

Submissions Sought For 2018 Poster Design



Ali Gator by Tara Funk Grim, the 2017 ArtFest poster design winner

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The ArtFest Fort Myers committee is accepting submissions for the poster/T-shirt artwork for the 2018 festival.

"We hope that all professional art-

ists will submit artwork that speaks to Southwest Florida," said Sharon McAllister, executive director. "Our commemorative poster and T-shirt always

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Fathers spending quality time with their children in the park

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Father's Day Celebration This Saturday

In partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County and Lee County Black History Society, Inc., First Assembly Cornerstone and the City of Fort Myers, the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers (HACFM) will host its 7th annual Father's Day Celebration on Saturday, June 17 from 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. The initiative, created to strengthen families and communities by supporting dads, will take place at Roberto Clemente Park, located at 3265 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in Fort Myers.

This year's Father's Day Celebration will kick off with a new event, a Father/Son and Daughter Bike Run, which will start at the HACFM main administrative parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Fathers and their kids are encouraged to bring their bikes and helmets. The bike run will be

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Backyard Farming Workshops At The Alliance

Millisa Bell, known as the "Unruly Gardener," has been saving seeds for over a decade. The native Floridian and organic gardener has a passion for sharing and spreading her seed-saving knowledge across Lee County and the United States.

Bell will present Propagating the Future: Seed Saving in the 21st Century at the Alliance for the Arts GreenMarket on Saturday, June 17 at 10:30 a.m. The free backyard farming workshops are held at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday morning in June and July.

Saturday's workshop deals with increased concerns about a potential future food shortage. In the past 100 years, America has seen a 94 percent reduction in pollinated seed varieties. As the commercial agriculture market focuses on corn, wheat and soy monocultures, the responsibility of growing and saving unique seed varieties has fallen on the home gardener. With the help of seed banks across the globe, home gardeners



The "Unruly Gardener" Millisa Bell

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have continued the tradition of growing and storing the seeds of open pollinated crops for generations. The role of the home gardener and seed saver is becoming

more important than ever in the mission of protecting and restoring our food sovereignty and reclaiming the biodiversity of our food system. This workshop

will cover techniques and methods for seed saving in the 21st century.

Along with her gardening husband, Santiago DeChoch, Bell grows organic seedlings and raises bees, chickens, rabbits and composting worms. She is also the creator of the historic Shangri-la's organic food to table program in Bonita Springs and is responsible for turning a once unproductive landscape into a 4.5-acre, food-producing paradise.

Although workshops are free, small donations are welcome, as the Alliance for the Arts GreenMarket strives to support local growers, bakers and artisans. A Q&A session will follow the presentation.

The remaining free backyard farming workshops are:

- Saturday, June 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Growing Medicinal Herbs, presented by Tatiana Logvinova, from Russia to Cuba to Southwest Florida, a lifetime of loving nature

- Saturday, July 1 at 10:30 a.m.

Growing Edible Mushrooms Indoors, presented by Ken Ryan, award-winning specialty grower and business owner

- Saturday, July 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Pickling and Canning, presented by

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

June Wedding



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

Ninety-seven years ago, a June wedding took place in a little wood-frame church in downtown Fort Myers. The bride and groom were Mary Ellen “Nell” Evans and Harry Clarke Stucky. The setting was St. Luke’s Episcopal Church’s sanctuary, pictured below, prepared for the occasion. The Evans-Stucky wedding took place on June 16, 1920, the Rev. Frank A. Shore officiating. Palm branches graced the scene and flowers decorated the entrance to each pew.

Note the large palm-leaf fans set out for wedding guests. Those fans would no doubt be appreciated in the June heat in an uninsulated building. (Based on the few discernible words on the fans, they were provided by a local drug store.)

The small modest church stood on a sharp angle of land at the convergence of Second Street and Anderson (now Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard). In those days, the site, donated by Maj. James Evans, was a shady spot within sight of the Caloosahatchee River. In fact, it was adjacent to a city park.

The church was one of the town’s oldest, having been organized in 1885, the year the town voted to incorporate. It built its first sanctuary, the one pictured below, in 1889.

The bride had deep roots in Fort Myers. Her parents were Thomas J. and Eliza K. Evans, and her maternal grandfather, William E. Hibble, was an early Fort Myers pioneer.

Her sister, Alta Lewis Evans, is also well remembered. She, with Julia Park (daugh-



Mary Ellen Evans and Harry Clarke Stucky were married in St. Luke’s Episcopal Church on June 16, 1920. The church built in 1889 stood at Second Street and Anderson Avenue (now MLK, Jr. Boulevard)

photo courtesy SWFL Florida Historical Society



The church moved from its shady spot with a river view in 1923. Today, the location is part of the formidable Lee County Justice Center

photo by Gerri Reaves

ter of early pioneer Thaddeus M. Park), owned and operated Evans and Park Ladies Apparel in downtown Fort Myers.

Stucky is best remembered for the Robb & Stucky Furniture Store chain, which had been started by Virgil Robb and W.R. Lee in 1915 as a general-merchandise store, Lee & Robb Furniture Company.

In 1925, Lee left the company, and it was renamed Robb & Stucky. In 1926, it moved into the iconic four-story Robb & Stuck Building on Hendry Street.

All these years later, the wedding couple’s home church still exists, although it has moved twice since they took their vows in that first pioneer-era structure.

In 1923, St. Luke’s moved into a Mediterranean-revival church at Woodford and Second (now Laboratory Theatre’s home), and, in 1969, it moved to its current building on Cleveland Avenue.

Today, the triangular piece of land where the church once stood – as well as the former city park – is occupied by the enormous Lee County Justice Center.

Gone too is the sharp-angled intersection where the church was located, for Second Street has not continued through to Anderson/MLK for many years.

Walk down to the former site of the little St. Luke’s Episcopal Church and imagine a sanctuary prepared for a solemn but joyous occasion.

Then visit these two research centers to learn more about June brides and grooms in early Fort Myers.

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

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

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

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

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

Sources: Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, *the Fort Myers Press*, *History of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church* by Julia Hanson, and *The Story of Fort Myers* by Karl H. Grismer.✱✱

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Professionals To Perform At Comedy Night

Two nationally recognized professional comedians will bring more fun to the stage on July 22 when they perform at the third annual Laughter Is the Best Medicine Comedy Night to benefit SalusCare, Inc. Professional comedian Michael Palascak returns for the third time and will serve as emcee for the evening as well as perform his stand-up comedy



Pat McGann

routine. Fellow professional comedian Pat McGann will perform the finale. "We are thrilled to have not just one – but two professional comedians join us for our signature event. This is in addition to our six celebrity comics who will be competing for the title of Lee County's Best Comic," said SalusCare Development Committee Chair Sue Ackert. Tickets are now on sale for the event at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center and may be purchased at www.saluscarecomedyevent.org. VIP tickets are \$175 each and include reception with the comedians, heavy

hors-d'oeuvres, beer/wine and show. General admission tickets are \$125 each for dessert, beer/wine and show only. Bill Smith Appliances and Park Royal Behavioral Health Services are the Headliner sponsors of the event. Monologue sponsors are Assuage Luxury Spa/Dr. Stephen Prendiville, Genoa Healthcare, Leading Edge Benefit Advisors, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Lykes Insurance, Millennium Physician Group and Vicki and Richard Pitbladdo. The Grand Finale Comic Sponsor is the Marieb College of Health & Human Services at Florida Gulf Coast University. The News-Press Media Group is the media sponsor. Other sponsorships are available from \$500 to \$10,000. Each of the six local celebrities will perform a five-minute stand-up routine for event attendees who will "vote" for the best comedic performance with their dollars. The local celebrities who will exchange laughs for votes are: Chris Hansen, Lee Health board member and Park Royal Hospital business development director; Dayna Harpster, WGCU *Expressions* editor; Mike Jung, *News-Press* president and publisher; Frank Mann, Lee County commissioner; Cole Peacock, RC Peacock Consulting managing director; and Will Prather, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre owner. Attendees will have the opportunity to "vote" for "Lee County's Best Comic" by placing cash or checks in containers labeled for each comic.

