



Estates To Honor Dads During River Celebration



Catch the sunset along the river

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The Rhythm on the River event on Friday, June 16 at Edison Ford Winter Estates will be a celebration of Father's Day with food, drinks and music from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

There will be craft beer and bratwurst from Pinchers, live music with Steve Faust and a sunset view along the



Steve Faust

Caloosahatchee.

Pinchers is introducing a new craft beer, South of South, a Belgian-style beer that is similar to Blue Moon. Each guest will receive two craft beer tickets, bratwurst and Bavarian pretzel sticks with beer cheese. Additional beer tickets will be available for purchase. Guests can choose from a selection of 10 craft beers. A cash bar will have beer, wine, soda and water.

Tickets are \$30 for Edison Ford

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Food Drive During SoCo Art Crawl

During SoCo Second Saturday Art Crawl on June 10 at 6 p.m., participants are asked to help the fight against homelessness and hunger in Southwest Florida. The Union Artist Studios, Ocasiosca and Studio 204 encourage everyone to bring non-perishable food items to donate to Community Cooperative at the inaugural Art Loft Food Drive on the Alliance for the Arts campus.

The Art Loft is the name of the second floor of the Edwards Building at the Alliance. The space has become a hub for artistic expression since the creation of The Union Artist Studios in 2012. The artists of "the loft" produce and sell their artwork from their individual spaces and participate in various events such as the Alliance's Artist Studio Tour and the monthly SoCo Second Saturday. The artists hope the food drive becomes a recurring event and count on the patrons and supporters of the arts and the SoCo Second Saturday to help with their endeavor.

In addition to the food drive, the artists will be displaying original, food-related art and will raffle artwork throughout the evening.

The SoCo Second Saturday happens every month from 6 to 10 p.m. at the SoCo Cultural District of Fort Myers. For directions, visit www.socoswfl.com.✪



Pineapple 1 by Julia Darocha

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Laser Light Shows For All Ages At Planetarium

The Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium (CNCNCP) will host its classic laser light shows during two weekends in June surrounding June Solstice. They are planned for the weekends of June 16 through June 18 and June 23 through June 25 with evening showings at 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. Cost is \$10 per show. Each show averages 40 minutes.

Laser light shows have been a popular attraction for many years at the 3450 Ortiz Avenue location in Fort Myers. Laser lights shows are projected laser beams and dazzling graphics that are set to music. Throughout the years, the Southwest Florida community has enjoyed this entertainment from Calusa Nature Center's planetarium, the only one in the region. The laser shows, planned quarterly, highlight music from the likes of rock-n-roll legends Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin, Metallica, The Beatles, U2, B-52s and genres of music such as ElectroPop, i-Pop, Hypnotica



Laser light shows return to the Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium

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and Laser Magic Dance.

For the youngsters, there are laser light matinees with mythical stories in light and sound, designed to engage young students and stimulate their interest in learning about the night sky. Shows for children include a light-hearted and imaginative look at the myths and stories associated with the constellations, including the *Legend of Orion*, a fresh retelling of the classical Greek mythology surrounding Orion, the legendary hunter, as well as *Laser Perseus and Andromeda*, a story filled with humorous and exciting characters including Pegasus, the winged horse; Cetus, the sea monster; Perseus, the mighty warrior; and the fearsome monster Medusa.

Kids Laser Light Matinees will be shown Monday through Friday at 4 p.m. from June 16 through June 25. Tickets are \$5 and each show lasts about 30 minutes. Guests must arrive and purchase their tickets in the CNCNCP Museum by 3:50 p.m. to secure entrance into the planetarium.

For more information or a complete listing of each show's musical offering, see the show schedule at www.calusanature.org/laser-shows/. For additional information, call 275-3435.✪

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Third Chapter For Depot



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

The 1924 Atlantic Coast Line Railroad (ACL) passenger depot is beginning a new phase in its history – chapter three, one might say – after nearly five decades as a depot and then more than three as an historical museum. The historic photo taken was soon after the depot opened to great fanfare. The recent photo shows a scene in transition, as it is being renovated to become part of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation’s regional headquarters and collaboratory.

The point of view in the historic photo taken from Jackson Street captures the “working” side of the passenger depot, whose picturesque entrance faced Peck Avenue.

Originally, the Mediterranean Revivalist style building had long, open-arched breezeways (later enclosed to maximize museum space), which provided shady waiting areas for the public.

Note the multiple tracks in the foreground, an indication of just how busy the transportation hub was. In those days, tracks continued to Monroe Street and the downtown waterfront, the freight station and packing houses.

That looming water tower stood at Lee and Peck. Fed by artesian wells, it was the town’s first, a result of a 1910 bond issue that vastly improved the town’s public water system.

The depot’s first chapter ended in 1971 with the departure of the last passenger train. A period of vacancy followed, but in 1982 it opened as a city-owned historical museum.

Originally named the Fort Myers Historical Museum, it was later renamed the



This view from Jackson Street shows the 1924 ACL depot soon after opening. Note the many tracks and the town’s first public water tower at Lee and Peck.

photo courtesy SWFL Museum of History



From 1982 until recently, the depot was an historical museum. Now, it is being renovated and will be part of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation’s regional headquarters and collaboratory. At right is the new Central Fire Station, constructed on the former library site.

photo by Gerri Reaves

Southwest Florida Museum of History. It closed to the public only last summer.

Now, as the train station is being repurposed for a third chapter, the exterior looks much the same as in the historic photo -- but how the surroundings have changed.

Behind the green construction fencing, the ground is being readied for the construction of a 10,000-square-foot LEED-certified addition.

Part of that preparation involved relocating monuments, a time capsule and even the Esperanza, the luxury 1929 Pullman car.

Looking at the recent photo, who would guess that the Fort Myers library (1979 to 2013) has come and gone between the snapping of these two photos?

In its place is the new Central Fire Station (right).

Stay tuned as the foundation’s project restores the depot to its rightful role: a bustling center with an important role in the community.

Walk down to Jackson and Peck and witness the repurposing of one of downtown’s most beloved buildings.

Then, visit these two research centers to learn more about the ACL depot.

The Southwest Florida Historical Society is an all-volunteer non-profit organization open Wednesday and Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon and Wednesday 4 to 7 p.m. It is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. Call 939-4044 or visit 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.

Wednesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

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

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PACE Fundraiser Dress Collection

Love That Dress!9 will continue its collection event fun at the 3rd annual Sunset at Summerlin Jake's Seafood and Steaks on Wednesday, June 13 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

The evening will include a selection of robust appetizers and a cash bar with proceeds from the night's \$5 Sangria signature cocktail going to PACE Center for Girls of Lee County. Attendees will receive one free drink ticket and enjoy live smooth jazz and Latin sounds by Marc Vee. An extensive silent auction will be held featuring all the best of Sanibel & Captiva islands, along with raffle items and a chance to win an 18-carat gold diamond necklace from Gulfcoast Coin and Jewelry. The auction this year also features two "once in a lifetime opportunities" packages: two orchestra level tickets to attend the People's Choice Awards in Los Angeles and a weekend as an astronaut at NASA's Kennedy Space Center.

Admission to the event is \$10 per person with donations of items and \$15 per person without a donation. Items selected for donation include new or "gently loved" dresses, shoes, accessories, and/or handbags. Visit www.LoveThatDress.org for more details.

The Sunset collection event is sponsored by: Stilwell Enterprises & Restaurant Group, COMCAST Spotlight, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Wyndham Garden, *Island Sun*, *The River Weekly News*, *The Islander*, Seabreeze Communications Group, Rich & Sandy



At last year's Love That Dress Collection Party, guests were busy adding their bids to the silent auction sheets before the bidding closed
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This year's Love That Dress!9 will take place on Wednesday, August 23 at the Embassy Suites in Estero, located at 10450 Corkscrew Commons Drive. In the months leading up to the event, members of the Southwest Florida community are

asked to donate new and "gently loved" dresses and accessories at collection events and convenient drop-off locations across the county. Collection events hosted by generous local businesses and organizations are a great way to connect with community members and sample the local fare, all while collecting inventory, raising funds and generating awareness for the main event.

Additional events will include the Funky Fashion Show presented by Iberiabank and hosted by the Cape Coral Yacht Club on Wednesday, June 21; and the season finale River District Collection event at

Goodwill Boutique on First and the Red Door Photography studio in downtown Fort Myers on Thursday, July 20.

This year's goal is to generate an inventory of more than 4,000 dresses and raise \$120,000. All proceeds generated by the Love That Dress! events benefit PACE Center for Girls of Lee County.

Anyone interested in participating in a collection event in support of Love That Dress!9 may contact Allyson Ross, development manager of special projects associate for PACE Lee, at Allyson.Ross@PACECenter.org.

Summerlin Jake's Seafood and Steaks is located at 17501 Harbour Pointe Drive in Fort Myers, just before the Sanibel Causeway. For more information about the event, call 470-7548 or visit www.pacecenter.org/locations/lee.✱

American Flag Retirement

On Wednesday, June 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., officials from two local funeral homes – Harvey-Engelhardt Funeral Home and Fuller Metz Funeral Home – will be accepting old, torn, tattered American flags for complimentary replacement flags in observance of Flag Day.

Harvey-Engelhardt Funeral Home is located at 1600 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. Call 936-2177 for more information. Fuller Metz Funeral Home is located at 3740 Del Prado Boulevard in South Cape Coral. Call 542-3161 for more information.✱

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The Hermitage Museum

Library Highlights Russia’s Famous Art Museum

On Monday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m., Friends of the Fort Myers Library presents a visit to Russia’s most valued treasures. The Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia, is renowned for its collection of Western art including important paintings and sculptures from the Renaissance and the Dutch Golden Age through the 20th century. The museum

is equally famed for its architecture and the fabulous decoration in its 1,100 rooms, built by Empress Catherine the Great. Carol Jonson, an adjunct faculty member at the University of Detroit and Hodges University, will be the presenter of the program, which explores highlights of the art and architecture of the museum. Jonson is a sought-after speaker featuring topics in art, architecture, travel and history. The program is free and will be held in the meeting rooms of Fort Myers Library at 1651 Lee Street. Registration is required; visit www.bit.ly/FML619.*

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Theater Presents A Horror Parody

The Laboratory Theater of Florida presents *Whatever Happened To Baby Jane*, a stage horror parody by Dale Gutzman, opening on Friday, June 16 at 8 p.m. In 1917, Baby Jane is a child vaudevillian star, and her sister, Blanche, isn’t anything. Blanche eventually outshines her sister and becomes a bona fide film actress while Jane is left behind. One night, a car accident paralyzes Blanche and ends her movie career. In 1962, the two sisters are living together in Blanche’s mansion. Jane has descended into alcoholism and cruelty, while Blanche manages the estate as best as she can. When Blanche informs her sister of her wish to sell the house, all hell breaks loose. The show stars Randy Jones, Rob Green, Kayleigh O’Connell, Jack Weld, Cindi Heimberg, Eren Sisk, Patrick Erhardt, Steven Coe, Patrick Rogers, Yancy de la Roz and Holly Hagan. The Laboratory Theater Artistic Director Annette Trossbach directs. “This amazingly talented cast has embraced the horror genre and taken that to the next level: parody. The show is hilarious, surprising, sexy, dramatic and absolutely outrageous. It’s unlike anything you’ve seen before,” said Trossbach. After the opening, performances for *Whatever Happened To Baby* are on



Jane Hudson played by Randy Jones and Blanche Hudson played by Rob Green photo provided

June 17, 23, 24 and 30 and July 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 8 p.m., as well as on July 2 and 9 at 2 p.m. Individual show tickets online are \$23 for adults, \$20 for seniors and military, and \$10 for students (does not include service fees). For season ticket holders, this show is included as part of the 2017-2018 season pass. For tickets and more information for all shows and events, call the theater at 218-0481 or visit www.LaboratoryTheaterFlorida.com. The Laboratory Theater of Florida is located in the River District at 1634 Woodford Avenue in Fort Myers.*

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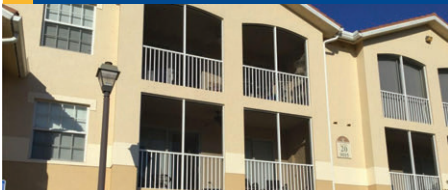
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by Tom Hall

Florida Repertory Theatre's Camp Florida Rep is an intensive theatre summer camp for students entering second through 12th grade. Camp Florida Rep features four

musicals and teen conservatory.

During each session, campers attend classes in music, dance, drama and stage craft. At the end of the session, they produce and perform a full musical in the historic Arcade Theatre. This in-depth involvement gives campers a true sense of ownership and pride in their work, resulting in increased confidence and creativity.

"This year," noted Florida Rep Education Director Kody C. Jones, "we're excited to add our first annual Summer Teen Conservatory, providing a professional experience and a particularly challenging piece, Mary Zimmerman's *Metamorphoses*, where students will be recreating tales from Ovid's classics in an actual pool of water onstage."

The four musicals include:

- *Legally Blonde The Musical*



Cast members from a previous Camp Florida Rep play

photo courtesy www.artswfl

Jr., with music and lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin and book by Heather Hach. Based on the award-winning Broadway musical and the smash hit motion picture, *Legally Blonde The Musical Jr.* is a fun journey of fabulous self-empowerment and expanding horizons. The show's instantly recognizable songs are filled with humor, wit and sass – leaving cast members and audiences alike seeing pink! Christina DeCarlo directs. Performances take place on Thursday, June 15 and Friday, June 16 at 6 p.m.

- *Fiddler on the Roof Jr.*, with music and lyrics by Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick and book by Joseph Stein. This

is a special adaptation of the nine-time Tony Award-winning Broadway musical. *Fiddler on the Roof Jr.* follows Tevye the milkman as he tries to protect his daughters and his way of life from a changing world. Created by Broadway legends Jerome Robbins, Harold Prince, Jerry Bock, Sheldon Harnick and Joseph Stein, *Fiddler on the Roof Jr.* tackles the universal theme of tradition in ways that reach across barriers of race, class, nationality and religion. Directed by Kody C. Jones, performances take place at on Thursday, June 29 and Friday, June 30 at 6 p.m.

- *Madagascar – A Musical Adventure Jr.* Join Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the "hip hip" Hippo and, of course, those hilarious, plotting penguins as they bound onto the stage in the musical adventure of a lifetime. Based on the smash DreamWorks animated motion picture, *Madagascar – A Musical Adventure Jr.* follows all of your favorite crack-a-lackin' friends as they escape from their home

in New York's Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julien's Madagascar. Directed by Christina DeCarlo, performances take place on Thursday, July 13 and Friday, July 14 at 6 p.m.

- *Disney's The Lion King Jr.*, with music and lyrics by Tim Rice and Elton John and book by Roger Ellers and Irene Mechi. *Disney's The Lion King* has captivated the imagination of audiences around the world. The African Savannah comes to life on the historic Arcade Theatre stage with Simba, Rafiki and an unforgettable cast of characters as they journey from Pride Rock to the jungle... and back again, in this inspiring, coming-of-age tale. Directed by Skylar Grieco, performances are on Thursday, July 27 and Friday, July 28 at 6 p.m.

The Summer Teen Conservatory features *Metamorphosis* by Mary Zimmerman and adapted from Ovid's *Metamorphoses*. This Tony Award-winning play is a magical journey into Ovid's world of transformation and enchantment. In breathtaking images, the characters experience love and loss, joy and pain, freeze and transform, as they discover the inevitable consequences of their own actions. Directed by Kody C. Jones, performances are held Monday, July 24 through Saturday, August 12.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit Florida Rep's Education Department online at www.FloridaRepEducation.org or call 332-4665 ext. 2020. The Education Department at Florida Rep is located in the Historic Arcade Theatre in the Fort Myers River District.

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



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Entries Sought For Freedom Fest

The Fort Myers River District Alliance (RDA) is seeking participants, sponsors and vendors to finalize the schedule for this summer's WINK Freedom Fest 4th of July Event presented by Fort Myers Pest Control.

The free, six-hour Motor Show and Fireworks Celebration will showcase a variety of motor vehicles dressed in their patriotic best, live entertainment, attractions, kid's activities and more. The celebration will culminate with a spectacular fireworks show over the Caloosahatchee.

So far, WINK News, Fort Myers Pest Control, the Fort Myers Community Redevelopment Agency, Budweiser, and MidWestOne Bank have signed on as sponsors. There are still plenty of opportunities to join in on the fun and festivities.

