?

20 Rhett's shocking word

22 Fresh

24 Shortcoming

28 Custodian

32 Broadcasting

33 PC picture

34 Set of tools and parts

36 Singer

Campbell

37 Naval prisons

39 Own

41 Rachmaninov or Prokofiev

43 — -jongg

44 Volcanic out-flow

46 Luxury boat

50 Bullets and such

53 Autumn mo.

55 Entrance

56 Serve tea

57 Pi follower

58 Napoleon's exile site

59 Nervous

60 Evergreen

61 Plaything

8 Annoy

9 Exist

10 Peacock net-work

12 Trumpet-shaped flower

19 Encountered

21 Cow's call

23 Stir-fry pan

25 Hay bundle

26 Falsehoods

27 Sea eagles

28 Triangular sails

29 Land measure

30 Black (Fr.)

31 Tear

35 Male cat

38 Caribbean, for one

40 Express

42 Tusk material

45 Liniment target

47 Stallion, as a child

48 Vagrant

49 Salver

50 Gorilla

51 Chic, in the '60s

52 Coffee holder

54 AAA job

MAGIC MAZE ● DOCUMENTS

P R O L J G D A X V E S P N K

I F T C A X F V S S T Q O L J

(S U B P O E N A) N H I E T C A

X A T N I V T E R P V N O S L

J H M R O R C V E S A E L N F

D B B O O I C I Y X D L L O V

T R P O L P T S E F I N A M M

T N E T A P S A U W F K B M I

G E D B Z X I S T N F W U U T

R Q O N D E E D A I A L J S I

G F D C A Y X W V P C M T S R

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

- Affidavit

Ballot

Brief

Citation
- Deed

Diploma

Lease

License
- Manifest

Manuscript

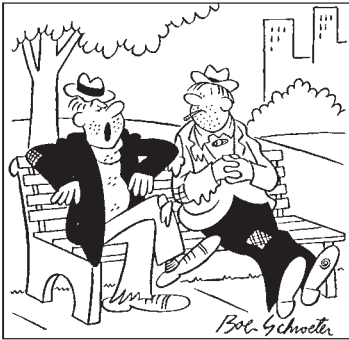
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Subpoena
- Summons

Visa

Will





"I couldn't make it in business, but as a bum, I've had tremendous  
\_\_\_\_\_!"

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!

Dubious  
**SCUTEPS**

Seek  
**CHERAS**

Pop  
**TRUBS**

Train  
**CHEAT**

TODAY'S WORD

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## SUDOKU

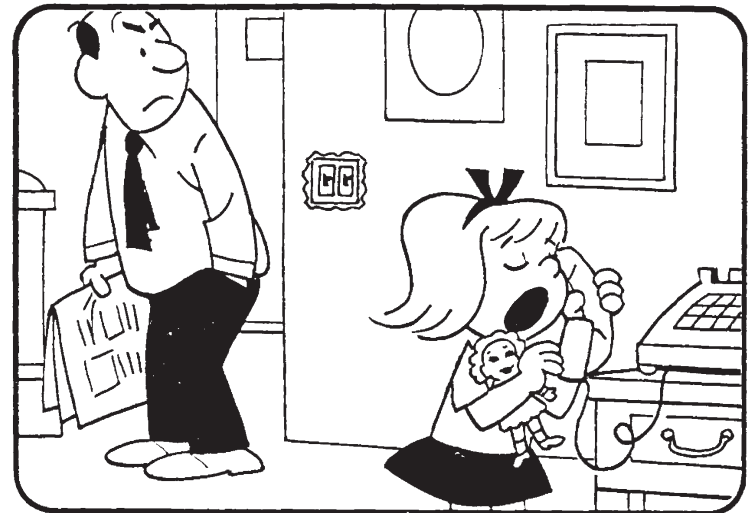
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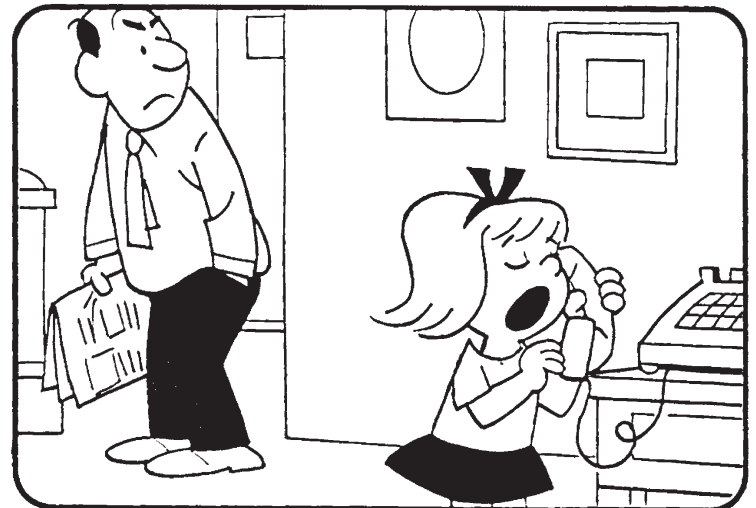
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Tie is different. 2. Newspaper is smaller. 3. Switch is missing. 4. Picture is smaller. 5. Doll is missing. 6. Drawer handle is missing.