Palascak delighted television audiences in 2015 as one of five finalists on NBC's *Last Comic Standing*. He has appeared on *The Late Show* with David Letterman, *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno and *The Late Late Show* with Craig Ferguson. He also has performed at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas and was the winner of HBO's *Lucky 21 Stand-up Contest*. McGann is a stand-up comedian and television host from Chicago. He created and hosted the Emmy nominated television show *The Chicago Stand Up Project*. He has been invited to The Great American Comedy Festival, Laugh Fest, The Lucille Ball Comedy Festival and has been heard on the nationally syndicated *The Bob & Tom Show*, as well as seen on AXS-TV's *Gotham Comedy Live*. Funds raised at the event will be used to provide outpatient psychiatry and therapy to children and adolescents in our area whose families can least afford it. One in 10 children has serious mental health problems severe enough to impair how they function at home, in school, or in the community, according to the National Center for Children & Poverty at Columbia University. Left untreated, mental illnesses can lead to more difficult ways to treat illnesses and to the development of co-occurring disorders. For more information about sponsorships and Laughter Is the Best Medicine Comedy Night, contact Todd Cordisco at 791-1575 or visit www.saluscarecomedyevent.org ✪

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feature inspiring original artwork and we encourage any artist, not just those applying to participate in ArtFest Fort Myers 2018, to submit their artwork for consideration. The artist whose work is selected for the poster/T-shirt will be featured in a broad range of print, online and VIP promotions preceding festival weekend, and continuing throughout the year. The selected artist also receives a free booth space at ArtFest Fort Myers 2018. Submissions for this contest must represent original artwork in a theme

that reflects Southwest Florida and is appealing to a broad audience. Entries are being accepted until Friday, June 30 and images can be submitted by email. For more information, email info@ArtFestFortMyers.com or call 768-3602. ArtFest Fort Myers takes place February 2, 3 and 4 in the Fort Myers River District. There will be 200 professional artists from across the county and around the world. ArtFest also features the largest high school art exhibit and competition in south Florida, and free interactive art experiences for children of all ages. For more information, visit ArtFestFortMyers.com.✪

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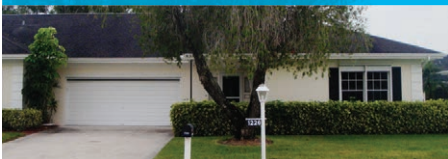
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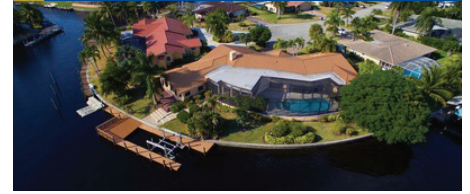
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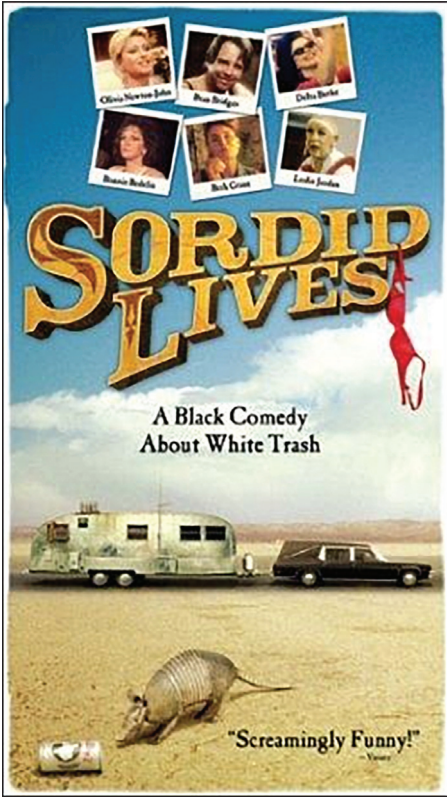
Theater Holding Auditions For Season 9 Plays



by Tom Hall
The Laboratory Theater of Florida is holding auditions for the shows it will produce during its upcoming 9th season on Saturday, June 17 from 2 to 5 p.m. The 2017-18 shows include:

Sordid Lives – Set in a small Texas town, a family gathers to deal with the death of their elderly matriarch. It’s a difficult situation that is exacerbated by the fact that the details of her demise are sure to cause embarrassment from the towns-folk. But the family members themselves give reason enough for embarrassment, as we see them at both their best and their worst – think big hair, lots of booze, cheating, revenge, cross-dressing and guns. Written by Del Shores and loosely based on the playwright’s own life, *Sordid Lives* runs from September 15 through 30.

Misery – Making its Southwest Florida debut, *Misery* is based on one of Stephen King’s most terrifying novels. In this play, famous novelist Paul Sheldon is rescued after a near-fatal car crash by Annie Wilkes (a nurse by trade) in the snowy Colorado landscape. Grateful for her



The first Alliance show to be produced for the 2017-18 season will be *Sordid Lives*
 photo courtesy www.artswfl

help, Paul allows Annie to read his latest manuscript, in which he has killed her favorite heroine, Misery Chastain. She demands he write a new novel before he can leave; however, Paul is realizing that Annie may have other intentions. Written by William Goldman, *Misery* will run from

October 20 through November 4.
An Act Of God – Ever wondered about the answers to some of mankind’s most thought-provoking questions? God is here to answer them. Along with some of His Archangels, the Almighty is not afraid to re-tell the Bible the way it was meant to be told... including His all-new-and-vastly-improved Ten Commandments. *An Act of God* is also making its Southwest Florida debut. Written by David Javerbaum, you can take in a performance of *An Act of God* between November 17 and December 9.

Crimes of the Heart – Nominated for the Tony Award for Best Play, this heart-warming story begins with the Magrath sisters (Meg, Babe, and Lenny) coming together in their grandfather’s house in Mississippi. The catalyst for their reunion, however, is a doozy – Babe has shot her abusive husband. Having been raised in a household filled with dysfunction, the play explores how each sister has dealt with the repercussions of her choices in life, including past resentments, past relatives and past relationships. From the pen (or PC) of Beth Henley, *Crimes of the Heart* runs January 5 to 20, 2018.

The Way We Get By – Oh, the awkwardness of a one-night stand – For Doug and Beth, the morning after a wedding reception (with lots of alcohol) reveals some surprising twists that neither could have anticipated. Audiences will encounter love and sex, along with societal expectations that might make some question how much we really care about what other people think. Written by Neil LaBute, *The Way We Get By* runs February 2 to 18, 2018.

The Musical Comedy Murders of

1940 – For fans of the movie *Clue*, this play is must-see. The team responsible for a recent flop has gathered at the estate of a potential wealthy backer for their latest project. The reason for their previous failure? Three of the chorus girls were murdered by the “Stage Door Slasher,” who has yet to be caught. From secret passageways to sliding panels, and a strange German maid, mayhem ensues when the killer shows up to strike again. Filled with satire and lots of wit, this hilarious murder-mystery written by John Bishop should not be missed. If you’re saving dates, *The Musical Comedy Murders* runs from March 9 to March 31, 2018.