For \$20, motor show participants will receive a parking space in the heart of the Fort Myers River District

for a car, truck, motorcycle or golf cart with the opportunity to show off their Independence Day spirit to an estimated 14,000 event attendees. At the end of the evening, awards and trophies for Most Patriotic, Most Artistic, Fan Favorite, Kids Choice, and Best of Classic will be divvied up by a panel of judges. Local car and motorcycle clubs are welcome. Participants are asked to register at www.winkfreedomfest.com.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available to Lee County businesses and organizations. Sponsorships can be purchased in several levels ranging from \$40 to \$5,000. All sponsors will benefit from meaningful market exposure while contributing to the community and aligning with the RDA. All funds received will go directly to pay for the fireworks display and the event itself. All sponsorships are 501(c)3 tax deductible. All sponsorship opportunities can be viewed at www.winkfreedomfest.com

The RDA is also accepting vendor applications. For a \$75 fee, subject to approval and availability of space, a vendor may sell locally made arts, crafts and goods or other items at the event.✪

'Ding' Tarpon Tournament Breaks Records

The sixth annual "Ding" Darling & Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament on May 19 topped previous years' fundraising efforts by netting \$80,000 from tournament sponsorships, donations and silent auction proceeds to benefit the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

The tournament also paid out a record \$37,650 in prizes this year to five winning teams. Because last year's tournament only awarded two teams, the balance of that prize money rolled into a 100 percent payout of anglers' registration fees from this year.

"One hundred percent of the anglers' registration fees goes to the awards purse," said tournament organizer Birgie Miller, executive director of the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS). "That's why our sponsorship partners are so important to us. They pay the costs for putting on the tourney and contribute to the charity proceeds."

DDWS organizes the annual tournament with Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille of Sanibel Island, Fort Myers Beach and Captiva Island as the title sponsor. Tournament social events took place at the Fort Myers Beach location.

"To date, the tarpon tournament has raised nearly \$330,000 for refuge water research, wildlife research and education," said Miller. "We can't thank Doc Ford's enough for their incredible show of support these past six years. They've already committed for the 2018 tourney, which will take place May 11."

For more information on the tournament and this year's winners, visit www.dingdarlingtarpontourney.org.

Tournament sponsors for 2017 include: Title Sponsor: Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille; Premier Sponsors: Diversified Yacht Services, Nimrod, Raiser's Edge; Presenting Sponsors: Mark & Gretchen



Mighty catch by Team Yam, first-place winners of the sixth annual "Ding" Darling & Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament, which broke records for prizes awarded and funds raised for the refuge. photo provided

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Report Names Best High Schools

Florida SouthWestern State College Collegiate High School Lee (FSWC-Lee) and Charlotte (FSWC-Charlotte) were recently named Bronze Schools in *U.S. News and World Report's* 2017 Best High Schools rankings.

Each year, U.S. News and World Report ranks high schools based on common core data collected by the U.S. Department of Education, advanced placement test data and each

high school's statewide accountability proficiency test results and graduation rate. This year, 20,487 schools were eligible to be ranked from data stemming from the 2014-15 school year.

"We are pleased to be recognized nationally for the strength of our programs," said Dr. Larry Miller, dean, FSW School of Education and Charter Schools. "Rankings such as these are proof of the dedication of our teachers and students in embracing the rigorous learning environments FSWC-Lee and FSWC-Charlotte provide."✱

FSW Scholarship Music Auditions

The Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) will hold scholarship auditions for new and current music students on Wednesday, June 14 at the FSW Thomas Edison Campus, located at 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers.

To receive the scholarship, students must be full-time and degree-seeking. Scholarship auditions are open to music majors as well as students who would like to participate in ensembles and/or take one-on-one applied lessons, including woodwind, brass, percussion, all strings, piano or voice.

FSW provides a variety of musical experiences – both for those who will

be consumers of music and those who will be music professionals. Students may take courses leading to an associate of arts degree with a music emphasis or one-on-one applied lessons with master teachers. Performance opportunities in outstanding ensembles include FSW Concert Band, Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Ensembles, College Choir and many chamber groups. Courses include music theory, sight singing and ear training, music history and appreciation, class piano, jazz improvisation, class voice audio technology and more.

For information on audition requirements and to schedule an audition time, email Kelly O'Neil, instructional assistant, FSW music program, at koneil1@fsw.edu, or call 432-5203.✱

Congregation Co-Sponsors Film Screening


All Faiths Unitarian Congregation of Fort Myers will co-sponsor the screening of documentary film *From the Ashes*. The screening is on Friday, June 9 at 7 p.m. at the Calusa Nature Center. Sponsored by the Calusa Sierra Club and the Pachimama Alliance, the screening will be followed by a panel discussion.


From the Ashes captures Americans

in communities across the country as they wrestle with the legacy of the coal industry and what its future should be under the Trump Administration. From Appalachia to the West's Powder River Basin, the film goes beyond the rhetoric of the "war on coal" to present compelling and often heartbreaking stories about what's at stake for our economy, health and climate. The film invites audiences to learn more about an industry on the edge and what it means for their lives.

All Faiths Unitarian supports a Climate Action Team that seeks environmental justice.✱

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Paddlers take off during a race at last year's Battle on the Blueway

Along The River

The Sounds of Summer concert series at the **Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center** kicks off this Friday, June 9 with Frankie Colt and Sarah Hadeka. Tickets are \$5 per show. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and performances begin at 8 p.m.

The concert series brings popular performers to downtown Fort Myers from June through August. Each concert will bring audiences a unique and entertaining experience.

Colt is an independent artist based out of the Southwest Florida area. She has been playing guitar since age 12. Over the years, her musical styling has changed from acoustic folk to bluegrass to her now heavier sound of alternative rock music witnessed in her latest EP release, *Transmutation*. Learn more at www.facebook.com/frankiecolt.

Hadeka's debut EP, *Here I Am*, is an entirely self-written and self-produced foray into the wide realm of original music. Her songs prove her incredible ability play after play and have left her fans wanting more. Hadeka is currently in the recording studio working on new songs in the realm of pop/rock/alternative genres. Learn more at www.sarahhadeka.com.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in the historic downtown Fort Myers River District. Visit www.sbdac.com for more information and tickets.

Salty Sam's Marina is hosting Ronald McDonald and the **Offshore Rodeo Kids Fishing Tournament & Expo** this Saturday, June 10. The event kicks off at 10 a.m. with various stations where young anglers will learn to hook and catch different types of fish. Lunch and a magic show with Ronald McDonald will follow at 11:30 a.m. The tournament is open to the

first 100 kids age 12 and younger who are pre-registered.

Registration is \$25 per child and includes tournament entry, T-shirt, a fishing rod compliments of Fish Florida, trophy, lunch with Ronald McDonald and a Stowaway pass on the Pieces of Eight Pirate Cruise. There will also be educational, interactive displays.

To register, visit www.rmhcswfl.org/th_event/offshore-rodeo-2017. For more information, call 437-0202. All donations benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida.

Salty Sam's Marina is located at 2200 Main Street on Fort Myers Beach.

The third annual **Battle on the Blueway** returns to the beachfront at **Crescent Beach Family Park** on Fort Myers Beach this Saturday, June 10. The first race is scheduled for 9 a.m.

The Battle on the Blueway fundraiser is a World Paddle Association Region 5 sanctioned points race that will include seven-mile and two-mile races, sprints, a free Calusa Kids Race and a Special Olympics Fun Race. According to Calusa Blueway coordinator Mike Hammond, the two-mile race is open to all craft this year, which will enable more recreational kayakers and youth paddlers to participate.

The festival is free for spectators, who can see the races from the beachfront or the pier at Lynn Hall Park. All non-motorized vessels are welcome. There will be free giveaways. There will also be a demonstration and vendor area for those who wish to try out a paddleboard or surfski.

Pre-registration is required for racers. There will not be an opportunity to register the day of the event. After June 5, the entry fee ranges from \$55 to \$65. There will also be a fee to park at the beach. All proceeds from the Battle on the Blueway will benefit Special Olympics Florida - Lee County SUP Team.

For more information and race schedule, visit www.paddleguru.com/races/BattleontheBlueway2017 or call Hammond at 707-7981 or 533-7275. Crescent Beach Family Park is located at 1100 Estero Boulevard on Fort Myers Beach.

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum's **summer beach walk** series will continue at **Bunche Beach**, located at 18201 John Morris Road in South Fort Myers, this Sunday, June 11 at 7 a.m. The 718-acre facility located on San Carlos Bay features natural tidal wetlands, which are a particularly good area to see mollusks.

Staff marine biologist Stefanie Wolf will lead the low-tide excursion. Cost is \$10 for museum member adults and \$5 for museum member children (ages 5 to 17); the cost is \$12 for non-member adults and \$7 for non-member children. Parking is \$2 per hour. The beach walk will last about an hour. All participants receive a coupon for half-off museum admission and advanced booking is required for the museum at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road on Sanibel. Beach walk tickets are non-refundable; a full refund will be given if the museum cancels due to weather.

Call 395-2233 to make reservations or visit www.shellmuseum.org for more information.✪



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Hurricane Season Preparation

Lee County Electric Cooperative's preparation begins long before a hurricane threatens to make landfall in Southwest Florida. To ensure LCEC has the resources needed for restoration, the organization cultivates relationships with power line and tree-trimming contractors, fuel companies, material vendors, food service vendors, other cooperatives and local agencies for back-up resources.

In addition, LCEC's more than 375 employees play a critical role in the restoration plan. Employees put their typical job responsibilities on hold to pitch in during restoration.

LCEC has a detailed restoration plan that outlines priorities of electric restoration during large power outages. LCEC's plan first calls for restoration of essential services such as hospitals, traffic signals, shelters and law enforcement. Next, power is restored to the largest number of customers. The last to be restored are individual services or services that need to be reconnected after repair to their home electrical system.

LCEC does not disconnect power before a storm. Utility officials let Mother Nature run her course and begin to restore power to impacted areas once winds are at a safe level.

How customers should prepare for outages:

- Ensure that you have a back-up telephone if you use a cordless or other telephone that is dependent on electricity
- Have a battery-powered radio on hand and a supply of fresh batteries to stay aware of news and other information
- Keep a flashlight and extra batteries handy

What to do when the lights go out:

- Help keep LCEC's telephone lines clear for emergency calls. Only call LCEC at 656-2300 to report downed power lines.
- Visually check your weather-head (on the roof where your service drop connects to the pole) and your meter box to make sure it is not damaged.
- Any damage to your home's electric system must be repaired by a licensed electrician and inspected by a designated agency before power to your home can be restored.
- Turn off your appliances. This will

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Little Explorers Play Zone

photos provided

Summer Programs At Nature Center

Conservancy of Southwest Florida is offering fun and educational experiences for guests to enjoy this summer at the Conservancy Nature Center. From daily education programs to free admission days to an informative speaker series, a variety of activities and programs are available throughout the summer for guests of all ages.

Daily education programs will be led by conservancy representatives, allowing guests to come face-to-face with native reptiles, ocean creatures, and occasionally catch a glimpse of rehabilitating wildlife while discovering how the conservancy works to protect the future of Southwest Florida's water, land and wildlife. Daily programs at the Conservancy Nature Center are available now through October 31, featuring Reptile Roundup at 11:15 a.m., Wildlife 101 at 12:15 p.m. and Ocean Discoveries at 1:15 p.m.

Families will celebrate Florida's unique habitats and wildlife at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida Family Fun Days, featuring exclusive live animal encounters, games, crafts and more on select Saturdays to educate and raise awareness about Southwest Florida's array of wildlife. Admission on Family Fun Days is free for children with a paying adult. Topics include Outstanding Oceans on June 17; Sensational Snakes on July 15; and Honeybee Hoopla on August 19.

To beat the summer heat, guests can cool off inside the Jeannie Meg Smith Theater at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida on select Saturdays and watch a nature-themed film. Movies are included for guests with admission to the Conservancy Nature Center. The summer line-up includes Earth on June 10 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Oceans on July 8 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; and Wings of Life on August 12 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida is celebrating special holidays this summer by offering the honoree complimentary admission when

accompanied by a paying guest. Free admission days include:

- Memorial Day – Thursday, May 25 through Saturday, May 27 and Monday, May 29: Free admission for current and retired military with valid ID

- Father's Day – Thursday, June 15 through Saturday, June 17: Free admission for dads when accompanied by another paid adult and child

- Independence Day – Monday, July 3 and Wednesday, July 5: Free admission for current and retired military with valid ID

- Labor Day – Thursday, Aug. 31 through Saturday, Sept. 2: Free admission for first responders and current and retired military with valid ID

- National Grandparents Day – Thursday, Sept. 7 through Saturday, Sept. 9: Free admission for grandparents when accompanied by another paid adult and child

In addition to the Conservancy of Southwest Florida's summer-long programs and activities, a special offer is also available to Florida residents. Every day during the months of June and July, children will receive free admission to the Conservancy Nature Center. This special offer is limited to up to four children per one paying adult, and cannot be combined with other discounts or promotions.

An environmental education lecture series will also be offered throughout the summer months. Programs are free to conservancy members or \$10 for non-members. Seating is limited, and Evenings at the Conservancy events often sell out. To attend, pre-register by contacting Sophia Navarra at SophiaN@conservancy.org or 403-4207. Upcoming lectures include Wildlife Rehabilitation on Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m., featuring Joanna Fitzgerald, director of the von Arx Wildlife Hospital; and Smart Growth in Collier County on Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m., presented by Nicole Johnson, policy director for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

Opportunities are also available for self-guided exploration, including the Dalton Discovery Center, exhibits at the von Arx Wildlife Animal Hospital and the Little Explorer Play Zone. Electric boat tours are offered between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., as well as guided kayak



Touch Tank

tours. Little Explorers Pre-K programs are also offered at 10 a.m. on select Thursdays and Saturdays for children age 5 and younger.

The Conservancy Nature Center is open Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$12.95 for adults, \$8.95 for kids and free for children age 2 and younger. Admission is also free for Conservancy

members. Membership is available online at www.Conservancy.org/Join.

All Conservancy Nature Center programs and events are online at www.Conservancy.org/Nature-Center. For information about the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, and to make reservations, call 262-0304 or visit www.Conservancy.org.✱

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Boaters: Watch For Manatees

The summer season has arrived and that can mean crowded conditions on Florida’s waterways. Save the Manatee Club encourages the boating community to watch for manatees when out on the water.

“Last year was a record year for manatees killed by watercraft in Florida, and many more manatees suffered injuries from boat strikes,” said Patrick Rose, Save the Manatee Club executive director. “Watercraft-related manatee mortality is the leading identified cause of manatee death in Florida.”

Manatees usually swim about 3 to 5 miles per hour. Because they are slow-moving, need to surface to breathe air and prefer shallow water, they are vulnerable to boat strikes. Manatees can suffer injury and death due to the crushing impact of the hull and/or the slashing of the propellers.

For the manatee’s protection, boaters are urged to:

- Follow all posted boat speed regulations and do not enter designated manatee sanctuaries
- Wear polarized sunglasses to help see below the water’s surface
- Look for a snout, back, tail, or flipper breaking the surface of the water or a swirl or flat spot created when the manatee dives or swims
- Slow down if manatees are in the vicinity
- Stay in deepwater channels when boating. Avoid boating over seagrass beds and shallow areas where manatees might



Scarred manatee Alice and calf at Blue Spring

be feeding

- Observe manatees from a distance and remember to “look, but don’t touch.” Resist the urge to feed manatees or give them water
- Stash any trash and discard monofilament line, hooks, and other trash properly
- Call 1-888-404-FWCC (3922), #FWC or *FWC on a cell phone, VHF Channel 16 on a marine radio, or send a text message to Tip@MyFWC.com to report a dead, orphaned, sick, or injured manatee, or a manatee being harassed.

Save the Manatee Club produces and distributes a variety of free public awareness materials to protect manatees. Yellow waterproof banners with the message, “Please Slow, Manatees Below,” are available to Florida boaters. The bright banners alert other boaters about the presence of manatees and can help save

photo courtesy Save the Manatee Club

manatee lives. Other free materials include dock signs for Florida shoreline property owners, waterproof manatee protection tips cards and boat decals with a number for reporting injured manatees.

More “Manatee Protection Tips for Boaters” and a free Manatee Alert App for iPhones and iPads can be found on the Club’s website at www.savethemanatee.org/boatertips. The Alert App notifies boaters when they are approaching manatee speed zones and helps facilitate the reporting of injured manatees and manatee harassment. Also, check out the Club’s new “Safe Boating Tips to Protect Manatees” YouTube video at smc.convio.net/safeboating.