## PETS OF THE WEEK

Lee County Domestic Animal Services

### Joey And Oreo

Joey is a 1-year-old pit bull mix male who is a high-energy pup with tons of love to give. His ideal home would involve an active lifestyle where he can continue his training that he is presently receiving at Lee County Domestic Animal Services. A canine friend would be a bonus! If you stop by the shelter to visit him, be sure to have the volunteers show you all the things he is learning.

His adoption fee is \$50.

Oreo is a 2-year-old domestic shorthair

female who is a beautiful bi-color cat that has excellent manners. She loves our catteries and thinks she is in charge! She plays well with the other cats and loves to be brushed. If a lap cat is what you are looking for, she is your girl.

Her adoption fee is \$25.

For information about this week's pets, call



Joey ID# 690976

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

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

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

The adoption package is valued at \$500.\*



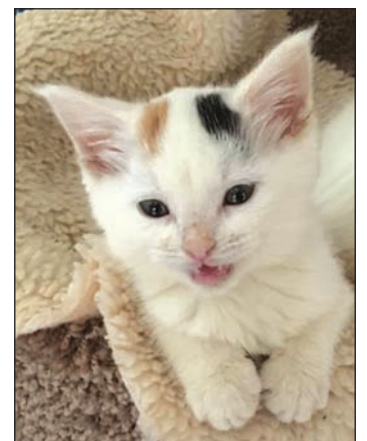
Oreo ID# 694193

Haven on Earth Animal League

### Carrie And Amber

Hi, my name is Carrie. I'm just the cutest little kitten ever! I'm only two months old and just now ready for adoption. My foster mom has been giving me lots of love and now I'm ready to find my forever home. My adoption fee is \$125, which includes spaying and all vaccinations. Call Diane at 860-833-4472 or email Haven on Earth Animal League at [haveneearthanimalleague@yahoo.com](mailto:haveneearthanimalleague@yahoo.com) to make an appointment to meet me.

Hi, my name is Amber. I am a really sweet girl, about five years old. I am extremely lovable with dogs, other cats and all people! I am a beautiful black, long-haired kitty and front-declawed. I'm up-to-date on all shots and spayed. My adoption



Carrie

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# KING CROSSWORD

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## MAGIC MAZE

**DOCUMENTS**

Across: 1. SUBPOENA, 4. MARRIAGE, 5. BOICOTT, 6. TNETAP, 7. DEED, 8. TSEFINAM, 9. AUWFW, 10. I TNF, 11. IA.

Down: 2. T F, 3. STI, 4. V, 5. E, 6. OS, 7. ES, 8. EL, 9. D LLO, 10. BM, 11. US, 12. CM.