Visiting Mr. Green – Winner of numerous Best Play awards from around the world, this Jeff Baron play is one that will make audiences laugh and cry. Having almost hit 86-year-old widower Mr. Green, Ross Gardiner (a young executive in the corporate world) is charged with reckless driving. He must now complete a form of community service – visit Mr. Green every week for the next six months. Although both men resent these forced visits at first, their conversations soon reveal family secrets and past hardships. A story of acceptance and open-mindedness replete with charm and poignancy, *Visiting Mr. Green* runs from April 13 to 28, 2018.

The Laboratory Theater of Florida is located in the River District at 1634 Woodford Avenue in Fort Myers.

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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Community Fun Day Reaches Out

Officers from the Fort Myers Police Department (FMPD) along with STARS complex staff and several community organizations hosted a day of fun, education and outreach during Unity Community Fun Day at the STARS complex on Saturday, June 3. The event promoted unity, friendship and trust between the department and the citizens they serve.

The fun day was coordinated by Sgt. Willie Tellis, a Fort Myers native and department veteran. It included bounce houses, water slides, food vendors, sporting games, raffle prizes and a disc jockey. Families came out to show support and mingle with officers while enjoying the activities and raising awareness on issues such as gun violence and neighborhood safety.

Tellis was recently named by Fort Myers police Chief Derrick Diggs as a liaison to the community engagement team, which is made up of consultants from a Washington DC-based group called the Youth and Families in Crisis, local clergymen and officials. The FMPD is looking forward to sponsoring more community events to develop tighter bonds with the community and foster a feeling of partnership with the residents.✱



Sgt. Willie Tellis



The fun day raised awareness to promote unity, friendship and trust

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Kickball participants

Free Admission At Historical Village This Saturday

The Sanibel Historical Village will offer free admission for all visitors on Saturday, June 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The free day is not aimed at just locals but is open to all visitors.

The Sanibel Historical Museum & Village tells the story of Sanibel from the Calusa and Spanish eras to the early pioneer families who settled on the island in the 1800s. It tells of warriors, adventurers, fishermen, farmers and proprietors. The island's way of life is recreated in a village of nine structures that have been relocated from their original sites, restored and preserved. Visitors trace the footsteps of the island's past as they meander

along a handicapped-accessible path lined with buildings that represent old Sanibel. Visitors can tour a pioneer home, fishing cottage, post office, schoolhouse, tea room, general store, and other attractions.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A full guided tour takes place at 10:30 a.m. at no additional charge, depending on the availability of a docent. The museum closes for the summer on August 1 and re-opens October 17.

The Sanibel Historical Village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS) and there is handicap access to eight of the nine buildings. Regular admission is \$10 for adults (18 and over). Members and children are free. For more information, call 472-4648 during museum hours or visit www.sanibelmuseum.org.✱

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Along The River

The **Fort Myers Miracle** Single "A" baseball organization is being dog-friendly this Thursday, June 15 at Hammond Stadium at the CenturyLink Sports Complex. Four-legged friends are allowed in the stadium for the 7:05 p.m. game versus the Charlotte Stone Crabs. They will be admitted free with a purchased ticket from their handler. Tickets range from \$7.50 to \$11 per person.

Other promotions that evening include Miracle Team Photo Giveaway, where the first 500 fans are presented team photos, and Miracle Fidget Spinners Giveaway, where the first 500 kids age 12 and younger receive the devices that were originally designed to relieve stress and used mostly by children with autism or attention disorders to help them focus. It is also Thirsty Thursday, where fans can take advantage of half-price domestic draft beer.

Bark in the Park is presented once a month during the summer, and this is the third of six. Vendors will be set up along the stadium concourse before and during the game. They will sell their wares and give away samples.

For ticket information, call 768-4210 or purchase tickets online by going to www.miraclebaseball.com. Hammond Stadium is located at 14400 Six Mile Cypress Parkway in Fort Myers.

The **Edison Ford Winter Estates** will host **Rhythm on the River** this Friday, June 16 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.



Laser light shows are back at the Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium

photo courtesy www.calusanature.org

The event is a celebration of Father's Day with food, drinks and live music with Steve Faust. Check out the sunset view along the Caloosahatchee.

Tickets are \$30 for Edison Ford 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.

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.

For more information, call 334-7419.

The **downtown Fort Myers River District** will again be the scene for **Music Walk** this Friday, June 16. Restaurants, bars, art galleries and shops will showcase a wide range of music during the evening from 6 to 10 p.m. Expect live jazz and blues to rock, drums and more. Each month brings new energy to the historic streets of downtown Fort Myers.

The River District comes alive every month with live music on the third Friday with Music Walk, featuring more than a dozen participating venues with music by local and regional talent.

Organized by the River District Alliance, Music Walk was conceived as a sister event to the popular first Friday Art Walk, which brings out more than 2,000 people during off-peak months. Event sponsors include the River District Alliance, Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau, Edison National Bank, River District, Fort Myers Community Redevelopment Agency and the City of Fort Myers.

Visit www.fortmyersriverdistrictalliance.com/ to learn more.

The **Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium** (CNCN) will host its classic **laser light shows** during two weekends in June surrounding June Solstice. They are planned for this Friday, June 16 through this Sunday, June 18 as well as Friday, June 23 through Sunday, June 25. All showings will be held 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 light shows are projected

laser beams and dazzling graphics that are set to music. 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 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 CNCN Museum by 3:50 p.m. to secure entrance into the planetarium.

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

To honor dads this Father's Day, Sunday, June 18, **Edison & Ford Winter Estates** is offering **free admission** for all fathers. Dads can check out 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 for free.

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 contact Edison & Ford Winter Estates at 334-7419.

Friends of the **Fort Myers Library** will present a visit to Russia's most valued treasures this Monday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m. **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 at www.bit.ly/FML61.*



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Clinic patient Tim Deaton shares testimony as founder Alan Gruning looks on

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Pain Clinic Benefit Raises \$20,000

The Southwest Florida Free Pain Clinic, the only free pain clinic in Florida for low-income individuals, raised more than \$20,000 at its inaugural fundraising event on May 25. Heal the Hurt had more than 120 people in attendance and featured a live and silent auction, dinner and testimonials from patients of the clinic.

Alan Gruning, DO, clinic founder and medical director, shared a heartfelt

story about his vision from God telling him to start a free pain clinic for people in need.

"It was not my idea to start a free pain clinic. No one had ever done that before," Gruning shared. "The Lord told me to do it and has opened every door to make it reality and sustain it for almost seven years. Now, He wants it to grow into a full time clinic to provide healing to more of those in pain in Southwest Florida, expanding to other communities, touching more lives and giving more people hope."

Tim Deaton, longtime patient of the clinic, was in attendance and also

shared his emotional story of healing after being hit by an automobile in 2012. "Just last week, I mowed the lawn for the first time in five years," shared Deaton.

The Southwest Florida Free Pain Clinic was established to provide healing for individuals with chronic and acute pain, without the use of controlled drugs and with the added unique aspect of prayer and counseling. The clinic takes a holistic approach to healing and utilizes chiropractic care, massage therapy, modalities and exercise training to alleviate pain at the source. The process begins an effective healing process for individuals without the ability to pay.