The free public awareness materials are available by contacting Save the Manatee Club via email at education@savethemanatee.org or by calling toll free at 1-800-432-JOIN (5646).✱

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Hurricane Season

protect them when service is restored, prevent electrical fires and lessen the chances of circuit overload when service is restored. You may leave one light on to serve as a visual signal that power has been restored.

Storm Safety Tips:

- Stay clear of downed power lines. They may still be energized and dangerous. Puddles of water contacting downed lines are just as dangerous.
- Don’t trim trees or remove debris located near downed power lines. If you must remove debris from your home, don’t pile it under or near electrical lines or equipment.
- Residents on life support need to have an alternate plan in place to ensure the continuity of any life-support needs. This may include making special arrangements to spend time with a friend or relative during an outage or using a back-up generator.
- If operating a portable generator, keep it outside and in an open area. Carbon monoxide emissions can be harmful. Follow all instructions regarding safe operation. Do not connect the generator directly to your main electrical panel. If installed incorrectly, power could flow into outside lines and injure you, your neighbors or utility crews working in the area.
- Avoid detaining LCEC employees or contractors while they are working to restore power. This can be distracting, can cause an accident and impedes the process.✱

Churches/Temples

ALL FAITHS UNITARIAN CONGREGATION
Sunday 10:30 a.m., 2756 McGregor Boulevard, allfaiths-uc.org, 226-0900.

ALL SAINTS BYZANTINE RITE CATHOLIC
Sunday 10:30 a.m. 10291 Bayshore Road, 305-651-0991.

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX
Sunday 9 and 10 a.m. 8210 Cypress Lake Drive, annunciation.fl.goarch.org, 481-2099.

BETH SHILOH MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE
Friday 8 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. 15675 McGregor Boulevard, 437-3171.

BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRIES
Sunday 10:30 a.m. 16581 McGregor Boulevard, 267-3166.

CHABAD LUBAVITCH ORTHODOX
Friday 6:30 p.m. 5620 Winkler Road, chabadswf.org, 433-7708.

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Sunday 10 a.m. 10200 Cypress Cove Circle, revtedalhouse@aol.com, 850-3943.

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Sunday 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. 13500 Freshman Lane, 768-2188.

CONGREGATIONAL
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Sunday 10 a.m. 2439 McGregor Boulevard, 334-8937.

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Sunday 9:45 and 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Wednesday 6:30 p.m. 8400 Cypress Lake Drive, 481-5442.

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Sunday 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m. 8260 Cypress Lake Drive, www.clpc.us, 481-3233.

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Sunday 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. 8570 Cypress Lake Drive, 482-1250.

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Sunday 11 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m. 16120 San Carlos Boulevard, Unit 10, 985-8503.

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Friday 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. tjswfl.org, 14486 A&W Bulb Road, 433-0201.

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Sunday 11 a.m. 10811 Sunset Plaza Circle #401, newchurchflorida.com, 481-5535.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
Sunday 10:30 a.m. 13411 Shire Lane, uucfm.org, 561-2700.

UNITY OF FORT MYERS
Sunday 9:15 and 11 a.m. 11120 Ranchette Road, unityoffortmyers.org, 278-1511.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. 9065 Ligon Court, 481-2125.

WORD OF LIFE
Sunday 10 a.m., Wednesday 7 p.m. 2120 Collier Avenue, 274-8881.

ZION LUTHERAN
Sunday 8, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. 7401 Winkler Road, zionfm.org, 481-4040.✱

CROW Case Of The Week:

American Alligator



by Bob Petcher

The American alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*) is the official state reptile of Florida. But, did you know it is also the state-recognized reptile of Louisiana and Mississippi as well?

This particular crocodilian reptile is found in freshwater marshes such as rivers and creeks. An average gator ranges from 11 to 16 feet in length and can weigh up to 1,300 pounds.

There are many differences between an alligator and a crocodile. For example, a gator's snout is rounder (U-shaped compared to the croc's V-shape) while it's "skin" color is darker. If both animals had their jaws shut, the alligator's teeth would be hidden, while the croc's teeth in its lower jaw could be seen protruding over its upper lip. The gator is also referred to as less aggressive when compared to its saltwater cousin, who incidentally has nearly double the lifespan as the freshwater animal. A gator averages more than 50 years of living.

During this time of year, alligators are in the middle of breeding season,

which takes place from April through July. Male gators make a booming bellow when attracting a female, but also use the same sound to protect their territory. Females will build a nest just before they are ready to lay eggs. The incubation period lasts approximately 63 to 68 days. So, if eggs are laid in late June or early July, hatching will occur from mid-August through early September.

Alligators take years to fully mature and grow to full size. Some references say it takes a male alligator eight years to grow to 10 feet in length.

At CROW, a juvenile American alligator arrived from Fort Myers on May 30. The young gator, roughly two feet in length, came into the clinic with a "large, full-thickness wound on its right side exposing its coelomic or body cavity." CROW medical officials feared the likelihood that the patient could develop serious contamination of the coelomic cavity due to the location and depth of the wound as well as the fact that the alligator lives in water. The coelom is situated in the mesoderm area that features the digestive tract and other visceral organs.

"Elevated white blood cell counts indicate the animal is battling an infection which we are treating with antibiotics," said Dr. Heather Barron, CROW's medical director.

While there was no knowledge as to how the alligator received such an injury, the wound was cleaned and a wound vac was applied.

"The wound vac encourages growth



Patient #17-1858 will be placed in an educational or breeding facility once fully healed

photo by Brian Bohlman

of new healthy tissue while helping keep infection under control," said Dr. Barron. "Some studies show it can cut healing time in half compared to traditional methods."

On June 5, an update on the gator patient was deemed positive as the wound was said to be healing. But, even with a good prognosis, this particular patient was not going to make it back to the wild anytime soon.

"The wound is closing and granulating in. Unfortunately, state regulations do not allow us to release alligators after treatment," said Dr. Barron. "When

the wound has healed we will work with our FWC (Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission) representative to place it in an educational home or breeding facility."

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A Boost To The Tarpon Morale



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Summertime hit hard this week with sticky, humid, oppressive heat. As usual, these conditions made for awesome fishing with all the summer species kicking into high gear. The catch-and-release snook bite in the passes and out on the beaches was on fire and, during the calm light wind days, the tarpon were easy to spot and even decided to eat bait on a few days.

I fished in the Useppa Island Tarpon Tournament last weekend, and there were many more tarpon caught this year than in the past few years. Slick, calm, overcast, mid-morning conditions made the fish easy to locate. At times, we were even able to creep up on them and present a bait instead of being anchored up waiting on them to get close to us. It's been a few weeks since I've located so many tarpon either in the sound or out on the beaches. Basically, every place I looked, we found fish, and often one or more boats were hooked up. For the first time in weeks, we had huge schools of threadfin herring in the sound, which is a great sign these tarpon should stick around.

After striking out on two tarpon trips in a row early this week, I had just started

to get that real numb feeling like I had my head bashed against a wall. With such a windy May, tarpon fishing was much more of a struggle than it usually is. Then, early this week, it happened again. I went a few days without a hook up while sitting in non-stop rolling tarpon. This just wears you down as a guide. It's not that your doing anything wrong; your in the fish but sometimes they just won't eat, and it can be just so frustrating.

Then the action over the weekend made for a much-needed boost to my tarpon morale. After fishing a few places and spotting lots of rolling fish in the northern sound, we still couldn't get a bite. So I checked out an area I hadn't caught tarpon for at least five years. There were fish all over. Once we found them, it happened so fast. After seeing them on a slick spot, I set up the boat and made just one cast. Before I could even bait the second rod, we were on, and the dry spell was long forgotten. After hours of casting and soaking baits over a period of a few days, it's amazing that a tarpon bite can happen so fast.

During the afternoon trips this week, the bite on catch-and-release snook was wide open. Often I could not keep both my anglers fishing as the snook would bite on almost every cast, between re-rigging and putting bait on. At times, it was as fast as one person could work. Either pinfish, grunts or shiners would work. It just did not matter. Basically any bait fished in or around the passes got bit. Once you worked out where the fish were stacked up, it was non-stop. For anglers looking for that trophy 40-inch plus snook, big baits and big tackle to get the fish out of the structure are



A tarpon goes airborne while trying to throw the hook

both a must have. Be gentle with these spawning fish as they are the future of this incredible fishery we have.

Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing local waters since he moved

to Sanibel in 1980. He now lives in St. James City and works as a back country fishing guide. If you have comments or questions, email captmattmitchell@aol.com.✴

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Plant Smart

Golden Shower Tree

by Gerri Reaves

Golden shower tree's (*Cassia fistula*) cascades of yellow blooms make it one of the most outstanding flowering trees in late spring and early summer in South Florida.

This native of India is a member of the bean, or pea, family and is also called Indian laburnum.

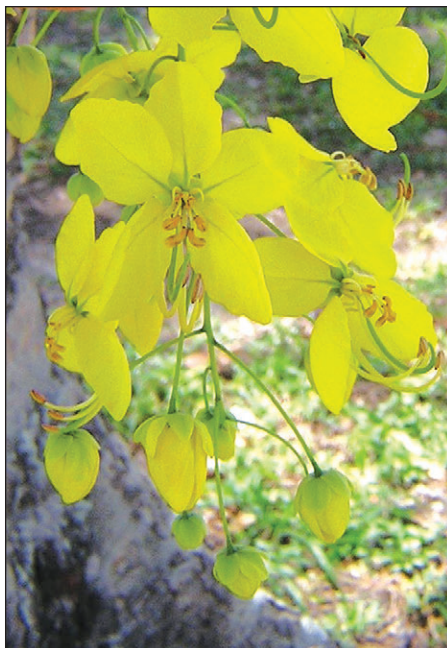
Fast-growing and deciduous, it is usually single-trunked and reaches up to 40 feet. The droopiness of the branches festooned with flowers create the "golden shower" effect.

For some homeowners, the stunning flower display outweighs the yardwork required by shedding leaves and large pods.

The pinnately compound leaves are two feet or longer and have pairs of alternate ovate or elliptic leaflets. Each leaflet is four to eight inches long and about two and one-half inches wide.

Five-petaled flowers of about two inches across have long-curving stamens and a pistil that develops into a large pod. Each pea-like flower bud attaches individually to the main stalk of the inflorescence, which makes it resemble a cluster of grapes.

The flowers start blooming at the base of the inflorescence and progress to the tip.



The five petals are widely spaced and have prominent curving stamens

photos by Gerri Reaves

The Latin word fistula, meaning tube, refers to the elongated brown pods. Cylindrical and a foot or two long, they contain poisonous seeds.

In India, a cathartic made from the pod's sticky brown pulp is added to pipe tobacco, inspiring two other common names, pudding pipe tree and purging cassia.

This tree prefers full sun and well-drained soil, is moderately drought tolerant and is a larval host for the orange-barred sulphur butterfly.



Non-native golden shower tree is valued for its flower display in late spring to early summer

This showpiece works best as a specimen plant.

Sources: *500 Plants of South Florida* by Julia F. Morton, *Florida Landscape Plants* by John V. Watkins and Thomas J. Sheehan, *Flowering Trees for Central and South Florida*

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Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.*

Marine Planning Online Assistance

Florida's boating support and waterway planners, as well as marine event coordinators, can now receive 24-hour online assistance to help plan projects that contribute to the conservation of manatees and other marine wildlife through the Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) website. IPaC is an online tool which provides information on protected species and habitat that may occur in a specific area.

In December 2016, the U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Service introduced a new IPaC feature, an online list of questions to determine if projects comply with its current Florida Manatee Key and Guidance to Proceed with Marine Events Authorized by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG). Qualified projects receive a consistency letter from IPaC, which can be submitted with the federal permit application to streamline the project review process.

The Florida Manatee Key addresses U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' permit applications for in-water activities throughout Florida, which include maintenance dredging; placement of fill material for shoreline stabilization;

construction of docks, marinas, boat ramps, boat slips, dry storage or other watercraft access structures or facilities; and construction or placement of other in-water structures.

The Guidance to Proceed with Marine Events covers in-water events authorized by the USCG in South Florida, including

fireworks, boat regattas and parades, blessing of a fleet, fishing tournaments, sailboat and motorboat races, and non-motorized boat activities.

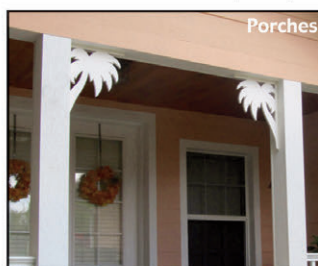
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Chico's FAS, Inc. President and CEO, Shelley Broader, and associates with Lellany Machado and her daughters at the Habitat Women Build dedication photos provided

Habitat Program Dedicates Homes

It was an emotional Mother's Day weekend for Lellany Machado as Chico's FAS, Inc. President and Chief Executive Officer Shelley Broader presented the single mother with the keys to her very own home through Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties' Women Build Program. Machado's house was one of three homes dedicated on Saturday.

Women Build title sponsor Chico's

FAS, Inc. and its family of brands – Chico's, White House Black Market, and Soma – as well as teams of local women raised more than \$150,000 to fund the renovations of three homes for Women Build 2017. Working alongside Machado, Chico's FAS associates contributed more than 580 volunteer hours. Together, 475 volunteers logged more than 1,900 volunteer hours to complete the rehab of three homes in two weeks.

"We are so proud of the more than 130 associates who volunteered their time to help rehab this home. It's Chico's FAS' 40th sponsored home, and it is incredible to see the before and after



Habitat's Women Build homeowner candidate Lellany Machado reacts after receiving the keys to her own home

photos," said Broader. "To provide a home, a basic necessity, and know that Lellany and her daughters are now safe is what the spirit of community is all about. At Chico's FAS, we believe in empowering women to succeed, and I can't think of a more powerful moment than presenting this home."

"This home is a dream come true. It means the world to me and my daughters. Every time I wake up, I can't believe we are going to have a home of

our own," said Machado.

This is the seventh consecutive year the local Habitat affiliate has offered the Women Build program, an initiative to engage women in the effort to provide safe and decent homes for deserving families in need. By recruiting, educating and inspiring women to build, they can transform lives in their communities.

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Alex Popeskou offers techniques during a personal protection seminar photo provided

Personal Protection Seminar

For some people, having a big dog is a way for protection from today's violence, either as a house companion or a walking partner on a leash.

But not all can have that big dog to protect one from others' ill intent. One way to stay safe is to fend for yourself, and that's why Gulf Coast Humane Society is offering a Personal Protection Seminar Fundraiser on Saturday, June 24 from 5 to 8 p.m. on the GCHS campus, located at 2010 Arcadia Street in Fort Myers.

Limited spots are available and the cost is \$90 per person. Part of the proceeds will benefit GCHS.

"I want to be able to protect my dog as well as myself," said GCHS Executive Director Jennifer Galloway. "This course can definitely prepare you to protect yourself, as well as your dogs."

The Systema Personal Protection seminar will be run by BERKOOT IPA, which provides discrete and effective protective, investigative and self-defense training services for businesses and personal situations. Chief instructor will be Alex Popeskou, while GCHS' own, Anthony Rivera, will be an instructor.

The seminar will focus on an individual's ability to conquer their fear, neutralize threatening situations

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Jack Pohlman photo provided

Vocational Service Award Winner

Wiltshire, Whitley, Richardson & English, P.A. shareholder Jack Pohlman, CPA, has received the 2016-17 Vocational Service Award as treasurer for Rotary District 6960.

The Vocational Service Award was bestowed by Ladd Waldo, governor of District 6960. Pohlman was presented with the award for his excellent service as treasurer to the district for the past three years and for his long-standing service to other local nonprofit agencies.

Pohlman joined Lee County-based firm Wiltshire, Whitley, Richardson & English, P.A. in 2000, where he serves both business and individual clients in trust accounting, tax planning, tax preparation and other related areas. Prior to joining Wiltshire, Whitley, Richardson & English, P.A., Pohlman spent five years in private practice.

Pohlman earned his degree in accounting from Florida State University. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, a member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, past president of the Rotary Club of Fort Myers South, a member of the Rotary District 6960 where he serves as treasurer and finance committee chair, a member of St. Michael Lutheran Church and Multicultural Centre of Southwest Florida, Inc., where he serves as treasurer.

In his free time, Pohlman is actively involved in his children's activities including coaching their youth soccer and baseball teams.