# SUDOKU

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7	5	8	9	3	4	1	6	2

My Stars ★★★★★

**FOR WEEK OF APRIL 10, 2017**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) The Lamb loves to be surrounded by flocks of admirers. But be careful that someone doesn't take his or her admiration too far. Use your persuasive skills to let him or her down easily.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) This is a good time to begin setting far-reaching goals and connecting with new contacts. Aspects also favor strengthening old relationships -- personal and/or professional.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A personal disappointment should be viewed as a valuable learning experience. Go over what went wrong and see where a change in tactics might have led to a more positive outcome.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Don't leave projects unfinished or personal obligations unresolved, or you might find yourself tripping over all those loose ends later on. A relative has important news.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Expect a challenge to the usual way you do things. Although you might prefer the tried-and-true, once you take a good look at this new idea, you might feel more receptive to it.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22)  
Much work has yet to be done to polish a still-rough idea into something with significant potential. Expect to encounter some initial rejection, but stay with it nonetheless.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22)  
There still might be some communication problems in the workplace, but they should be resolved soon. Meanwhile, that “tip” from a friend should be checked out.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A new relationship appears to need more from you than you might be willing to give right now. Best advice: Resist making promises you might not be able to keep.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) That restless feeling encourages you to gallop off into a new venture. But remember to keep hold of the reins so you can switch paths when necessary.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to

January 19) A demanding work schedule keeps the high-spirited Goat from kicking up his or her heels. But playtime beckons by the week's end. Have fun. You earned it.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You're beginning to come out from under those heavy responsibilities you took on. Use this freed-up time to enjoy some much-deserved fun with people close to you.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20)  
Before you get swept away by a tidal wave of conflicting priorities, take time to come up for air, and reassess the situation. You might be surprised by what you'll find.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your leadership qualities are enhanced by a practical sense of purpose that keeps you focused on your goals.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On April 19, 1775, the American Revolution begins when 700 British troops march into Lexington to find 77 armed Minutemen waiting for them on the town's common green. Suddenly, the "shot heard around the world" was fired. Eight Americans lay dead or dying and 10 others were wounded.

- On April 20, 1841, Edgar Allan Poe's story "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" first appears in Graham's Lady's and Gentleman's Magazine. The tale, widely considered to be the first detective story, describes the extraordinary "analytical power" used by Monsieur C. Auguste Dupin to solve a series of murders in Paris.

- On April 21, 1865, a train carrying the coffin of assassinated President Abraham Lincoln leaves Washington, D.C. on its way to Springfield, Illinois, where he would be buried on May 4. The train traveled through 180 cities and seven states, stopping at each town for a ceremony.

- On April 22, 1945, Adolf Hitler, learning from one of his generals that no German defense was offered to the Russian assault at nearby Eberswalde, admits to all in his underground bunker that the war is lost. He committed suicide a week later.

- On April 17, 1964, the Ford Mustang is officially unveiled by Henry Ford II at the World's Fair in Flushing

Meadows, New York. The new car debuted in Ford showrooms on the same day, and almost 22,000 Mustangs were immediately snapped up by buyers.

- On April 23, 1987, the Chrysler Corporation purchases Nuova Automobili F. Lamborghini, the Italy-based maker of high-priced, high-performance cars, for a reported \$25 million.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was 20th-century German poet and playwright Bertolt Brecht who made the following sage observation: “Art is not a mirror held up to reality but a hammer with which to shape it.”

- If you're like 83 percent of American pet owners, you believe that your pet is better at cuddling than your significant other.

- The Bureau of Labor Statistics, the government's principal fact-finding agency in the field of labor economics and statistics, tracks employment trends. Using nationwide employment data, the BLS created projections of which occupations are likely to increase and which are likely on the decline. Unsurprisingly, healthcare and technology jobs are on the rise, while employment in manufacturing and farming is falling. It even identified 15 specific occupations as "fast declining." At the top of the list of jobs on the way out are locomotive firers -- though the surprise for many may be that the job even still exists. Also included in the top 10 are telephone operators, switchboard operators, postal service mail sorters, and sewing- and shoe-machine operators.

- Those who study such things say that the average stalk of celery contains 6 calories. However, since they're in the form of cellulose, even those few calories aren't absorbed into the body. Since some minute amount of energy is burned in the process of chewing, eating celery does indeed result in a net caloric loss.