The clinic utilizes more than 50

ongoing volunteers, including medical professionals who donate time and resources for the benefit of the patients. It is the only one of its kind in Florida and has been successful in keeping patients out of the emergency room and off of drugs. Successful treatment helps patients get back to work and helps them better care for themselves and their families.

The Heal the Hurt dinner and auction marked the launch of fundraising efforts to expand services. Currently, The Southwest Florida Free Pain Clinic operates Tuesday evenings, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Fort Myers First Church of The Nazarene. Plans to expand to an additional day per week

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Military Care Package Benefit

The Lee Health Military Support Group will host a Quarter Auction to benefit its deployed care package program on Thursday, June 15 at the Military Closet located at 2158 Johnson Street in Fort Myers. Funds raised will be used to help offset postage costs to send the packages to active military troops.

The support group ships care packages to our deployed troops at an average cost of \$700 to \$950 per month for postage. Bring lots of quarters, bring your friends and enjoy a fun night of bidding while helping to support our troops. Dinner and snacks will be avail-

able for purchase.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and admission for the evening is one of the following (to be added to the care packages):

- Cotton swabs
- Gum
- Lip balm
- Suntan lotion (non-aerosol)
- Meat in a pouch (e.g. tuna)

The Military Support Group is dedicated to supporting our military men and women and their families while deployed. Since its inception in 2003, more than 80,000 pounds of care packages have been sent to more than 1,400 local deployed troops.

For more information, call the Military Support Hotline at 343-2045.*

Churches/Temples

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

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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.

CHAPEL OF CYPRESS COVE

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

CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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

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CYPRESS LAKE PRESBYTERIAN

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 10:30 a.m., Thursday 7:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 p.m. 6111 South Pointe Boulevard, 278-3638.

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Sunday 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. 15690 McGregor Boulevard, 482-2030.

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Sunday 10:30 a.m. 2390 West First Street, christiansciencefortmyers.net, christianscience.com.

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Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. 13545 American Colony Boulevard, 936-2511.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. 2466 First Street, www.fumcftmyers.org, 332-1152.

FORT MYERS CHRISTIAN

Sunday 10:30 a.m., 5916 Winkler Road, 437-4330.

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST; Sunday 10 a.m., 8210 College Parkway, 482-3133.

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Sunday 7:45 and 10 a.m. 19691 Cypress View Drive, lambogodchurch.net, 267-3525.

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Friday 6:30 and 7 p.m. 8505 Jenny Cae Lane, nbcmministry@embarqmail.com, facebook.com/nbcmministry, 656-0416.

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Monthly 9 a.m. 1900 Park Meadows Drive, newcovenanteyes.com, 220-8519.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST

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

NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. 10051 Plantation Road, www.newhopefortmyers.org, 274-1230.

PEACE COMMUNITY

Sunday 10:30 a.m. www.17671 Pine Ridge Road, peacecommunitychurch.com, 267-7400.

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Sunday 9:30 a.m. 15840 McGregor Boulevard, www.peaceftmyers.com, peace@peaceftmyers.com. 437-2599.

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Sunday 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. 3950 Winkler Ext., 274-0143.

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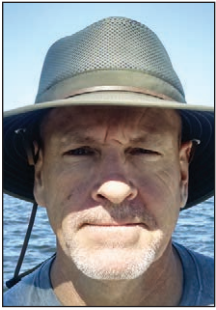
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CROW Case Of The Week:

Juvenile
Gopher Tortoise

by Bob Petcher

The gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) is a helpful friend to other animals. The ancient reptile digs so many burrows that it is known to provide shelter for at least 360 other animal species – like the burrowing owl reported on two weeks ago. In doing so, the gopher tortoise has a positive effect on its environment and is thus referred to as a keystone species.

The “home builder” has a strong capability due to its shovel-like front legs and anchoring back legs that resemble an elephant’s limbs. When it comes to finding their own home, gopher tortoises prefer dry, sandy uplands in this region of the country. In fact, the majority of the remaining gopher tortoises are in the state of Florida, yet they suffer a steep decline in population.

Another crucial role in helping other animals for the land-loving turtle is in the way it eats. The gopher tortoise “prunes” plants that it eats, which leaves a healthy plant ready to send out new nutritious growth while enabling seeds to

be fertilized and distributed throughout its home area.

The tortoises live to be roughly 80 years old in the wild. Their lives begin with caution, however, as their mothers’ eggs must escape from being eaten by scavenger animals like raccoons and skunks. If they do survive and hatch, gopher tortoise hatchlings tend to spend the first few months in their mother’s burrow before creating their own burrows.

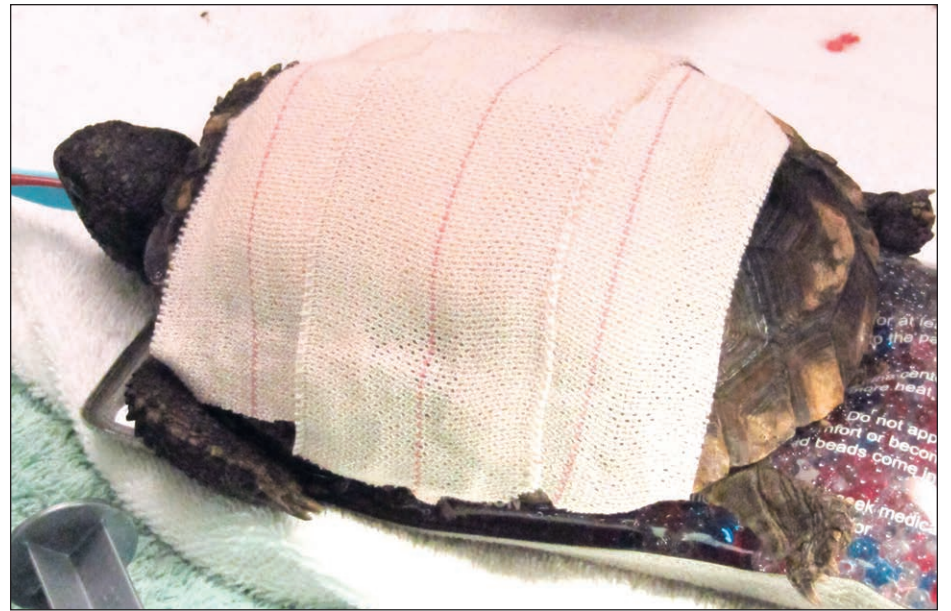
At CROW, a juvenile gopher tortoise was admitted to the clinic from Fort Myers on June 3. The tortoise had been bit by a dog and had sustained a large fracture in its upper shell (carapace) as well as a collapsed lung and multiple puncture wounds.

The patient, estimated to be 3 to 5 years old, underwent surgery to remove the piece of carapace that had punctured the lung. The patient recovered from the “challenging” surgery, yet more surgeries are expected during its long road to recovery.

“It was a very delicate procedure, because we were dealing with lung tissue,” said CROW DVM intern Dr. Spencer Kehoe. “Some of the lung tissue had to be removed because it was unhealthy or dying, however, enough functional tissue remains for living.”

After surgery, the patient began wearing a wet-to-dry honey bandage that will be changed daily as its wounds heal.

“Tortoises heal quite slowly, so it can take some time,” said Dr. Kehoe. “Right now, we are just taking it day by day. We



Patient #17-1930 wrapped in a wet-to-dry honey bandage

photo by Brian Bohlman

may have to perform further surgeries to remove unhealthy tissue down the road.”

After another few days of recovery, there was no change in the gopher tortoise’s status.