Vocational Service calls every Rotarian to aspire to high ethical standards in his or her occupation, recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations and contribute their vocational talents to the problems and needs of society.*

Applicants Sought For Community Business Award

Applications for the 23rd annual Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award are now open to successful for-profit companies with their principal office located in Charlotte, Collier or Lee county. The ceremony is coordinated and sponsored by BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company and BB&T Bank.

Award regulations require the company to have been in continuous operation for at least three years under the same ownership and have five to 400 payroll

employees. Applications are due by September 6, and an independent panel of judges will pick the winning entry. Businesses can nominate themselves or be nominated by a third party. The award ceremony will take place on Thursday, November 2 at Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa, 5001 Coconut Road, in Bonita Springs).

To submit an application, contact Stacey Mercado at 433-7189 or SMercado@BBandT.com.

The 2017 Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award is endorsed by the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, Business Observer, Cape Coral Chamber of Commerce, Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce, Charlotte County Economic Development

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From left, Alexis Basik, Brian Basik, Julie Salomon and Mallika Davi photos provided

Gathering For Haven Of Hope

Haven of Hope International Executive Director Alice Skaff introduced the organization's mission to the Southwest Florida community with a Toast to Hope at Cornerstone Builders Design Center on

May 24. Haven of Hope International partners with orphanages to break the cycle of poverty and abuse by maximizing their efforts in rescuing, loving, restoring and equipping. More than 70 supporters gathered locally for an inspiring evening that included a special appearance via Skype by the children of the original Haven of Hope orphanage in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.*



From left, Brian Basik, Kristen Jerabek, Alice Skaff, Jeff Basik and Beth Morford



Erin Sakmar and Samantha Pal



Kevin Williamson and Peter Fenger



From left, Bobby Sauer, Bob Beville, Sandy Cecil and Susan Chauvin



From left, Steve and Danielle Dyer with Alice Skaff



From left, Genna Futch, Alice Skaff and Beth Morford

Financial Focus

Conservative Investing For Older Investors



by Jennifer Basey

If you're a certain age, or getting close to it, you might hear something like this: "Now that you're older, you need to invest more conservatively." But what exactly does this mean?

For starters, it's useful to understand that your investment preferences and needs will indeed change over time. When you're first starting out in your career, and even for a long time afterward, you can afford to invest somewhat aggressively in stocks and stock-based investments. It is because you have time to overcome the inevitable short-term market drops. At this stage of your life, your primary concern is growth – you want your portfolio to grow enough to provide you with the resources you'll need to meet your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

But when you finally do retire, and perhaps for a few years before that, your investment focus likely will have shifted from accumulation to preservation. And this certainly makes some sense. Even though you may spend two, or even three, decades in retirement, you actually have many shorter time frames for withdrawing money – that is, selling investments – from your retirement accounts, such as your 401(k) and IRA. In fact, you may be taking withdrawals every month – and you don't want to be forced to sell investments when their price is down. Consequently, you'll want a portfolio that's less susceptible to market downturns. This means that you may need to reduce the percentage

of stocks in your investment mix and increase your holdings in investments that have less growth potential but offer greater stability of principal, such as bonds.

If you follow this formula, you will have become a more conservative investor. But this evolution – from aggressive to conservative – isn't that simple, or at least it shouldn't be. If, as mentioned above, you are retired for two or three decades, you will have to deal with inflation. And, even at a relatively mild three percent annual inflation rate, your purchasing power will decline by about half in just 25 years. This is a real threat to retirees, who, unlike active employees, can't count on increases in earned income to overcome increasing costs of living.

Given this reality, you will have to find your sources of rising income in your investment portfolio. One possibility: Dividend-paying stocks, some of which have increased their dividends for many years in a row. Still, like all stocks, these dividend payers can lose value from year to year, and they can also reduce, or even eliminate, dividends at any time. In other words, they aren't risk-free – which brings us back to the question of how "conservative" of an investor you can really afford to be when you're retired.

In the final analysis, there's no simple answer. On one hand, you probably shouldn't be as aggressive an investor as you were when you were much younger and still working. On the other hand, if you were to primarily own certificates of deposit and U.S. Treasury securities, you might face the prospect of outliving your money. Ultimately, you'll need to maintain a balanced portfolio that helps you control risk today while providing you with growth opportunities for tomorrow.

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Physician Group Vice President Promotions

Lee Physician Group recently announced the promotions of LaTrice Davis to vice president of Lee Physician Group operations and Diane Smith, RN to vice president of ambulatory nursing.

Davis has served as Lee Physician Group's system director of pediatrics for the past four years. In partnership with Emad Salman, MD, regional medical officer for Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, Davis helped Lee Physician Group expand and open pediatric clinics in Charlotte and Collier counties. Additionally, Davis helped develop new pediatric subspecialties including ophthalmology, psychiatry and developmental pediatrics; and oversaw continued improvement in the operational and financial performance of the division. In her new role, Davis is responsible for the overall operations of Lee Physician Group.

For the last 24 years, Smith has served



Diane Smith

in a leadership capacity for Lee Health. For the past four years, Smith held the role of Lee Physician Group system director of nursing and clinical services. In that time, she developed the ambulatory nurse manager model for education and mentorship of staff, created the registered nurse care management program and led the efforts for recognition by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as patient centered medical homes in all Lee Physician Group primary care locations. Now, as vice president of ambulatory nursing, Smith is responsible for clinical oversight of Lee Physician Group outpatient and home health departments.

"Lee Physician Group has experienced significant growth – doubling in size over the past five years," said Kris Fay, chief administrative officer of Lee Physician Group. "In order to continue to provide optimal support to our physicians and leaders as well as ensure our continued growth, we created these vice president positions and promoted LaTrice Davis and Diane Smith. We believe this new leadership structure will optimize our support for physician, staff and patient satisfaction and engagement."



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Has The Sun Set On The Golfing Career Of Tiger Woods?



by Ed Frank

Like a fading sunset, it appears the iconic golfing career of Tiger Woods has most likely come to a close. His recent arrest in Palm Beach County on a DUI charge is the latest incident in a scandal-scarred career that had marred his repeated attempts to resurrect his former dominance on the golf course. One of the richest athletes in the world, his last tangle with the law has far-reaching implications certainly from a monetary standpoint. Will his sponsors drop him? Will his young golf course design business suffer?

It has been reported he earned more than \$40 million last year, not on the golf course, but from endorsements, his biggest being Nike. In connection with the planned Obama Presidential Library on the south side of Chicago, a proposed golf course complex has been proposed. Woods was selected to design the facility. Already concerns have been raised whether he will be dropped from the project. He blamed his early-morning May 29 arrest when he was found asleep in his car on the side of a road on the adverse reaction to prescription drugs, one of which was Vicodin.

Alcohol was not a factor, the arrest record showed. Tiger has undergone four back surgeries, the latest in April. Just prior to his arrest, he said he was feeling “the best in years” as he began another long recuperative program. No question that his once dominant record of 14 Major championships, 79 PGA titles and 21 amateur wins has earned him the reputation as one of the greatest to ever play the game. Few will ever forget his first Masters win in 1997 at the age of 21 with a 12-stroke victory. But those records were set relatively early in his career as his last Major championship occurred eight years ago, although he was named “Player of the Year” in 2013. Many feel his downfall began with a 2009 car accident that unleashed a string of reports of extra-marital affairs that led to his divorce from Elin Nordegren. Consider, however, the damage he incurred to his body for 30 years of golf with unrestrained power. Tiger Woods has always been an extremely private person and probably always will be.

However, should the scandals, injuries and rumors deflect from his amazing athletic accomplishments of the past? History will probably provide that answer. For now, however, few will disagree that he was one of the greatest to ever tee it up. **Losing Slump Drop Miracle To Fifth Place** A recent losing slump dropped the Fort Myers Miracle baseball team into fifth place in the Florida State League South Division. The team started the week with a 26-30 season record, eight games behind first-place Palm Beach. The Miracle began an eight-game home stand on Wednesday of this week with four games against Tampa and four against Charlotte starting Monday.✪

Ballpark To Give Miracle Spinners



Fidget spinner photo provided

Fort Myers Miracle fidget spinners, presented by CenturyLink, will be given away to the first 500 kids age 12 and younger on Thursday, June 15 when the team takes on the Charlotte Stone Crabs, Advanced-A affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays. Gates open at 6 p.m. with the first pitch at 7:05 p.m. Fidget spinners were originally designed to relieve stress and used mostly by children with autism or attention disorders to help them focus. This spring, the toy

became widely popular among both children and adults. Fidget spinners have also made their way into schools across the nation. “Nothing embodies fun more than fidget spinners and the Fort Myers Miracle,” said Miracle General Manager Andrew Seymour. “Do not miss out on the fun and make sure to be one of the first 500 kids to get to Hammond Stadium. It should be a great night, and we’ll see you at the ballpark.” These entertaining gadgets can typically be found at convenience stores as opposed to major toy retailers, but lately fidget spinners are in such high demand that stores are struggling to keep them on the shelves. Besides receiving a Miracle fidget spinner, the first 500 fans in the ballpark will get the first of two 2017 Miracle team photos. In addition, the Miracle players and staff will be in the concourse to sign autographs prior to the start of the game. It is also Thirsty Thursday at Hammond Stadium where all fans, 21 and over, get half price domestic draft beer, and the third of six Bark in the Park nights. Bring your furry friend to the ballpark for free. To stay up to date on all promotional nights or to get tickets, visit www.Miraclebaseball.com. For more information regarding the 25th Anniversary Season, call the Miracle offices at 768-4210.✪

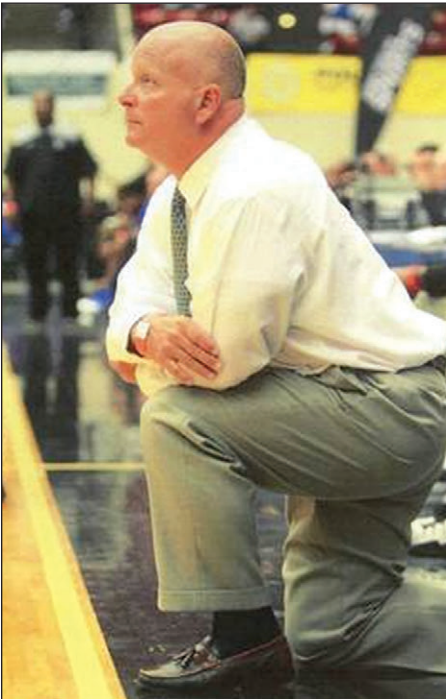
Recreational Boating Statistics

The U.S. Coast Guard’s annual report on recreational boating accidents shows a national increase of 7.3 percent in the number of boating accidents, a 12 percent increase in the number of deaths, and a 11.1 percent increase in the number of injuries in 2016 compared to 2015. The report highlights the importance of boating safety education. Where instruction was known, 77 percent of deaths occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction. Where cause of death was

known, 80 percent of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 83 percent were not wearing a life jacket. Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents. It was listed as the leading factor in 15 percent of deaths. The report also notes that where data was known, the most common vessel types involved in reported accidents were open motorboats (47 percent), personal watercraft (18 percent) and cabin motorboats (15 percent). The U.S. Coast Guard 2016 Recreational Boating Statistics are available at www.uscgboating.org/library/accident-statistics/Recreational-Boating-Statistics-2016.pdf.✪

Mariner High Hires New Coach

Mariner High School recently announced Keeth Jones will be the new head basketball coach for the 2017-18 school year. Jones stepped in as head coach during this years’ state regional playoffs, where the Tritons boys’ basketball team was runner-up in the Class 6A State Championship. Jones has coached basketball for 20 years and served as a head coach for 17. He spent 10 years coaching at Lake Wales High School in Lake Wales, Florida. While at Lake Wales High, he led their basketball team to four district championships, three regional finals and the 2000 State Class 5A Boys’ Basketball Championship. He finished there with at 168-60 record. In 2003, Jones moved to Georgia, where he was the head basketball coach of the boys’ team at Peachtree High School in Suwanee for two years. The next eight years, he served as the basketball coach at Rome High School in Rome, Georgia. In Georgia, Coach Jones won two regional championships and had one state quarterfinal appearance. Jones has an overall basketball record of 286-162. He has been teaching in the



Keeth Jones photo provided

physical education and drivers education departments at Mariner High since 2013 and has coached football, junior varsity basketball and boys’ track.✪

SPORTS QUIZ

1. In 2015, Miami’s Dee Gordon led the National League in batting average and steals. Who was the last player before Gordon to do it?
2. Who was the last Detroit Tigers pitcher before Jordan Zimmerman in 2016 to win five games in the month of April?
3. How many more seasons did Don Shula coach the Miami Dolphins after his last Super Bowl appearance?
4. Who was the all-time leading scorer for Duke men’s basketball before J.J. Redick (2,769 points) broke the record in 2006?
5. Name the last NHL team to lose at least their first eight games of the season before Columbus did it in the 2015-16 season.
6. When was the last time before 2016 that the MLS Cup was decided by penalty kicks?
7. British cyclist Bradley Wiggins holds the country’s record for most Olympic medals. How many?

ANSWERS

1. Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers, in 1949. 2. Frank Tanana, in 1988. 3. Eleven seasons after the Dolphins’ loss in Super Bowl XIX following the 1984 season. 4. Johnny Dawkins, with 2,556 points. 5. The New York Rangers lost 11 in a row to begin the 1943-44 season. 6. It was 2013, when Sporting Kansas City defeated Real Salt Lake. 7. Eight medals, including five golds.

Miracle Players Named All-Stars

The Fort Myers Miracle, Advanced-A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins, recently announced that infielder Chris Paul, right-handed pitcher Dereck Rodriguez, left-handed pitcher Sam Clay and catcher Brian Navarreto have been selected to participate in the 2017 Florida State League All-Star Game, slated for Saturday, June 17 in Lakeland.

Miracle Manager Doug Mientkiewicz notified his players of their selections. "We are very proud of our representatives. We understand how hard it is to make an All-Star team. We know that Sam, Dereck, Chris and Brian will represent the Minnesota Twins and the Fort Myers Miracle with class."

Paul enters June as the FSL leader in hits with 66 in 49 games. The Twins' sixth round pick of 2015 is pacing the league with a .351 batting average. He has racked up 16 doubles to go along with three home runs, 28 RBI and 27 runs scored. Paul also collected a pair of walk-off hits in May, including a game-ending home run on May 16 against the Clearwater Threshers.

Rodriguez has been a workhorse at the top of Miracle rotation. He has failed to complete five innings just once in 2017 and has pitched through the sixth in six of his nine starts. The son of soon-to-be Hall-of-Famer Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez converted from an

outfielder to a pitcher after the 2013 season and has pitched to a 2.95 ERA with 43 strikeouts over 55 innings in 2017.

Navarreto's assertive defense has propelled him to an All-Star selection. He has caught 18 of 36 runners to throw out a staggering 50 percent of would-be base-stealers. The backstop has committed just two errors in over 300 innings of catching as well and has been extremely effective blocking pitches this season.

Clay went 5-0 and pitched to a 2.48 ERA through the first two months of the season with 32 strikeouts in 29 innings. The lefty dealt 25 consecutive innings without allowing a run, the longest scoreless streak for any Miracle pitcher this year.

"Brian, Chris, Dereck and Sam have all had great starts to the 2017 season," said Miracle Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Ben Hemmen. "Their outstanding individual efforts warrant an All-Star selection and build momentum for our entire team heading into the second half of Florida State League play."

The 2017 Florida State League All-Star Weekend will take place in at the newly renovated Publix Field at Joker Marchant Stadium on June 16 and 17. An All-Star Weekend Reception with Police vs. Sheriff Softball Game will take place on Friday, June 16. The Home Run Derby will happen prior to the all-star game on June 17.

For more information or to buy tickets, visit www.lakelandflyingtigers.com.✱

Grand Opening Set For Auto And Truck Service

New business owner Jason Stretch recently announced a grand opening for Legendary Automotive And Truck Service will be held at the facility's 1921 Courtney Drive in Fort Myers on Saturday, July 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Stretch, originally from New Hampshire, bought the shop from Kevin Offerman after his recent move to Southwest Florida. He stated he is excited to continue the tradition of exceptional customer care that Offerman Automotive provided clients for the past 12 years.

Stretch is joined by Joe Billias and Jason LaBonte, who both moved from New Hampshire to Florida to continue working with Stretch. "Joe will be taking care of any customers' concerns and service. He is ASE certified and has a passion for helping customers with their cars and trucks," Stretch said. LaBonte is an ASE Master Technician and well known for his ability to correctly diagnose and repair both foreign and domestic cars and trucks.