- You might be surprised to learn that Canada has more lakes than all the rest of the world combined.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"I tore myself away from the safe comfort of certainties through my love for truth -- and truth rewarded me." -- Simone de Beauvoir

## SCRAMBLERS

*solution*

1. Suspect; 2. Search;  
3. Burst; 4. Teach

*Today's Word*  
**SUCCESS**

## TRIVIA TEST

1. **ASTRONOMY:** What is the common name of the constellation Monoceros?
2. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the westernmost territory of Canada?
3. **MYTHOLOGY:** Who was the Roman equivalent of the Greek hero Odysseus?
4. **ARCHITECTURE:** What are the blades of a windmill called?
5. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What natural attraction would you be viewing if you were on a boat called "Maid of the Mist"?
6. **MUSIC:** What rock band's debut album was titled "Kill 'Em All"?
7. **TELEVISION:** What are the names of Marge's sisters in "The Simpsons"?
8. **HISTORY:** What company owned the ill-fated Titanic?
9. **GOVERNMENT:** Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution forbids cruel and unusual punishment?
10. **LITERATURE:** What kind of creature is Bagheera In the "The Jungle Book"?

## TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. The Unicorn 2. Yukon 3. Ulysses
4. Sails 5. Niagara Falls, N.Y.
6. Metallica 7. Patty and Selma
8. The White Star Line 9. Eighth
10. Panther



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Amber

**PAWS Of Sanibel**  
**Hugo And Caramel**

PAWS of Sanibel is trying to find a temporary foster for two dogs, beginning in April, while the owner continues to undergo cancer treatment, which is taking longer than anticipated and won't be finished until July. The dogs have been staying with friends since last fall, and the arrangement has been working great. However, they can only continue fostering them until next month.



Hugo and Caramel

The dogs can be fostered together or separate. They are bonded but also resilient and we know that two big dogs can be a lot for anyone. The family is staying with relatives on Sanibel, however, they're in a condo that doesn't allow pets. They would love to be able to visit with the dogs and would like to be able to walk them. They would provide all food, etc.

The two dogs are named Hugo and Caramel, short for Carmelita. Both dogs are around 3 years old. Hugo is a vivacious black labrador with

a little mastiff mix and much like big teenager. He knows basic commands. He does great with dogs, so-so with cats, and he would do well with an experienced dog owner. He is a large, healthy dog.

Caramel is medium-sized Chow and Terrier mix, is a real good listener and pretty good at keeping Hugo in line. Caramel is a very obedient and attentive dog. They both are kennel trained and sleep together in the same large kennel.

They also go to the kennel for rest and and time out as their spot. They eat two scoops each of the same food, mornings and evenings. Food, bowls, kennel and supplies will be provided.

If you can help in any way, or foster one or both of these sweet dogs, call Pam at PAWS of Sanibel at 472-4823.\*

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**Prince Harry**



Prince Harry

This handsome guy needs a forever home. Prince Harry is a young, approximately 1-year-old beautiful light orange Ocicat mix with a beautiful coat. He has a lot of attitude/personality and loves to jump, run and play. He was picked up by the Sanibel Police on East Lake Road. He has been neutered, microchipped, combo tested and has had all his immunizations.

He seems to do fine with cats, but he does not like DOGS! He's being fostered currently, but only for a couple of weeks. PAWS would love to find him a great home with a wonderful family. As with all of the cats at PAWS, he must be kept inside, unless you teach him to walk on a leash during daylight hours only. Sanibel has become so overrun with wild critters that all small animals should be kept inside at night, and never should be allowed to roam free.

Call Pam at PAWS at 472-4823 with questions or to adopt Prince Harry.\*

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Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Barefoot Beach	Bonita Springs	2017	5,000	\$6,495,000	\$6,410,000	12
Barefoot Beach	Bonita Springs	1991	3,368	\$5,975,000	\$5,180,000	568
Bonita Beach	Bonita Springs	2000	4,348	\$3,698,000	\$3,450,000	20
Hermitage	Cape Coral	1998	4,088	\$2,290,000	\$1,720,000	87
St. Charles Harbour	Fort Myers	2004	8,500	\$2,000,000	\$1,925,000	40
Frowes Subdivision	Captiva	1948	2,813	\$1,795,000	\$1,820,000	8
Spring Ridge	Bonita Springs	2003	5,119	\$1,774,000	\$1,718,000	143
Bonita Beach	Bonita Springs	1953	1,440	\$1,499,000	\$1,400,000	70
Butterknife	Sanibel	2002	2,982	\$1,495,000	\$1,375,000	137
Southport On The Bay	Bonita Springs	1998	4,292	\$1,345,000	\$1,200,000	377





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