“Over the weekend, a Wound-Vac was placed over the wound. The tortoise’s condition remains heavily guarded at this stage. We are very concerned about its short and long term outcome, but are giving it the best chance for survival,” said Dr. Kehoe.

CROW officials would like to remind pet owners to keep their dogs leashed when outside, especially in more natural

areas.

CROW officials remind pet owners that although it is not always intentional, dogs can harm wildlife if unsupervised. Dogs should only be let off leash at dog parks and other appropriate places.

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

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Mother Nature Can Be A Tough Boss



by Capt.
Matt Mitchell

Tropical moisture was the major factor in this week's fishing, or not fishing, as it brought days of rain often just sitting right on top of us. While I was

dodging showers and trying to stay dry on the few days that were not a total washout, most of the fishing this week was generally close to home targeting catch-and-release snook. This snook bite, in and around the passes, was outstanding with lots of snook of all sizes being caught.

During these extremely unpredictable weather days, it was just a better idea and much safer to fish close to home as strong, fast-moving rain bands with gusty winds could make things get nasty fast. Keeping an eye to the sky and watching the weather radar app on the iPhone had us running scared back to the dock on a few days. One day after dropping my clients off safely, I got slammed by one of these strong squalls after cutting it too close. Running through heavy rain that causes almost zero visibility along with 40 mph wind gusts across an open bay is just

no fun. Mother Nature can be a tough boss, and she does not seem to care who is on the week's fishing schedule.

All this rain did help to cool off the water, which did wonders to keep the shiners around. Our shiners are usually just about gone or at least really tough to catch by mid-June as water temperatures get into the mid 80s. Once the bay water gets too hot, they move offshore. So all the baitfish becomes a little tougher to catch, and our go-to bait becomes pinfish and grunts. Shiners made pass fishing a no brainer. Even in the coffee-looking, stirred-up water, the fish just cannot resist them. If you're willing to be a little more patient and use a larger pinfish or grunt in the passes, you can expect to get a shot at some of the bigger snook we catch all year.

Usually by this time of year, bigger mangrove snapper have begun to make that annual push into the sound. But I tried several of the places that I traditionally catch them year after year without any success. So, I gave up on it and will continue to do so until our water conditions improve. This bite will kick off over the next few weeks as these great eating fish flood in through the passes and throughout the bay to become one of our summertime mainstays for clients wanting fillets to take home.

Shiner fishing in the passes was also good action on a mixed bag of other species including trout, gag grouper, redfish and even a few small goliath grouper. Although most of this pass action is catch-and-release snook, you just never quite know what the next



Hanna and Ryan Sheer from Kansas City with a snook double header caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week
photo provided

bite will be. As conditions gradually get back to normal, anglers will get back to having many more options. This week's fishing was more about being able to get out and bend the rods while dodging weather than anything else.

Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing

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

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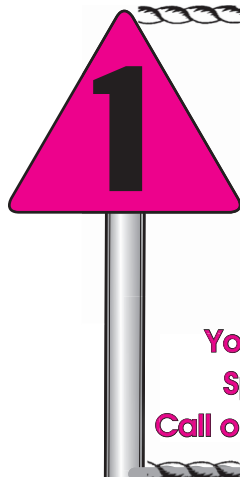
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The fruit ripens to a deep shiny blue-black
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Plant Smart

Lantana Strigocamara

by Gerri Reaves

Both native and non-native lantanas are among the most popular, colorful and easy-care shrubs in Florida. They bloom throughout the year and attract butterflies.

But lantanas are not created equal when it comes to compatibility with the South Florida landscape.

The multicolored one pictured above, a native of the West Indies, is one worth recognizing, since you'll want to boot it out of your yards if it pops up.

It has an ordinary common name, shrubverbena. However, referring to it by the scientific name, *Lantana strigocamera*, is a reminder to not confuse this lantana with other ones.

This hardy plant is a category-1 invasive species in Florida. The Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council defines such species as ones that are "altering native plant communities by displacing native species, changing community structures or ecological functions, or hybridizing with natives."

Furthermore, the definition relies on "the documented ecological damage caused."

Invasive lantana strigocamara grows taller than many other lantanas – up to six feet or more. Some older specimens resemble small trees.

Hardy and adaptable, it will grow in sun or shade and in just about any soil or location. For example, take a look at the photo of a large specimen growing between canal-bridge railings and a



The multicolored flower clusters distinguish this lantana from others

chain-link fence.

The oval aromatic leaves are rough, hairy, and serrated. They measure up to six inches long and two and a half to three inches wide. The square stems are hairy or prickly.

Dense flat-topped clusters of flowers range in color from pink, lavender, or white to orange, yellow, or red, sometimes changing color as they age.

The shiny round berries ripen from green to blue-black. The plant produces seeds in prolific numbers (up to 12 thousand per plant). The dispersal of those seeds by birds, in addition to abilities to self- and cross-pollinate, further enhance the invasive potential.

The species is highly toxic to grazing livestock and a problem for the agricultural industry. The unripe seeds are toxic to pets and people too.

This lantana is noted for hybridizing with the native, endemic and endangered pineland lantana (*Lantana depressa*), also called rockland shrubverbena.

Fortunately, pineland lantana's soft yellow fragrant flowers are easily distinguishable from other lantanas, particularly the multicolored invasive one.

This low-growing native is not only beautiful but highly salt tolerant.

So, if lantana strigocamara is lurking in your yard or attempts to take up residence, oust it and consider giving its spot to pineland lantana or another native lantana, such as buttonsage (*Lantana involucrata*).

Sources: www.fleppc.org, www.floridata.com, www.fnps.org, and www.plants.ifas.ufl.edu.

Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.*



Lantana strigocamara, of shrubverbena, is a category-1 invasive plant and will volunteer just about anywhere. On the plus side, it does have a variety of medicinal uses.



An excellent alternative to *Lantana strigocamara* is native pineland lantana, which produces clusters of fragrant tubular flowers all year. The plant is listed as endangered in Florida.

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Backyard Farming

Robert Pascuzzi, restaurant owner, executive chef and pitmaster

• Saturday, July 15 at 10:30 a.m.

Raising Small Animals for Eggs & Meat, presented by Millisa Bell, homestead farmer and organic gardener

• Saturday, July 22 at 10:30 a.m.

An Introduction to Cheese Making, presented by Caroline Hostettler, cheese connoisseur, business owner and world traveler

• Saturday, July 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Backyard Beekeeping, presented by Claudia Silveira, beekeeper, environmentalist and candlemaker

Alliance for the Arts GreenMarket is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, call 939-2787 or visit www.ArtInLee.org.



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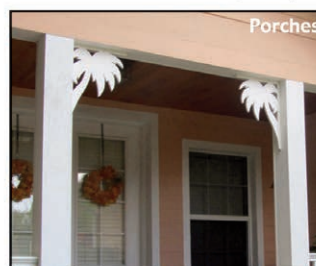
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From left, Noelle Casagrande-Montgomery, Barbara Melvin and Barbara Dell photos provided

Fashion Night Raises Nearly \$100,000

Dress for Success SW Florida raised more than \$96,000 at a successful and exciting annual signature event, A Fashion Night in Black & White. The fundraiser was held on Friday, May 12 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa in Bonita Springs. Donna Noce, president of White House Black Market, delivered the keynote address. Noce is the founding board president of

Dress for Success SW Florida and has been an integral part of the nonprofit since its inception. The evening included hors d'oeuvres, champagne, dinner, live and silent auctions, and a fashion show preview of the White House Black Market (WHBM) summer collection. Guests wore their finest black and white cocktail attire. The record-breaking amount raised is a significant increase from last year.