Todd Siegel, who worked for Offerman Automotive, stayed on after the business sold. He is an ASE certified technician and Lexus master technician and is also well known for his ability to

diagnose and repair all vehicles.

Stretch and the crew are looking forward to bringing their industry-leading customer care approach to Southwest Florida. At their last store, they were awarded the AAA Independent Repair Facility of the Year Award for the entire State of New Hampshire six out of the 10 years of ownership.

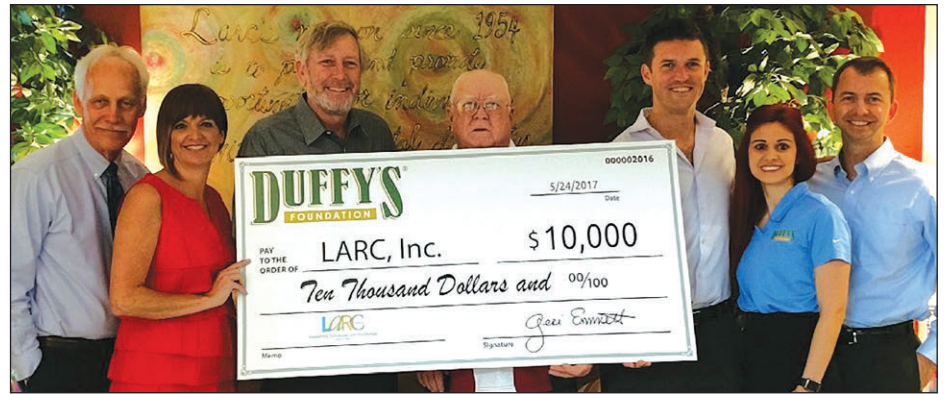
Recently, Legendary Automotive and Truck Service became a Bosch Authorized Diesel Vehicle Diagnostics Center. Being certified means that they are recognized by Bosch for their ability to diagnose and repair diesel vehicles above other facilities.

"Our fleet service program is sure to please, we can save fleets both money and downtime," said Stretch. "We have the tools, technology and a two-year warranty for most fleet repairs. We believe our fleet program is the best available."

Legendary doesn't stop at general repairs and service. "Our team has been featured in *JP*, *4WD*, *4-Wheel Drive* and *Diesel Power* magazines," said Labonte. "We can lift, lower, add or change turbos, and can help with our classic car knowledge."

Stretch said, "We offer one of the best warranties in our industry, 3 years or 36,000 miles on most repairs, and it covers you nationwide. We are also open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help accommodate almost any schedule."

For further information, contact Stretch at 277-1004.✱



From left, Kevin Lewis, LARC executive director; Angela Katz, LARC development director; Mark Rouleau, chief financial officer at, Duffy's Sports Grill; Ross Webb, LARC board member; Jason Emmitt, president of Duffy's Sports Grill; Carmen Ramirez, Duffy's Foundation coordinator; and John Smith, assistant director of marketing, Duffy's Management.

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Golf Tournament Raises \$10,000

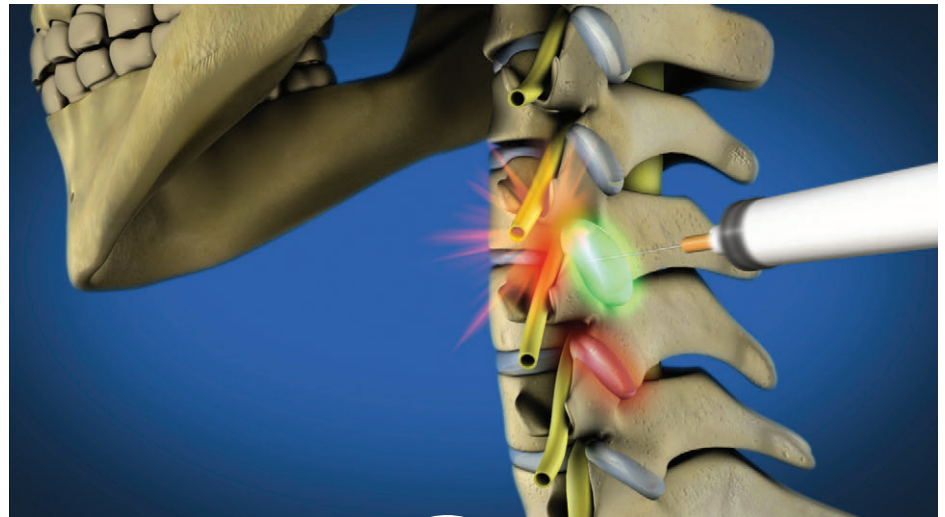
Duffy's Foundation recently presented LARC with a check for \$10,000. The donation came from proceeds and sponsorships from the inaugural Charitable Golf Outing, held at Stoneybrook Golf Course in Estero on April 24.

Some 144 golfers competed in a scramble format, were treated to lunch at Duffy's of Estero and participated in a silent auction and fun drawings. LARC, Inc. is a local nonprofit that has been serving intellectually and developmentally disabled individuals in Southwest Florida since 1954.

"This was our inaugural event with LARC, and we were so grateful for the opportunity to partner with them" said Duffy's Foundation Chairwoman Geri Emmett. "The Duffy's Foundation, with the help of so many MVPs, is very proud to support LARC to help continue its mission of providing community-based services for those with developmental disabilities. We look forward to continuing our partnership in the coming years."

"We are honored to have partnered with Duffy's Foundation on this great event" said Angela Katz, development director for LARC. "The day was remarkable from start to finish, best of all, the proceeds benefit our local community and support services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities at LARC where we help them focus on their capabilities and purpose in life."

For more information about LARC or to get involved, visit www.larcleecounty.org or call Katz at 334-6285 ext. 229.✱



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Center Adds Two Directors To Board

As part of IMAG History & Science Center's strategic vision to refine its mission and define its objectives, the recently rebranded museum has added educator Rita Davis and businessman Colton Ferry to its board of directors. Both Fort Myers natives, Davis is director of Adult & Career Education through the School District of Lee County and Ferry is managing partner at Fort Myers-based Coppin Insurance Agency.

"I'm very excited about anything that has to do with connecting the community with the school district," said Davis, who oversees career and technical education opportunities, including career academies and specific industry certifications for sixth through twelfth graders, who will discover many dynamic enrichment opportunities to complement their studies at IMAG. Likewise, IMAG's programming will evolve to engage adults of all walks of life who enjoy a deeper engagement with their community, including those Davis serves as they work toward a GED or navigate English as a second language.

Like Davis, Ferry has fond memories



Colton Ferry photos provided

of going to the Imaginarium and Southwest Florida History Museum, which recently merged to become IMAG. "Those early experiences instilled a life-long love of science and history, leading me to eventually get a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Florida," he said. "The combination of these two centers presents a wonderful opportunity to give youth and adults alike a deep



Rita Davis

understanding of Southwest Florida's culture and Earth sciences." Davis brings 13 years of experience at the School District of Lee County, including as a teacher in Dunbar, where IMAG stands poised at the edge of the proposed Midtown redevelopment project. Previously, she was employed in the private technology sector. Ferry has been helping Southwest Florida's community members with their

auto, home and life insurance needs for more than a decade. IMAG Executive Director Matthew Johnson said, "We are thrilled that Rita and Colton have brought their talent and energy to help chart the future of a local institution that had such an influence, although formerly as two separate museums, over their own career aspirations. Our growing board is diverse but united in its enthusiasm for reaching more and more children and adults with the transformative storytelling power that science and history together can bring." Davis and Ferry join Chair Jon Ellsworth of Enterprise Holdings, Past Chair Jonathan Romine of EnSite, Inc.; Vice Chair Carlos Kelly of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt PA.; Treasurer Jennifer Powers of Chico's FAS Inc.; Secretary Denise Weisinger of GMA Architects & Planners and directors: Jeff Bayer of Signarama Fort Myers; History Professor Erik Carlson of Florida Gulf Coast University; Britt Gravley of Bernard Anthony Salon; Derrick Isaac of Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz, P.A.; Kathryn Kelly of the Heights Foundation; Shamie Kelly, Fort Myers native; David Miller of the Chamber of Southwest Florida; and Matt Simmons of Maxwell, Hendry & Simmons LLC.✱

Date Announced For Uncommon Evening Gala

The Uncommon Friends Foundation recently announced its 2017 Uncommon Evening annual fundraiser gala will be held on Thursday, November 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Gale McBride Pavilion on the grounds of the historic Burroughs Home & Gardens in Fort Myers. Kerri Goldsmith and Caryn Smith, members of the Uncommon Friends Foundation's board of directors, will be co-chairs of the gala. This year's theme is Starry, Starry Night, and dress is semiformal/cocktail attire.

Nominations for the prestigious Business Ethics Award are now open online at www.uncommonfriends.org/business-ethics and due by September 1. The award is presented in conjunction with Florida Gulf Coast University's Chair of Business Ethics to a Southwest Florida business that exemplifies the highest standards of ethical behavior throughout its organization and in its dealings with the public.

For information on sponsorships and reservations for Uncommon Evening, contact Executive Director Jennifer Nelson at jennifer@uncommonfriends.org or call 337-9503. Proceeds from the fundraiser go to support the Uncommon Friends Foundation and its work in character education, promoting ethics in business, student scholarships and historic preservation of the Burroughs Home and James Newton Archives.

For more information, visit <https://uncommonfriends.org> or call 239-337-9503.✱



CPR Tools, Inc. President John Benkert accepts the 2016 Business Ethics Award from Dr. Eric Dent photo provided

Legacy Fund Call For Grant Applications

The Women's Legacy Fund (WLF) of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation is placing its annual call for grant applications. This year, the WLF will be awarding more than \$27,000 to an organization for a project or program that provides opportunities for science technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs or vocational training for women and girls in Southwest Florida.

Examples of STEM programs or vocational training for women and girls include, but are not limited to, middle school girls' science fairs, gap funding support for women enrolled in a career ladder programs, girls' robotics teams and technical college enrollment programs targeted at women.

Organizations wishing to apply for the grant must meet the following basic eligibility requirements:

- Nonprofit organizations exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and units of government are eligible [(c)(4) and (c)(6) agencies are ineligible].
- Applicants must be located in and primarily serve residents of Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, Glades, and/or Collier counties.
- Eligible organizations must be governed by a volunteer board of directors with at least five unrelated members.
- Organizations must conduct business without discrimination on the basis of race, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, national origin or religious affiliation.
- Agency leaders interested in receiving

a grant through the WLF must submit a LOI (Letter of Idea) by Thursday, June 29. This is not a full traditional RFP, but a one-page snapshot of your program/project idea.

• Applicants must register themselves and their organizations on the Southwest Florida Community Foundation's new grant portal. Instructions for registration can be found on the website.

Awards will be announced in October 2017.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the Women's Legacy Fund is a fund of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation that includes a group of women who foster the immersion of women in philanthropy and develop the region's next philanthropic leaders.

In its first 10 years of existence, the WLF has been able to provide \$142,000 in grants to benefit people and communities in Southwest Florida. Currently, the fund has \$638,000 in endowment that will continue to help fund local issues now and in the future.

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

For more information, visit www.floridacommunity.com/womens-legacy-fund-grant-cycle/ or the Grants Process page under Nonprofit Partners at www.floridacommunity.com.✱

Book Review

The Black Book

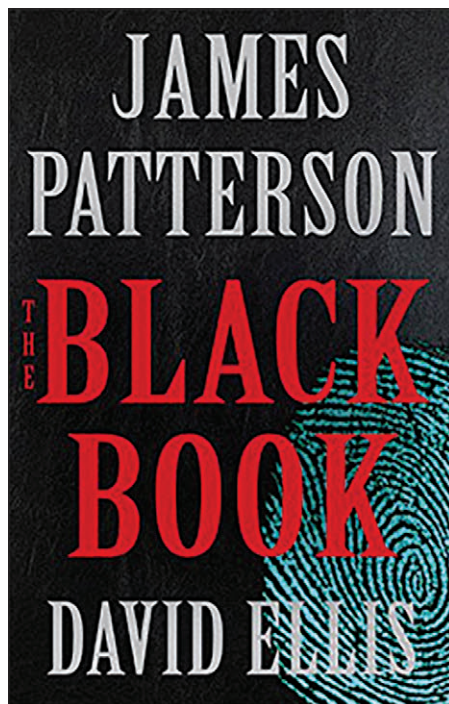
by Di Saggau



James Patterson is definitely a prolific writer. It seems there is a new book almost every month. I just finished reading *The Black Book*, which he cowrote with David Ellis. It's being touted as his

best book in 20 years. Good marketing ploy. Patterson was an advertising executive before becoming a best-selling author, so he knows how to promote. That being said, *The Black Book* does tell a very good tale.

There is a horrendous crime scene at a luxury condo. Detective Patti Harney of the Chicago Police Department discovers three people apparently dead. The naked bodies of Assistant State Attorney Amy Lentini and Patti's twin brother, detective Billy Harney, are on the bed. Amy is dead, but Billy survives. He has no memory of what happened but evidence shows his gun was involved. Kate Fenton, the third victim,



had been his partner for years, but he had recently become involved with Amy Lentini. Flashbacks reveal that a raid led by Billy on a high-class brothel are what prompted the killings.

The murder leads investigators

to the exclusive brothel that caters to Chicago's most powerful citizens, including the mayor and the archbishop. There is plenty of incriminating evidence on the scene, but missing is the brothel's black book, and everyone wants it. Some are willing to kill for it. The book also IDs the dirty cops who are taking thousands of dollars in protection money.

The novel is 418 pages, full of punchy chapters, with lots of cliffhanger endings and shocking revelations. There are plenty of twists and surprises as everyone searches for the black book. Patterson includes several humorous lines and one that was absolutely gross. I won't mention it, but it deals with how hungry one person is, and the line should never have been used. Aside from that, *The Black Book* is an ingenious, inventive thriller about influence, corruption and the power of secrets to scandalize a city. It just may be the best book he's written in 20 some years.✱

FSW To Host Conference

The Association of Florida Colleges, Communications and Marketing Commission will be hosting a conference called The Great 28 on the Fort Myers campus of Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) from July 19 to 21.

"This conference will cover many subjects that are crucial for the success of any marketing and public relations professional. Attendees can expect a conference that is engaging, informative and inspiring," said Teresa Araque, FSW's director of communications and conference co-chair. "This is a first for our commission to host a standalone conference, and it's the result of our members asking for this."

The conference will feature speakers covering issues ranging from using social media to reach a target audience to tips about online phishing. Randy Mitchelson and Albert Arguelles of iPartner Media will present Hypertargeted Advertising Using Facebook, while FSW's General Counsel, Mark Lupe and Susan Marcy and Mohammad Rahaman will present Let's Go Phishing – You're the Bait! Additional speakers and subjects will be announced in the coming weeks.

Registration is \$149 per person for AFC members and \$179 per person for non-members. Registration deadline is Monday, July 10. To register, visit www.nfcc.formstack.com/forms/association_of_florida_colleges_cmc_conference_registration

The Hilton Garden Inn in Fort Myers is the official hotel for the conference. To get a special rate for the conference, visit www.hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/T/TPAFMGI-AFC-20170717/index.jhtml

For questions, contact Teresa Araque at taraque@fsw.edu.✱

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, I need some ideas to keep working on writing skills with my children this summer. I know that writing is a big issue at school, and I want them to do well. They are pre-teens and in middle school.

Mary Ann P., Estero

Mary Ann,

I applaud you for wanting to work on writing skills with your children. Most kids don't use their writing skills during the summer vacation without being given specific assignments to complete. The way to improve writing skills is through practice. Your kids might enjoy writing even more during the summer without the pressure of testing and grading. Writing provides children (and adults) an opportunity to express their unique thoughts, opinions and emotions.

Anindita Basu Sempere, executive director of TheWritingFaculty.com, recently suggested some great ideas to keep kids writing during the summer months. Journaling and blogging might work well for your children. With journaling, you might suggest that they pretend they are living in another country, or another galaxy to give this writing experience some creativity. Writing even one page a day will keep their skills intact. Blogging is so popular now and writing about a personal interest or an imagined adventure could

be fun for them.

You might suggest that your kids collaborate and write a play or adapt a favorite story. They could round up their friends and ultimately perform their work. Adding costumes, props, music and other dramatic elements to their production would be a great learning experience.

A family writing experience could also be a lot of fun for everyone in the family. You as the mom would write an opening paragraph and a conclusion to a story and then let your kids fill in the rest. The kids could take turns writing paragraphs or they each could write their own. You might want to set some parameters about this story and just let their imaginations take over. Over the course of about a week, I think you would see a creative and interesting story emerge and enjoy a great family time as well.