The theme of the evening was "Never Give Up." In a personal and heartwarming keynote address, Noce shared her own journey and the importance of empowering and encouraging women, which is central to



Nicole Colaco and Donna Noce

the Dress for Success mission.

The White House Black Market fashion show was a highlight of the evening. In a fun and high energy presentation, Dress for Success SW Florida women who were styled at a local White House Black Market boutique were introduced and got to show off the summer collection as well as their personalities and success stories. WHBM donated the outfits to the women who modeled them for their personal and professional needs.

Barbara Dell, CEO of Dress for Success SW Florida, said, "What fun and inspiration all in one package. Dress for Success had its best ever A Fashion Night in Black & White raising over \$96,000. This is the fifth annual event and every year there is always

something new and special. This year we had a fabulous keynote speaker, White House Black Market President, Donna Noce, along with a WHBM fashion show. The models? They were our Dress for Success women and what a super job they did on the runway. What a night."

Money raised from this event will support the mission of Dress for Success SW Florida to help disadvantaged women find and maintain employment and achieve health and wellness as well as self-defined financial support and professional success.

White House Black Market is the founding sponsor of Dress for Success SW Florida. The Elizabeth K. Galeana Charitable Foundation, Inc. is the Career Center Champion.

For more information, contact Nickole Hendra at 689.4992 or visit www.dfsswflorida.org.

Continental Women's Club

The Continental Women's Club meeting on Thursday, July 6 will feature a representative from Make-A-Wish, an organization that grants a wish every 16 hours. Attendees will find out how wishes make life better for kids with life-threatening medical conditions.

The club's monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at Colonial Country Club, located at 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers. Cost to attend the luncheon is \$19. Call 691-7561 for more information.

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Father's Day

police escorted by the Fort Myers Police Department and led down Michigan Avenue, through East Point Place and end at Clemente Park where the celebration will continue with more family fun and entertainment.

The annual celebration in the park will include bounce houses, kids games, music, stage performances, door prizes, a basketball tournament, food and drinks, and a Juneteenth exhibit. Event attendees will also have an opportunity to receive free information from community businesses in the areas of wealth, health, education, job training, employment, housing, corporate and government services.

The HACFM will be combining its Father's Day festivities with the Lee County Black History Society's Juneteenth celebrations.

As part of former President Obama's Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative, the HACFM's annual Father's Day event is a nationwide day of events encouraged by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative partners with the Administration for Children and Families, White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse, fathers, mothers, family-serving

organizations and other leaders from across the country who wish to be positive role models and mentors for the children in their lives and communities.

"It is the goal of the HACFM to encourage all fathers, especially absent fathers, to become a strong and vital part of their children's lives," said Marcus D. Goodson, executive director of the HACFM. "We hope to inspire and encourage our fathers to be a positive role model for their children by providing an atmosphere of love, support and entertainment during the Father's Day weekend and for the rest of their lives. It is our belief that with a strong family unit in place, children will thrive and become an instrumental part of the communities in which they live."

According to U.S. Census data, 24 million American children live in a home without a father. National Fatherhood Initiative (NFI), an organization created in 1994 to raise the awareness of the importance of fathers, states that children in homes without a father are five times more likely to be poor and more likely to drop out of school or be incarcerated. This is why the involvement of fathers in the lives of their children is crucial. The focus on Father's Day is meant to be a starting point – either a celebration of existing relationships or a reason to form first connections.

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



Brooke Denson

photos provided

Charity Fundraiser Co-Chairs Named

The trustees of SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. have announced that the 2018 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest will take place on March 2 and 3. The two-day signature event will feature uniquely themed Chef Vintner Dinners on March 2, held at private venues throughout Southwest Florida. The Grand Tasting and Live Auction will be held Saturday, March 3 at Quail West Golf and Country Club, located at 5950 Burnham Road in Naples. The trustees have named Elaine Hawkins and Brooke Denson as co-chairs for the 10th anniversary of the premier fundraising event, which is dedicated to supporting pediatric health care and scholarships for local students majoring in health sciences.

Each day will showcase the culinary talents of celebrated chefs and exceptional wines poured by renowned vintners. One hundred percent of monies raised at the auction will benefit SWFL Children's Charities, Inc.'s primary beneficiaries; Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, Florida Gulf Coast University and Florida SouthWestern State College.

Hawkins founded Specialty Risk Management Services in 1999, which provides a unique property insurance



Elaine Hawkins

program for commercial entities. She has been the president and principal of Private Client Insurance Services since 2003, an independent insurance agency specializing in personal and commercial insurance for high net worth individuals and condominium associations. Hawkins received her bachelor of arts from the University of Miami in Psychology, is a certified risk manager and holds insurance and real estate licenses. She serves as an officer of Lee Health Foundation, is president of the board of directors and a trustee since 2010 of SWFL Children's Charities, Inc.

Denson is a real estate professional for Premier Sotheby's International Realty. Upon moving to Southwest Florida nine years ago from Arizona, Denson and her husband, Pat, established Estero Bay Chevrolet. The company has grown to become the No. 1 Chevrolet dealership in the region. Denson has been actively involved as a trustee of SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. since 2016, and is also a member of the National Association of Realtors, Florida Association of Realtors and Bonita Springs-Estero Association of Realtors.

To learn more about SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. and to inquire about tickets to the 2018 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, visit www.swflwinefest.org.✱

Gala And Auction For ACT

Lee, Hendry, and Glades counties' first and only licensed and certified domestic and sexual violence center will host Silent No More Gala and Auction at the LaBelle Civic Center on Saturday, September 16 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The gala will support ACT's core services for victims of domestic violence, rape/sexual assault and human trafficking, including emergency shelter for survivors and their children, the 24-hour crisis hotline, counseling, children's programs and community education in Hendry and Glades counties.

The gala and auction, will feature a dinner and silent and live auctions to commemorate the nonprofit agency's 39 years in the communities of Hendry and Glades counties. Sponsors include Stanton Mobile Home Sales Inc. and Guines Jewelry and Pawn.

Last year, Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. served more than 156 victims and their children from Hendry and Glades counties. Nearly half were children staying in the safe emergency shelter.

Tickets for the event are \$50 per person or \$90 for two. Sponsorships are available for the main event including business branding recognition. For more information on how to join as a supporter of this event, visit www.actabuse.com or call 939-2553.✱



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Litigation Attorney Named To Committee



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Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., recently announced that Bonita Springs Attorney Scott A. Beatty has been elected to serve on the firm’s executive committee for a three-year term.

Beatty, who joined Henderson Franklin in June 2003, focuses his litigation practice in business disputes, construction and lien law litigation, contract disputes, collections and foreclosures. He also has an active real estate litigation practice, handling boundary and border disputes, as well as title insurance claims. Beatty frequently speaks and writes on these matters and has authored informative posts such as *How to Pay Twice for Your Construction Project* and *What Options do Owners Have to Take Possession of Real Property in Florida?*

Off the clock, Beatty is a founding member and performer with Square One Improv, a comedy improv group performing throughout Southwest Florida. He also devotes time to his wife, children and Boy Scouts of America.

Beatty has been honored throughout his career and was selected as one of *Gulfshore Business Magazine’s* and *Business Observer’s* top 40 Under 40. He also holds the highest AV Preeminent rating by Martindale-Hubbell.

Beatty received his undergraduate degree from Wake Forest University, cum laude, in 1993 and his law degree from the University of Miami, cum laude, in 1996. He can be reached at scott.beatty@henlaw.com or by phone at 344-1169.

For more information on Beatty or Henderson Franklin, visit www.henlaw.com.✽

Concealed Weapon Licenses

The Lee County Tax Collector’s office is now accepting concealed weapon license renewal applications and can print the renewal licenses on site for eligible Florida residents. Visit www.leetc.com to schedule an appointment.

“We are pleased to offer this service to the residents of Lee County. As your tax collector, I am providing a one-stop shopping to our citizens,” said Lee County Tax Collector Larry Hart.

A Florida resident concealed weapon renewal is \$62, including the \$12

convenience fee.

The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Florida has a very broad public records law. Most written communication to or from Lee County Tax Collector employees are considered to be public records and will be made available to the public and the media upon request. Under Florida law, email addresses are public records. If you do not want your email address released in response to a public records request, do not send electronic mail to this entity. Instead, contact the office by phone at 533-6073 or in writing: Lee County Tax Collector’s office, 2480 Thompson St., Fort Myers, FL 33901.✽

Financial Focus

Financial Gifts Can Help Dad



by Jennifer Basey

Father’s Day is almost here. Dad will probably like any gift you give him, of course, but this year, why not go beyond the ordinary? By presenting your father with an appropriate financial gift, you can bring

him some benefits that can keep on giving.

For starters, how about a back-to-school gift for Dad? If you have children, you may already be familiar with 529 plans, which many parents use to help their children pay for college. But 529 plans have no age limits, so there’s nothing stopping you from reversing the usual formula and opening an account for your father. While 529 plans are commonly used to pay for four-year colleges, the money can also go toward most two-year community colleges and trade schools, so if Dad has a future interest in learning about anything from anthropology to auto repair, the 529 plan you’ve established can give him the gift of knowledge and enjoyment.

As the owner of a 529 plan, your earnings can accumulate tax free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (529 plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may be subject to federal and state income tax, and a 10 percent IRS penalty on the earnings.) Furthermore, if you invest in your own state’s 529 plan, you might be able to deduct the contributions from your taxes.

Here’s another suggestion: Help Dad reach a distant goal. For example, if you know your father will be retiring in, say, 10 years, you could give him some type

of bond that matures just when he retires. During those 10 years, he will receive regular semiannual interest payments, and when the bond matures, he’ll get the original principal back. He can then use this money to help fulfill a long-held dream – perhaps one of traveling the world or even opening a small business. Whatever he decides to do with the money, it will make a nice retirement gift.

If you’re giving Dad a corporate bond, make sure it’s “investment grade,” which means it has received one of the highest ratings for safety from one of the major bond-rating agencies. Investment-grade bonds are generally the least likely to default. If your father is in one of the upper tax brackets, he might benefit from a municipal bond, whose interest payments are exempt from federal income taxes and possibly state and local taxes, too. (Some municipal bonds, however, are subject to the alternative minimum tax.)

Finally, you may want to help Dad plan his legacy. Although your father may be interested in what sort of legacy he will leave, he may not yet have taken any steps in this area – in particular, he might not have created a comprehensive estate plan.

You might consider giving your father some resources on estate planning, such as books or online articles. Better yet, though, consider setting him up with a consultation with a legal professional. It will take considerable time and effort to create the necessary documents, such as a will, a living trust, a durable power of attorney, and so on – and since the future is not ours to see, it’s best to take care of these tasks sooner, rather than later.

Father’s Day is just a blip on the calendar. But by giving Dad some valuable financial gifts, you can help brighten all his days.

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

Digital Media Directories

The Florida Public Relations Association Southwest Florida Chapter (FPRA SWFL) is now offering a digital version of the 2017 Media Directory containing more than 200 print, television and online contacts as well as contacts at chambers of commerce

across the region.

This is one of FPRA SWFL’s most valuable resources, and it’s available now to non-members for just \$199. The directory is free to chapter members. To become a new member, visit www.fpraswfl.org/about-us/membership.

To purchase a media directory, email FPRA SWFL VP of Communications Randy Mitchelson, APR at randy@ipartnermedia.com.✽



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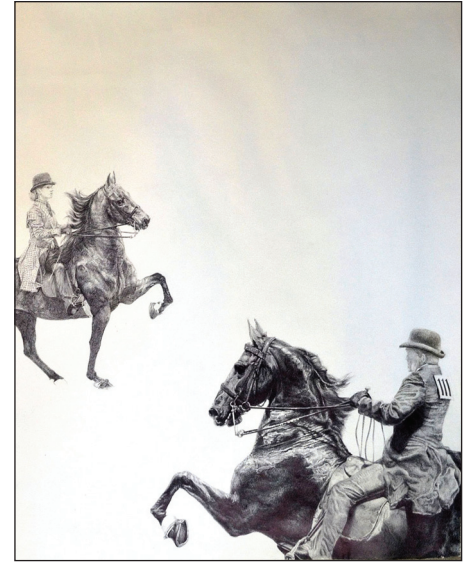
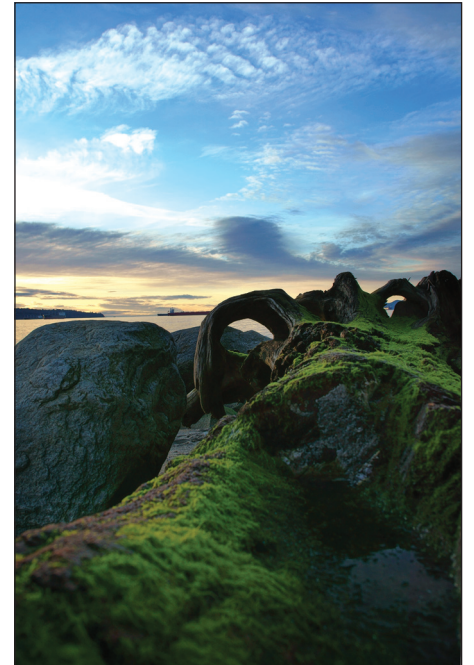
satisfying in making marks that come together into something recognizable. Colored pencils are responsive tools that connect the texture of the paper with the ideas of the mind."

Exhibiting artists include: Adriana Flores, Anna Rac, Betsy DJamoos, Buck Ward, Carla Wormington Messerli, Daniel Venditti, David Belling, Deborah Martin, Ed Takacs, Grayson Stoff, JT Phillippe, Janet George, Jim Stewart, JoAnn LaPadula, Joanna Coke, Joel Shapses, John O'Brien, Jose Pardo, Katy Danca Galli, Marc Harris, Mary Klunk, Mary Voytek, Melissa Miller Nece, Mike Kiniry, Muffy Clark Gill, Nancy Terrell, Penelope Breen, Roger Sherman, Sherry Rohl, Simon Huebler, Stephen Buffer, Steve Conley, Sue Higgins, Susanne Brown, Terry Lynn Spry, Tracy Owen-Cullimore and Whit Robbins.

"It's exciting to host artists from across all the pockets of Florida," said exhibitions coordinator Krista Johnson. "The submissions truly showcase the breadth and creative talent of Florida's independent artists."

The exhibit sponsor is Elemental Stone and Waterworks.