Summer is also a great time to make sure that your children's word processing/typing skills are satisfactory. There are lots of online word processing programs to use for instruction and practice. This is a great site for lots of free games to improve these skills www.learninggamesforkids.com/keyboarding_games.html. Happy writing!

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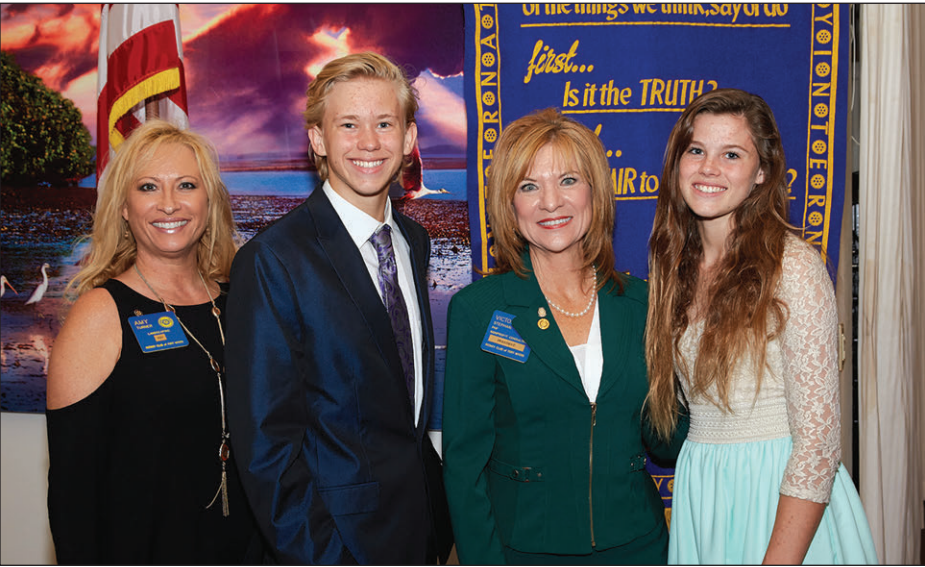
Female Pioneers of Fort Myers

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*



From left, Amy Turner, Jeremy Rosauer, Victoria Stephan and Amanda Rosauer photos provided

Interact Club Teens Teach Water Safety

The Interact Club of The Fort Myers Rotary Club, a community club for youth ages 12 to 18, recently taught water safety to 80 preschool and elementary students at the Immokalee Community School. According to the Florida Department of Health, drowning is the leading cause of injury death among children ages 1 to 4, and Florida's

drowning rate among that age range is the highest in the nation. In response to these statistics, the Interact students read *Josh the Baby Otter*, a book written by Blake Collingsworth and illustrated by Ashley Spitsnogle. The story teaches three main points of water safety: 1) Never go near the water without an adult; 2) learn to float or swim first before going in the water; and 3) always swim with a buddy. Afterward, each student received a Spanish-language copy of *Josh the Otter*. The Interact Club youth also surprised the school with a beautiful new book display



Fort Myers High School Interact students reading *Josh the Otter* to students at Immokalee Community School

case to promote literacy. Dedicated to service, Interact benefits from sponsorship by The Rotary Club of Fort Myers, which provides support and guidance. With clubs in more than 120 countries, Interact's global youth network is dedicated to community and international service. Its name is a combination of the words international and action, and every club project, great or small, has a lasting impact on society worldwide. For more information on The Rotary Club of Fort Myers or how you can support service projects in the local community, go to www.rotaryfortmyers.org, call 332-8158, or visit the club on Facebook.✧



Immokalee Community School students



Fort Myers Fire station 5 photo provided

Public Safety Open House

The Fort Myers Fire Department will host a public safety open house on Saturday, June 17 with the Fort Myers Police Department and Lee County Emergency Medical Services. The event will be held from 9 a.m. until noon at Fire Station No. 5 at 9700 Treeline Avenue in Fort Myers. The public is welcome to learn more

about public safety in the City of Fort Myers and meet the first responders who protect the community. Attendees will have an opportunity to get a closer look at a fire engine, ladder truck, ambulance, police-armored SWAT vehicle, HAZMAT trailer and more. The FMPD K-9 unit will be on hand along with fire safety mascot Sparky the Fire Dog. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Interim Fire Chief Vincent DiCristofalo at vdicristofalo@cityftmyers.com or 321-7311.✧

Summer Teacher Recruitment Fair

The School District of Lee County is hosting its Summer Teacher Recruitment Fair for prospective education professionals at the Lee County Public Education Center on Thursday, June 22 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The event is by invitation only, and those interested in receiving an invitation to the fair can register on the School District of Lee County website at www.leeschools.net/careers to the Summer Teacher Recruitment Fair vacancy, using Job ID 20171888. Registration must be completed by Friday, June 16, and all eligible candidates who have registered will receive an email invitation to attend the event by Monday, June 19. The district is currently hiring to fill a range of teaching positions, including elementary, middle and high school teachers, special education, science and mathematics teachers, and reading and language arts teachers. Representatives from Lee County schools will be in attendance to conduct interviews and will be hiring for the upcoming 2017-18 school year with contracts issued on a case-by-case basis. Necessary qualifications include a bachelor's degree or higher, valid Florida teacher certification covering appropriate area of responsibility, demonstrated proficiency in oral and written communication, demonstrated ability to work with diverse groups and experience with industry-standard computer applications. Candidates are asked to come prepared

with a supply of resumes, copies of letters of reference, copies of teaching certificate or statement of eligibility and a general idea of preferred schools. Participants are also encouraged to arrange interviews with preferred schools in advance of the fair. Eligible candidates should send transcripts, a valid teaching certificate and the instructional document submission form to the School District of Lee County Human Resources Department in advance of the event or deliver documents to the information station at the recruitment fair. Candidates with out-of-state teaching certificates are encouraged to apply for a Florida teaching certification prior to attending the fair. The district offers a competitive and comprehensive compensation plan for its employees and provides teachers with access to support and resources that promote success. The starting compensation package of \$52,984 encompasses salary, medical coverage and life insurance, pension and investment plan contributions, and social security and Medicare employer contributions. Relocation bonuses are also available to assist with moving to the area. Additional benefits and earning opportunities are also available via advanced degree supplement, summer school, athletic coaching and more. Upon hire, a personal benefits selection process will be made available to eligible employees. The Lee County Public Education Center is located at 2855 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information about the Summer Teacher Recruitment Fair, call 337-8640 or email careers@leeschools.net.✧

Center Reaches Milestone



Brian Hummel photo provided

Shipley Cardiothoracic Center at HealthPark Medical Center marked a major milestone recently, as the 500th TAVR (transcatheter aortic valve replacement) procedure was completed. Lee Physician Group Cardiothoracic Surgeon Brian Hummel, MD, led the team to complete the landmark procedure, which is a non-surgical alternative for patients with severe aortic stenosis who are ineligible for open-heart surgery.

"As a surgeon, it is gratifying to be able to help so many patients who previously had a grim outlook. Because TAVR does not require surgery, it is an alternative for otherwise high-risk patients," Dr. Hummel said. "Helping the seriously ill improve their health and quality of life is our goal; TAVR allows us to offer hope to so many more."

This new milestone reinforces the experience and expertise of the team at Shipley Center. "As one of the first 30 sites in the U.S. to offer the TAVR procedure, our team at Shipley Center has helped hundreds of people extend and improve their lives. In medicine, experience improves outcomes, and the team at the Shipley Center is one of the most experienced nationwide," said Lee Health Chief Medical and Clinical Integration Officer Scott Nygaard, MD.

Aortic stenosis is the most prevalent heart valve disease and the third most common cardiovascular condition after coronary artery disease and hypertension. It affects up to 1.5 million people in the United States and approximately 250,000 of these patients suffer from severe symptomatic aortic stenosis, often developing debilitating symptoms that can restrict normal, day-to-day activities, such as walking short distances or climbing stairs.

The disease is age-related and caused by a buildup of calcium deposits that cause the valve to narrow and stiffen. The heart weakens as it works harder to pump blood out to the body. Patients may experience fainting, chest pain, heart failure, irregular heart rhythms and cardiac arrest. Without treatment, severe symptomatic aortic stenosis is life-threatening and most patients will not survive two years.

TAVR is performed by feeding an artificial valve by catheter through the femoral artery in the groin to the heart. Once placed in the correct position, the artificial valve is opened and begins

to function. Treatment with TAVR is expected to increase a patient's survival rate by 30 to 40 percent over a five-year period.

The procedure is only approved for patients at high risk for surgical mortality. However, in September 2016, Shipley Cardiothoracic Center was selected as one of just 50 sites in the United States for an international clinical trial for the CoreValve Evolut R System, a minimally invasive treatment for patients with failing aortic valves who have a less than 3 percent risk for surgical mortality.

Patients interested in learning more about the TAVR procedure can call Shipley Cardiothoracic Center, located at 9981 South HealthPark Drive in Fort Myers, at 343-8836.✱

Dental Graduates Pass Exams

For the 22nd consecutive year, 100 percent of Florida SouthWestern State College's (FSW) dental hygiene program graduates have passed the National Board Dental Hygiene exam.

"FSW's dental hygiene faculty prepare our students to apply critical thinking and evidenced-based care through the application of rigorous didactic examinations, laboratory competencies and clinical performance

evaluations throughout the program," said Karen Molumby, FSW dental hygiene program director. "The diligence and hard work by the faculty and staff in the dental hygiene program has ensured 22 consecutive years of success on the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination (NBDHE). We are proud of our students and their academic accomplishments."

The associate in science degree in dental hygiene is one of 17 career options offered in the FSW School of Health Professions. The program is fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Dental hygiene students take the NBDHE in March while enrolled in their last academic semester at FSW.✱

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dearRPharmacist

Red, Salty, Chewy And Tastes Like Bacon



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: I'm actually talking about dulse (rhymes with pulse), which is a kind of seaweed, or technically, a form of algae that grows attached to rocks near the shore of the

Northern Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Its leaves are roughly the same shape as bacon, which is ironic because when you pan fry dulse, it actually tastes kind of like bacon... especially if you're drunk. Nah, I'm just kidding about being drunk... it really does taste a little bit like bacon.

Don't roll your eyes at me, I'm totally serious.

Unlike bacon, dulse is a superfood. The high content of minerals makes it particularly useful for the production of "thyroxine" thyroid hormone.

Dulse comes in many forms, even powder. Think of that like you would salt and just sprinkle it on soups, chicken, salads, popcorn and stir fries. It might also replace some of the salt in your food. But my favorite way to

eat it is pan-fried, which is when it comes close to tasting like bacon. I have a simple recipe posted for a DLT (Dulse, Lettuce and Tomato) sandwich, and a comprehensive version of this article with precautions. Sign up for my newsletter at www.suzycohen.com, and I'll email it. If you're already a subscriber, you will automatically receive your copy. Dulse has powerful antioxidant properties and can inhibit runaway cell proliferation, plus it provides the following nutrients plus several others not listed here:

Carotenoids: These are potent antioxidants, like alpha-carotene, beta-carotene, lutein and zeaxanthin, all of which are known to be good for healthy eyesight, reducing free radical damage, and decreasing the risk or duration of chronic illness.

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Potassium: Potassium is a vasodilator and functions as an electrolyte to help balance sodium; this

regulates fluid balance in your cells so it supports healthy blood pressure. Potassium provides for an alkaline environment, which counters common acidosis caused by a fast-food Western diet.

Vitamin A: This skin and vision-loving nutrient can also boost immunity by keeping your mucous membranes "wet" and strong, meaning that they are empowered to filter particles and pathogens before they enter your body.

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

My adult children are asking me to do something that I think is unreasonable.

Thirty years ago, my daughter-in-law was threatening to have a miscarriage. After being in and out of her bed for five weeks, I finally told her, "I had exactly the same thing happen to me years ago, and my doctor said 'get up, that is nature's way of terminating an abnormal pregnancy.'"

My son and daughter-in-law were furious with me and they barely spoke to us for the next six months.

She delivered a severely retarded child, but what I had said was never mentioned. My husband and I did our best to give support to this child.

My son's business has transferred him to Asia for the next five years. They have asked me to care for their daughter in my home while they are out of the country. They want to be free of responsibility to enjoy his assignment.

Free Glutamate: Dulse has a lot of glutamic acid, as does most shellfish and seaweed. It is not the same as the food additive MSG but it can sometimes behave that way in a small percentage of people.

*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.**

I am a widow now and enjoying my retirement. This is a responsibility I do not want and I feel they are expecting too much from a woman of my years. Am I being unreasonable? I would like your opinion.

Eva

Dear Eva,

What is up with your family, Eva? What is your son's story? I cannot understand how or why a mother and father would want to give their daughter to other family members for five years so they can enjoy their trip "free from responsibility." WOW!

I am a true believer in family helping family. I am also a believer of family not taking advantage of family. So, if your son and daughter-in-law want to fly you to Asia on different occasions for you to assist with the care of their child, that sounds more responsible in my book.

Pryce

Dear Eva,

Many adult children never seem to realize that their mother is at a different stage of her life and she wants something more than giving child care. You have done your best to help and now it is time for you to have enjoyment. I think your family is asking too much.

Your son and daughter-in-law have a number of options. They can arrange for their daughter to live in a group home with adults similar to herself, and you can visit frequently. They can take her with them and arrange for in-home help when they travel, or she can be placed in a sheltered environment in the country where they will be living.

I would suggest that your son inquires at the Human Resources Department at the company where he works. Many of these companies have tremendous resources available and information for their employees who will be living abroad.

Lizzie

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

Doctor and Dietician

Pinched Nerves Are Painful

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

If you have ever experienced a pinched nerve, you know the pain is excruciating. The burning pain zooms down your arm or leg and can cause blinding pain that will stop you in your tracks. What causes this pain? The answer is ligament laxity. Ligaments become lax after an injury or through wear and tear, which allows excessive and destructive motion in the joint. The extra joint motion causes the vertebrae to slip out of place and can pinch the nerve. Treatment usually begins with stopping the acute pain. This may involve a nerve block to provide some initial pain relief, which enables the person to rest and repair. The structural cause of the problem must also be addressed for long-term relief, not just continuing to

block the pain.

Oftentimes, people experience "positional" pain, even in cases of extreme pain from a pinched nerve. This means that the pain gets more intense in certain positions. For example, if someone has unbearable pain while sitting or kneeling, but the pain is somewhat relieved while standing or laying, this means certain positions are causing the vertebrae to slip and pinch on the nerve. The ligaments are weak and overstretched, allowing the vertebrae to move too far. When nerves are being pinched along the spine or in other joints, and especially worse in certain positions, it is indicative of joint instability.

Except in a life-threatening situation or impending neurologic injury, surgery is a last resort and performed only after all conservative treatments have been exhausted. Conservative options including chiropractic and osteopathic care, along with prolotherapy, are excellent for resolving pinched nerves and positional pain. Once the ligaments are strengthened, the bones stay in proper alignment, and the destructive joint motion and nerve irritation cease.

*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.**

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River Celebration

members, \$35 for future members and may be purchased online at www.EdisonFordWinterEstates.org at the Edison Ford ticket counter or at The Marina at Edison Ford.

On Father's Day, Sunday, June 18, the estates is offering free admission for all fathers. Free admission includes an audio tour of Thomas Edison's

and Henry Ford's winter homes, the museum, the national chemical landmark laboratory and more than 20 acres of gardens.

Edison Ford is also the place to find Father's Day gifts. The Museum Store is stocked full of hats, T-shirts, Thomas Edison and Henry Ford collectible items, books and music. Plants, trees and garden items are available in the Garden Shoppe.

For more information, call 334-7419.*



Shrimp Spring Rolls

photo courtesy Fresh From Florida

**Shrimp Spring Rolls**

1 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
 1 teaspoon cornstarch
 8 tablespoons soy sauce, divided
 8 tablespoons canola oil, divided
 1 cup green onions, chopped
 2/3 cup carrots, grated
 3 cups cabbage, chopped
 1 bag bean sprouts, chopped
 2 teaspoons fresh ginger root, grated
 12 egg roll wrappers
 Prepared sweet and sour sauce (optional)
 Cut raw shrimp into small pieces. In a medium bowl, combine cornstarch and 4 tablespoons soy

sauce; then add shrimp. Mix well and set aside.

In a wok or large sauté pan, heat 4 tablespoons oil over high heat; stir-fry the shrimp, bean sprouts, cabbage, onion and carrot in oil until crisp-tender; cool slightly. Transfer mixture to colander or pan to drain and cool. When cooled, spoon 1/4 cup of shrimp mixture on the bottom third of each wrapper. Fold bottom edge over filling; fold sides over filling toward center overlapping slightly. Moisten top edge with water; roll up tightly to seal. Repeat with the remaining wrappers and filling.

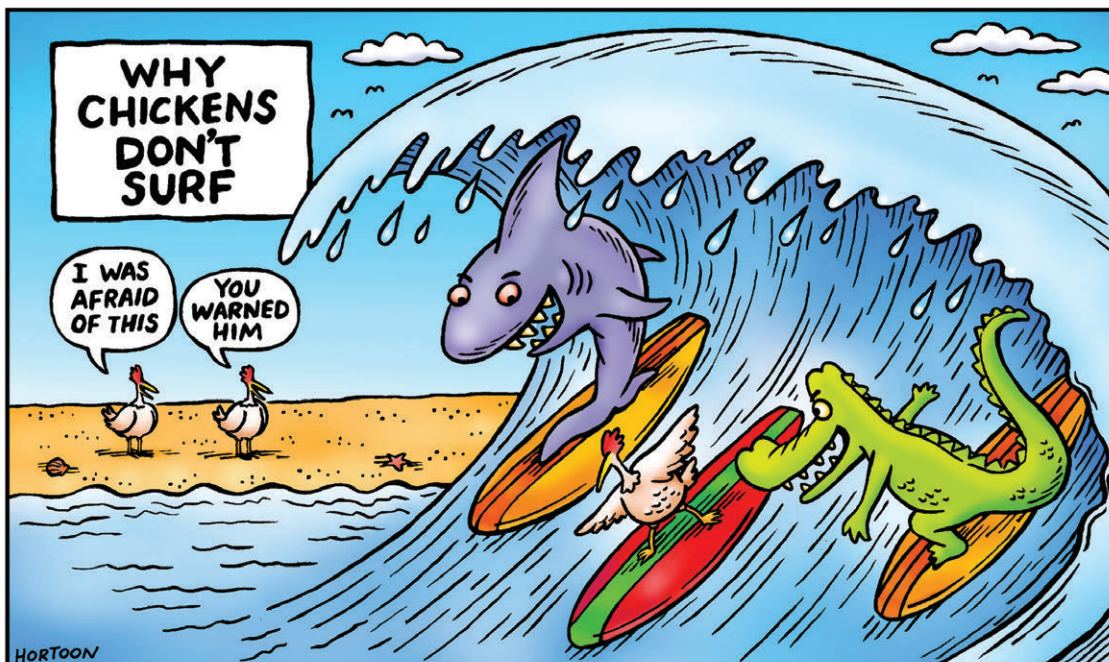
Deep fry in 3 inches of very hot oil (375 degrees F) until golden brown; drain on paper towels. Serve with sweet and sour sauce.

Yield 12 egg rolls

Nutritional value per serving: calories 196, calories from fat 88, total fat 10g, saturated fat 1g, trans fatty acid 0g, cholesterol 61mg, total carbohydrates 16g, protein 12g, omega 3 fatty acid 0g.

Look for Fresh from Florida ingredients at your grocery store.✱

HORTOONS



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

ARTS

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

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Angel Flight	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
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American Business Women Association	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL	339-8046
Audubon Society	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR	482-1366
Caloosahatchee Folk Society	321-4620
Cape Chorale Barbershop Chorus	1-855-425-3631
Cape Coral Stamp Club	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists	415-2484
Embroiderers Guild of America - Sea Grape Chapter	239-267-1990
FM UDC Chapter 2614 - United Daughters of the Confederacy	728-3743
Friendship Force Of SW FL	561-9164
Garden Club of Cape Coral	239-257-2654
Horticulture and Tea Society	472-8334
Horticultural Society	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation	939-7278
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Navy Seabees Veterans of America	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL	667-1354
Sons of Confederate Veterans	332-2408
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association	561-2118
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Kiwanis Fort Myers Edison	694-1056
Kiwanis Fort Myers South	691-1405
Gateway to the Islands	218-5768
Iona-McGregor	482-0869
Lions Club Fort Myers Beach	463-9738
Lions Club Fort Myers High Noon	466-4228
Lions Club Estero/South Fort Myers	898-1921
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Organ Transplant Recipients of SW Florida	247-3073
POLO Club of Lee County	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society	472-6940
United Way of Lee County	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour)	211 or 433-3900

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Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium	275-3435
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Fort Myers Skate Park	321-7558
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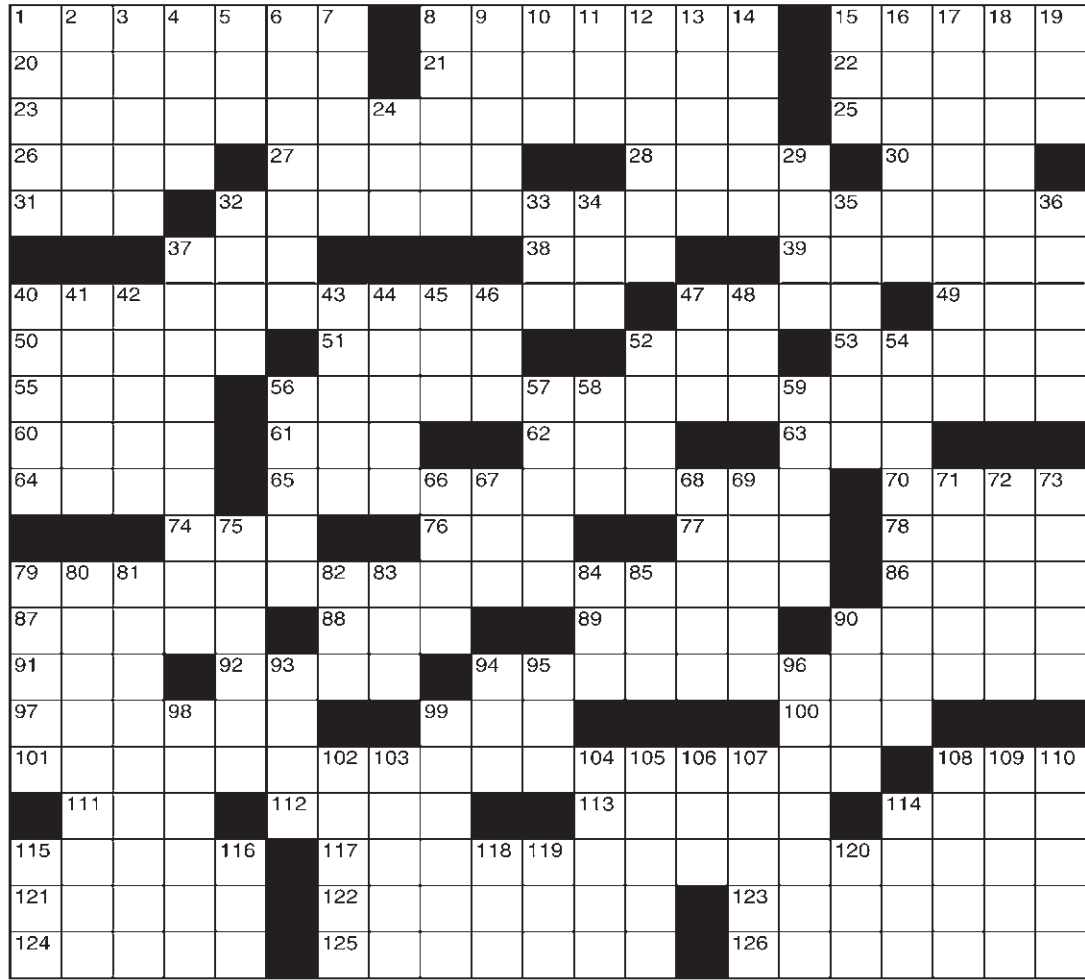
PUZZLES

Answers on page 29

Super Crossword

BASEBALL BATTY

- ACROSS
- 1 Pennsylvania resort mountains
- 8 Puts glittery metal strips on
- 15 Hollywood's Hawke
- 20 Small cousin of the flute
- 21 Patronizes, as a store
- 22 Bit of poetry
- 23 Baseballer's paranormal power?
- 25 Brown ink
- 26 Yalies
- 27 Island group near Fiji
- 28 Gillette brand
- 30 Phone no.
- 31 Posed
- 32 Baseballer doing roadwork?
- 37 Drops seen at dawn
- 38 Be litigious
- 39 Citadel of a North African city
- 40 Baseballer with film and TV roles?
- 47 Bygone ruler
- 49 Be obligated
- 50 Dog sounds
- 51 Catch on film
- 52 "Amazing!"
- 53 Narnia lion
- 55 "Green-eyed monster"
- 56 Yearly period when a baseballer is gleeful?
- 60 Strip off
- 61 Barn bag bit
- 62 Bow's shape
- 63 Soup legume
- 64 Neophyte
- 65 Baseballer working as a highway patrol cop?
- 70 No-hitter king
- 74 Serengeti grazer
- 76 Prefix for "the same"
- 77 Always, to
- 78 Paltry
- 79 What a baseballer plays in a band?
- 86 Nastase near a net
- 87 See 57-Down
- 88 Trailways transport
- 89 No-frills river vessel
- 90 Sought morays
- 91 — laude
- 92 Pet food brand
- 94 Two things at a baseballers' snack bar?
- 97 Kind of earring or tie
- 99 College coach
- 100 FBI title: Abbr.
- 101 Baseballer's hamper contents?
- 108 Bit of lifting lingerie
- 111 Up to, in ads
- 112 "Why am — surprised?"
- 113 Huxtable family mom
- 114 Foot 115-Acrosses
- 115 Thumb, e.g.
- 117 Baseballer's time to shine?
- 121 In the bag
- 122 Was uncaged
- 123 "— Pie" (Oscar-winning short)
- 124 Nash of verse
- 125 Ursula of "Dr. No"
- 126 Absorption processes
- DOWN
- 1 Pear and quince
- 2 City in Florida
- 3 "Hush!"
- 4 Table scraps
- 5 Naught
- 6 Not anybody else's
- 7 Fallen angel
- 8 Groove for a letter-shaped bolt
- 9 Start of a rumor report
- 10 Pre-Q queue
- 11 Health club
- 12 Grand home
- 13 Actress
- 14 Lead-in to foam
- 15 Hectic hosp. locales
- 16 Letters after etas
- 17 Certain curve in math
- 18 From pretty far off
- 19 Pro-school org.
- 24 Typesetting widths
- 29 Crooner Paul
- 32 Middle marks
- 33 Not waste
- 34 Snarling dog
- 35 Wine server
- 36 "— a good time for you?"
- 37 Make no sense
- 40 Cleaned with a broom
- 41 Brooklyn's — Island
- 42 Nomad
- 43 Be fuming
- 44 Give — (heed)
- 45 Follower of Mar.
- 46 "Oy —!"
- 47 Wee kid
- 48 "Hush!"
- 52 Previously
- 54 Most unctuous
- 56 Iraqi city on the Tigris
- 57 With 87-Across, soon-to-be-inducted city official
- 58 Round body
- 59 Dizzying designs
- 66 Smooch
- 67 Winter hrs. in D.C.
- 68 Hull hazards
- 69 — car (Hertz service)
- 71 Mello — (soda brand)
- 72 Neighbor of Pisces
- 73 "I — drink!"
- 75 Republic
- 79 Pilgrimage destination
- 80 Wailing in grief
- 81 Stiff, but not inflexible
- 82 Aptiva maker
- 83 Letters after mus
- 84 Mystifying
- 85 Google Earth image
- 90 Skittish
- 93 Me, myself —
- 94 Utter loudly
- 95 Linden of TV
- 96 Loses width
- 98 Cops
- 99 Wait upon
- 102 Prefix with mural or net
- 103 Realm in "The Lord of the Rings"
- 104 Summits
- 105 "— Gold" (1997 film)
- 106 Delhi bread
- 107 "The same"
- 108 Boxing matches
- 109 Knot anew
- 110 Fire residue
- 114 Palm
- 115 Scooby- —
- 116 KO count
- 118 Producer: Abbr.
- 119 Metal deposit
- 120 Opposite of masc.



King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Slender

5 Cribbage scorer

8 Pinnacle

12 Defense acronym

13 Yon maiden

14 Capricorn

15 Portent

16 Yoko of music

17 Juli Inkster's org.

18 Lament

20 Sea greeting

22 Complete win

26 Coral structure

29 Allow

30 24 horas

31 Bear lair

32 Rowing need

33 Obsolescent

34 PC file extension

35 Jewel

36 Silences

37 1967 Lee Marvin movie, with "The"

40 Ms. Moore

41 Not alfresco

45 Teeny bit

47 Spot on a domino

49 — -European

50 Padlocked fastener

51 Ref

52 Many

53 Help in a heist

54 Agent

55 Bard's instrument

8 Radiant

9 Work on manuscripts

10 Periodical, for short

11 Greek vowel

19 Every iota

21 White House monogram

23 Texas mission

24 Green land

25 Just say no

26 Scored 100 on

27 Urban transport

28 Take too much medicine

32 Solver of the Riddle of the Sphinx

33 Old timer?

35 Workout locale

36 Chaps

38 Entice

39 Very quick

42 Sans siblings

43 Stench

44 Memorization method

45 "Eureka!"

46 Bill

48 Devil's minion

DOWN

1 Uppity one

2 Weak, as an excuse

3 Thing

4 Eyeglass

5 Cell, e.g.

6 Poetic time of day

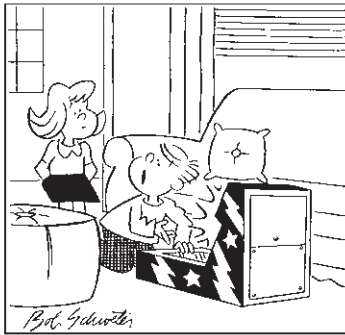
7 Bad pun

MAGIC MAZE • MUSICALS

P Q N K H E B Y W T R O L J G
! A M O H A L K O E B Y W U R
P R R N K Y A R P S R I A H I
G D E E (T H E L I O N K I N G)
B G Z V P E X Y V G S Q O M K
I G R E I O R C E A Y D D U B
Y W U E S L Q A P V N N L J H
S F E C A A O Y B X R E N T V
U T S Q P S U E D A M A N U M
K J A T I V E O G A C I H C F
H F E C C B Z Y M X V U T R Q

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

- | | | | |
|---------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| Amadeus | Chicago | Hairspray | Oliver! |
| Buddy | Evita | Harvey | Rent |
| Cabaret | Funny Girl | Mame | The Lion King |
| Cats | Grease | Oklahoma! | |



"This isn't much of an educational toy — so far all I've learned is how expensive are!"

answer on page 29

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Steal
PARTIE

Level
BLASTE

Odd
ZIEBRRA

Spare
TAXER

TODAY'S WORD

7			2					9
	1		4	3			5	
4		2			9	6		
		5	6			4		1
	4				2		9	
3				7				2
	9		5	2				3
6		3			7	8		
		1		8			2	

SUDOKU

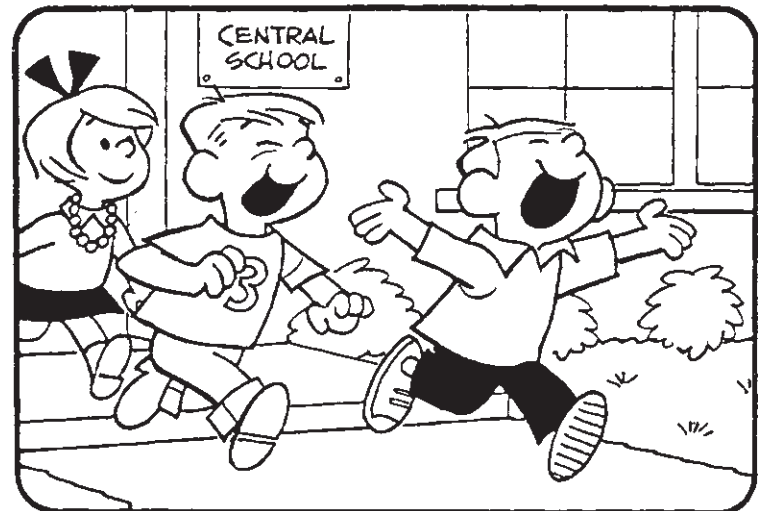
To play Sudoku:

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

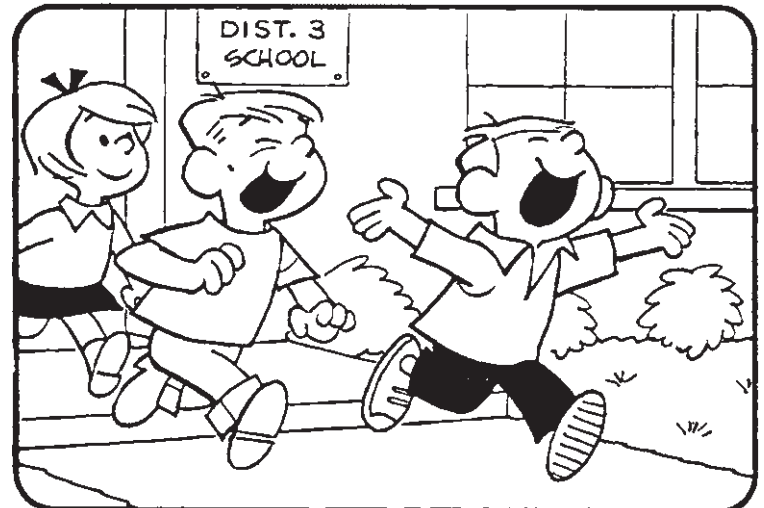
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTIHOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Bow is smaller. 2. Beads are missing. 3. School sign is different. 4. Number is missing. 5. Arm is moved. 6. Shirt is opened.

Virologists Study: Zika Invaded Florida In 2016

A new study led by an international group of scientists, including five from Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU), sheds light on how the Zika virus entered and circulated in Florida in 2016 and might do so again this year.

The Zika virus outbreak in Florida wasn't a single virus introduction but rather at least four separate introductions that each led to local chains of transmission, according to research conducted by the scientists, including co-leaders Dr. Sharon Isern and Dr. Scott Michael of FGCU.

The virologists' findings were published May 24 in the journal *Nature* (full article at www.nature.com/articles/10.1038/nature22400) just as mosquito season gets under way. Two other papers that further describe Zika transmission in the Americas, one of which is also co-authored by Isern and Michael, is published in the same issue of the journal.

Isern and Michael are experts in virology, having studied Florida outbreaks of the related dengue virus in Key West in 2009-10 and Port St. Lucie in 2013.

"We realized that our longstanding collaborations with the Miami-Dade

Mosquito Control District and the Tampa Department of Health Laboratory would provide critical samples to track and understand this major outbreak of Zika virus," Isern said.

They quickly reached out to other experts, including Dr. Kristian Andersen of the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California and Dr. Pardis Sabeti at Broad Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

"The expertise of Drs. Sabeti and Andersen in sequencing and genomic analysis were critical to this multi-group effort," Michael said.

Three recent FGCU graduates — Amanda Tan, Lauren Paul and Carolyn Barcellona — also took part and are authors on both papers.

Zika virus causes fevers, rash, headache, joint and muscle pain. It has also been linked to birth defects in some babies born to infected mothers, and can cause microcephaly, in which babies are born with underdeveloped heads and brain damage.

By studying the sequences of genomes — the complete blueprint of inheritable traits — from Zika viruses found in humans and mosquitoes, the researchers were able to show how individual viruses were related, similar to how DNA ancestry is used to discover family relationships in humans.

They discovered that instead of a single

introduction sparking the outbreak in Florida, at least four distinct viral lineages became established and circulated in the state. Three spread through the Caribbean islands before reaching Florida while one spread through Central America, showing that Florida has been invaded multiple times and that more than one strain often circulated in a single area.

Florida is a likely location for Zika outbreaks, said Isern, because of the abundance of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes, which carry the virus, the climate and the fact that many people from the Miami area travel to countries in which the viruses are established.

The study's main findings include:

- At least four distinct Zika virus introductions contributed to the Florida outbreak.
- Local transmission in Florida likely started in spring 2016 well before the first local case was confirmed.
- Most Florida introductions are linked to the Caribbean.

Based on their findings, Isern and Michael believe that a similar transmission pattern is likely to emerge this year with multiple Zika virus lineages becoming established in the local mosquito population by infected people who have traveled in places where Zika is endemic. They expect to be able to determine where the viruses are originating and to compare

the 2017 strains to those from 2016 to determine whether new introductions occurred or if those brought in during 2016 survived the winter and became established in Florida.

The research also indicated that mosquito control efforts in areas in which Zika virus was detected helped limit the spread of the disease. The scientists are hopeful that understanding what happened last year will help control efforts in 2017.

In addition to the FGCU scientists, the Florida study involved more than 60 researchers from 20 institutions, including the Scripps Research Institute; the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard; the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, whose researchers were co-leaders with Isern and Michael; the University of Oxford; the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center; and the Florida Department of Health, among others.

For more information, contact Dr. Isern at sisern@fgcu.edu or 590-7438 or Dr. Michael at smichael@fgcu.edu or 590-7439.

To see the other *Nature* journal articles, go to: "Zika virus evolution and spread in the Americas," <http://nature.com/articles/doi:10.1038/nature22402>; and "Establishment and cryptic transmission of Zika virus in Brazil and the Americas," <http://nature.com/articles/doi:10.1038/nature22401>.*

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

SUPER CROSSWORD

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My Stars★★★★

FOR WEEK OF JUNE 12, 2017

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Recently obtained information could open a new opportunity for a career change. But temper that Arian impatience and act on it only when all the facts are made available.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're moving into a more active cycle. So put your ideas back on the table, where they'll be given the attention they deserve. Expect a favorable change in your love life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A friend might ask for a favor that you feel would compromise your values. Best advice: Confront him or her and explain why you must say no. A true friend will understand.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A relationship continues to develop along positive lines. Meanwhile, a brewing job situation could create complications for one of your pet projects. Look into it right away.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your interest in a co-worker's project could lead to a profitable experience for you both. But before you agree to anything, be sure to get all your legal I's dotted and T's crossed.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Be careful whose counsel you take about a possible long-distance move. Some advice might not necessarily be in your best interest. Stay focused on your goals.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Someone might try to complicate efforts in an attempt to work out that confusing job situation. But don't let that keep you from sticking with your decision to push for a resolution.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A disagreement on how to handle a family problem could create more trouble for all concerned. Look for ways to cool things down before they boil over.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unexpected change in long-standing workplace procedure and policy could provide a new career target for the Archer to aim at. Start making inquiries.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're finally able to get back into the swing of things, as those temporary doldrums begin to lift. Expect some surprising disclosures from a new

colleague.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Rely on your innate sense of justice to see you through a dilemma involving a family member. Other relatives who've stood back soon will come forward as well.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A new friend seems to be pushing you to take risks -- financial or otherwise. Best advice: Don't do it. They might have a hidden agenda that hasn't surfaced yet.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love to see new places and meet new people. Have you considered working for an airline or cruise-ship company?

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

• On June 24, 1901, the first major exhibition of 75 of Pablo Picasso's works of art opens in Paris. Picasso's life work comprises more than 50,000 paintings, drawings, engravings, sculptures and ceramics produced over 80 years.

• On June 22, 1945, the U.S. 10th Army overcomes the last pockets of Japanese resistance on Okinawa Island, ending one of the bloodiest battles of World War II. The Japanese lost 120,000 troops in the defense of Okinawa, while the Americans suffered 12,500 dead and 35,000 wounded.

• On June 25, 1956, the last Packard -- the classic luxury car with the famous slogan "Ask the Man Who Owns One" -- rolls off the production line in Detroit. Packard first earned fame for a four-cylinder aluminum speedster called the "Gray Wolf," released in 1904.

• On June 21, 1963, the French government shocks its allies by announcing that it is withdrawing its navy from the North Atlantic fleet of NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, in order to maintain control of nuclear missiles aboard its ships. French naval forces never rejoined the NATO fleet.

• On June 19, 1970, Carole King earned her first No. 1 single as a performer with the double-sided hit "It's Too Late/I Feel the Earth Move." King began her music career when she co-wrote the Shirelles' hit "Will You Love Me Tomorrow" in 1960.

• On June 20, 1980, Roberto Duran out-points Sugar Ray Leonard in "The Brawl in Montreal" to win the WBC welterweight boxing title and the unofficial

title of best "pound for pound" fighter in the world.

• On June 23, 1992, Mafia boss John Gotti, nicknamed the "Teflon Don" after escaping unscathed from several trials during the 1980s, is sentenced to life in prison. Hundreds of Gotti's supporters reacted by storming the building and overturning cars.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

• It was contemporary American poet and essayist Rita Dove who made the following sage observation: "If only the sun-drenched celebrities are being noticed and worshiped, then our children are going to have a tough time seeing the value in the shadows, where the thinkers, probers and scientists are keeping society together."

• A Turkish man once won a bet by eating an entire barbecued lamb. He won 6 British pounds -- about \$7 -- but he never had a chance to spend it. Ten minutes after finishing the meal, he dropped dead.

• Those who study such things say that, pound for pound, the human body produces more heat than the sun.

• There was a time when the only people in the world who knew how to make mirrors were Venetian glassblowers. Their skill was so valuable that those with the knowledge lived as virtual prisoners (albeit privileged ones). And anyone caught spying on their methods was put to death.

• Just three months after his wedding, a New Zealand man named Aleki Taumoepeau lost his wedding ring when it slipped off his finger into the ocean. Unprepared for diving at that time, he marked the rough spot on a chart and vowed he would come back and find it -- despite unpredictable currents and the fact that there are no landmarks on the ocean. It was a year before he could arrange to go back to the spot with the proper gear, but after just an hour of diving, he saw something bright shining from the bottom and found the ring.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The great thing about getting older is that you don't lose all the other ages you've been." -- Madeleine L'Engle

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Pirate; 2. Stable;
3. Bizarre; 4. Extra

Today's Word
BATTERIES

TRIVIA TEST

1. HISTORY: Who was the first female prime minister of India?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Mainland Australia is divided into how many states and territories?
3. ENTERTAINERS: What actress was born with the name Demetria Guynes?
4. MUSIC: What band was singer Peter Gabriel lead singer of before he went solo?
5. AWARDS: Which organization won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1944?
6. PROVERBS: What is the ending of this famous proverb: "There is nothing new ...?"
7. U.S. CITIES: What U.S. city is often called Little Cuba?
8. ANATOMY: What are the names of the arteries on either side of the human neck that supply blood to the brain?
9. LITERATURE: Who wrote the 1962 book "Silent Spring," which revealed the dangers of pesticide use?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president's administration was involved in The Teapot Dome bribery scandal?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Indira Gandhi! 2. Six states and two territories 3. Demi Moore 4. Genesis 5. The Red Cross 6. "...under the sun." 7. Miami 8. Carotid 9. Rachel Carson 10. Warren Harding

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Warn to pass

Wear a helmet

Use lights at night

Always be courteous



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Shore Fishing:



Don't Harm The Fish

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Landing a big fish from the beach can be hard on the fish. Dragging a fish up onto the sand if you're going to release it is not an option as it usually damages or kills the fish.

- Hold the fish in the water while you unhook it if you're going to release it.
- The less you can touch a fish before release the better for the fish.
- If you want a picture with the fish, support it as you lift it out of the water – and do it quickly.
- Before releasing, revive the fish while holding it in the water; moving it slowly back and forth so water goes over its gills. The fish will let you know when it's ready to swim off.
- Florida just recently changed the regulations on fishing from shore. Florida residents as well as out of state visitors need a fishing license to fish from shore.

PETS OF THE WEEK

Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Cookie And Sara

Cookie is a 6-year-old female siberian husky who is intelligent, independent, confident and clever. She prefers making her own decisions but will listen to you if you present a good argument. She is looking for a partner in this adventure called life. Are you her happily ever after? Adoption Fee: \$50



Cookie ID# 504961

Sara is a 3-year-old female domestic shorthair who is a shy yet charming feline searching for patient owner with a laid-back lifestyle. She easily comes out of her shell with a little patience. Another feline friend would be the perfect happy ending. Adoption Fee: \$30



Sara ID# 699311

For information about this week’s pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services’ website at www.LeeLostPets.com. When calling, refer to the animal’s ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available. The shelter is open for adoptions from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff’s Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway. All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Science Diet pet food. The adoption package is valued at \$500.*



Bowie

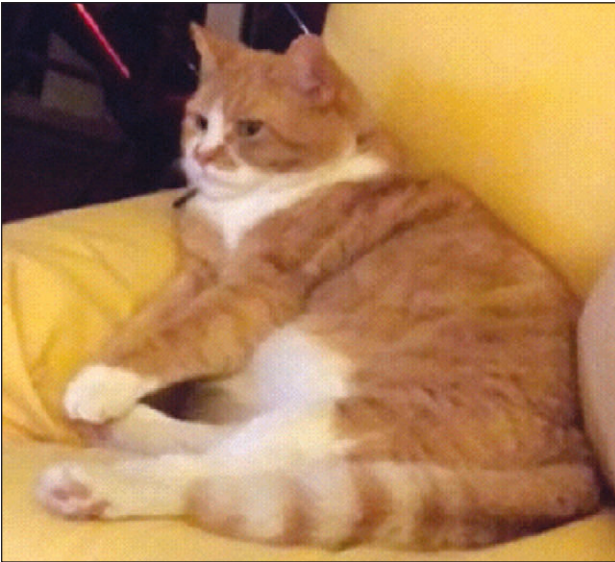


Pookie

Haven on Earth Animal League

Bowie And Pookie

Hi, my name is Bowie. I’m only a baby, and I need someone to take me home and love me forever. I like to purr really loud, and I just love all of my kitty friends. I have a really cute face and adorable ear tufts! I’m already neutered and up-to-date on vaccinations. I’m staying at the Petco at Gulf Coast Town Center. My adoption fee is \$125. Hello there! I’m Pookie. I am the sweetest Calico girl anyone will ever find. I have beautiful and distinctive markings and really long whiskers. I’m six years young, spayed and up-to-date on all vaccinations. Come see me at the Petco at Gulf Coast Town Center. My adoption fee is \$75. We are being cared for by Haven on Earth Animal League. For more information, call Diane at 860-833-4472 or email haveneearthanimalleague@yahoo.com.*



Gizmo

PAWS Of Sanibel

Gizmo

This is Gizmo. He’s a 9-year-old big, handsome guy who weighs approximately 20 pounds. He has been neutered and micro-chipped, and wears a collar. He managed to get out of his condo at Spanish Cay, located at 1610 Middle Gulf Drive sometime between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 2 when his owner was moving furniture into the unit. It is very important that our pets are recaptured ASAP here on the islands. There are so many predators out there to do them harm. If you see Gizmo, call PAWS of Sanibel volunteer Claudia at either 302-670-6241 or 579-0641.*

Adoption Service Seeks Storybook Endings

Adopters are invited to write happily-ever-after endings for pets at Lee County Animal Services by adopting them and providing a loving home. As a special feature, dogs 40 pounds and over may be adopted for just \$50 and cats six months and older can be adopted for \$30 during the month of June. Cat adoption fees are also two-for-one. All adoptions include over \$500 worth of veterinary and other services such as: Spay/neuter surgery;

Age-appropriate vaccinations; Rabies vaccination and county license for pets over three months; 10-day pet health guarantee; Microchip ID; Feline leukemia and AIDS test for cats; Heartworm test for dogs over six months; Flea treatment; De-worming. Adoptions are available 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, at the shelter, located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers. Volunteers are available to help adopters select the pet that is best suited for their lifestyle and family. Photos and information about lost pets or pets for adoption are available at www.leelostpets.com. Pet information on the website updates hourly. Adoption applications may be completed online.*

Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Bay Creek	Bonita Springs	1997	6,754	\$2,995,000	\$2,825,000	91
Bay Woods	Bonita Springs	2000	4,671	\$2,495,000	\$2,350,000	85
The Reserve	Estero	2005	4,651	\$1,975,000	\$1,860,000	165
Catalpa Cove	Fort Myers	2001	4,186	\$1,349,000	\$1,300,000	34
Waterside	Estero	2000	3,847	\$1,199,000	\$1,100,000	70
Gulf Woods	Bonita Springs	2016	2,218	\$879,000	\$820,000	101
Cape Harbour	Cape Coral	2013	2,587	\$849,900	\$792,000	106
Longlake	Bonita Springs	1993	4,094	\$795,000	\$740,000	24
Ginger Pointe	Estero	2002	2,675	\$699,000	\$685,000	51
Beachview Country Club Estates	Sanibel	1978	1,982	\$695,000	\$680,000	18



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