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

*Motherboard* by Mary Voytek*Lolita* by Stephen Buffer*Birth of Venus 2.0* by Jose Pardo*Competing Interests 2* by Sherry Rohl*Maritime Northwest* by Steve Conley

All Florida Juried Exhibition Winners

Artists from all over Florida submitted more than 400 pieces for consideration in the Alliance for the Arts' annual All Florida Exhibition. Juror Kimberly Riner narrowed the list to 46 pieces, which were unveiled to the public during an opening celebration on June 2. The exhibit will continue until June 30 at the 10091 McGregor Boulevard location in Fort Myers.

Melissa Miller Nece was awarded \$1,000 for Best in Show for her colored pencil piece *Dash and Dive*. Mary Voytek took second place and won a \$250 Golden Colors Gift Certificate for her mixed media sculpture *Motherboard*. Sherry Rohl won \$100 and took 3rd place for her ballpoint pen piece *Competing Interests 2*. Daniel Venditti, Jose Pardo and Stephen Buffer were awarded Juror's Choice Awards.

"Drawing is the product of a direct connection between the eye, the mind and the hand. It feels organic, physical and spiritual at the same time," said Nece. "There is something profoundly

Class Of 2017 Earns Scholarships

The Lee County School District graduating class of 2017 has earned millions of dollars in scholarships and will be attending colleges, universities and technical centers across the United States.

Early data show that the Class of 2017 earned over \$53 million in scholarships. Along with scholarship dollars earned, members of the Class of 2017 reported their post high school plans. Of the students who provided information, the breakdown is as follows:

- Attend a four-year college or university: 1,828
- Attend a two-year community/state college: 1,621
- Attend a technical college/school: 398
- Enter the workforce directly: 254
- Enter the U.S. Armed Forces: 192
- Uncertain of future plans at this time: 329
- Other: 221

For more scholarship information, visit www.leeschools.net/scholarship-information.

With No. 1 Overall Draft Pick, Twins Select 18-Year-Old Shortstop



by Ed Frank

When the Minnesota Twins selected 18-year-old Royce Lewis with the Number One overall pick in Monday's Major League Draft, it brought back memories of the last time the Twins had the first pick in 2001 when they chose another teenager, Joe Mauer.

The selection of hometown hero Mauer was brilliant, and hopefully the choice of Lewis, a versatile infielder, from San Juan Capistrano, California, will be the same.

And while their positions are different, the situations in which Mauer and now Lewis were drafted are so very similar.

In 2001, when the Twins took Mauer, the team was coming off a 69-93 season, their eighth straight losing season. Minnesota got the first pick this year after a 59-103 record in 2016, the worst in baseball despite the fact the team was riding in first-place in the American League Central Division at the time of Monday's draft.

The selection of Lewis was the first major decision of the Twins new front office executives, Derek Falvey, chief baseball officer, and Thad Levine, general manager.

Lewis has played third base, shortstop and center field before playing solely shortstop this year for JSerra Catholic High School. The 2017 Gatorade Player of the Year in California and Trinity League Player of the Year for the third consecutive season was rated one of the five top prospects in the draft by MLB.com

Since that 2001 draft when Mauer was chosen, 14 of the Twins first-round picks have reached the Major Leagues, but Mauer stands alone in the record books. He reached the Majors in 2004 and became one of the best-hitting catchers in baseball history with three American League batting championships and the AL MVP in 2009. Injuries slowed him in recent years, but he has had a strong resurgence in 2017.

Will Lewis be able to match Mauer's sterling record? Time will tell.

Some had thought that Minnesota would select another California teenager, shortstop-pitcher Hunter Green, who was recently featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated. Green had auditioned for the Twins at Target Field as recently as last Friday. The Cincinnati Reds took Green with the Number Two pick.

In franchise history, Minnesota has had three Number One draft picks, Mauer, Lewis and pitcher Tim Lincecum in 1983. Lincecum wasn't signed.

Miracle Struggle

The Fort Myers Miracle baseball team began the week in last place in the Florida State League South Division with a 28-33 season record.

In the month of June, the Miracle was 2-5 with five games postpone due to rain.

The team takes a break this weekend for the League All-Star game in Lakeland. Fort Myers will be represented on the South team with left-hander Sam Clay and thirdbaseman Chris Paul.✧



Royce Lewis photo courtesy Major League Baseball



The Immokalee Foundation group at Fort Myers Miracle baseball game sponsored by MidwestOne Bank

photos provided

Students Take In Miracle Ballgame

Thirty-two students in The Immokalee Foundation's programs recently attended a Fort Myers Miracle minor league baseball game at an outing sponsored by MidwestOne Bank's Fort Myers and Naples branches.

Before the April 28 game, the students enjoyed a traditional ballpark dinner of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and popcorn. Although the Miracle lost to the Dunedin Blue Jays, the post-game fireworks display was a highlight for everyone.

"I've never seen fireworks up so close," said Rosalinda Gregorio-Matias, a 15-year-old tutor in the Immokalee Readers program. The students journeyed to Hammond Stadium with chaperones and MidwestOne employees.

The annual visits began three years ago with MidwestOne's predecessor, Central Bank, which hailed from Minnesota, home of the Miracle's Major League Baseball affiliate Twins. MidwestOne continued the tradition after its purchase of Central Bank in April 2016.

MidWestOne Regional Retail Manager Ana Maria Seneca coordinated the trip. "It's a blast - I love watching the kids get excited, enjoying the game and having a good time," Seneca said. "It also gives the employees a chance to meet the kids and see some of the organizations we support. We're a community bank, and we try to give back to Southwest Florida as much as we can."

Often, the outing gives The Immokalee Foundation students their first professional baseball game experience, plus some well-deserved down time with their friends. It is one way the foundation and its community partners help Immokalee students see beyond the community in which they live.

Gregorio-Matias participated in The Immokalee Foundation's Junior Career Development program when she was in eighth grade. Until then, she thought little about life beyond high school. "At first, I wasn't really interested in going to college," she said. "I never gave it a second thought. I just wanted to get my high school diploma. But attending meetings and learning about people's careers through The Immokalee Foundation got me interested in going to college."

To learn more about The Immokalee

Foundation, volunteering as a career panel speaker or host, becoming a mentor, making a donation, including the foundation in your estate plans, or for more information, call 430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.✧



From left, Cenaida Herrera, Leslie Escalante and Elmer Santiago

SPORTS QUIZ

- In 2016, the New York Mets' Bartolo Colon became the oldest major-league pitcher (42) to hit his first career home run. Who had been the oldest?
- Who played more seasons for his only major-league team: Al Kaline (Detroit) or Willie Stargell (Pittsburgh)?
- What is the highest point total that Notre Dame's football team has recorded in a bowl game?
- In 2016, Zach LaVine became the fourth person to win back-to-back NBA dunk contests. Name two of the first three to do it.
- Who were the first two NHL players before Wayne Gretzky (1981-82 season) to tally 50 goals by the 50th game of the season?
- When was the last time before 2016 that Denmark won a gold medal in Olympic swimming?
- Name the last time that the European golf team lost consecutive Ryder Cup matches.

ANSWERS

1. Arizona's Randy Johnson hit his first homer in 2003 at age 40. 2. Kaline played 22 major-league seasons for Detroit (1953-1974); Stargell had 21 seasons with Pittsburgh (1962-1982). 3. Notre Dame tallied 49 points in the 2008 Hawaii Bowl. 4. Michael Jordan (1987-88), Jason Richardson (2002-03) and Nate Robinson (2009-10). 5. Montreal's Maurice Richard (1944-45 season) and Mike Bossy of the New York Islanders (1980-81 season). 6. Karen Harup won a gold medal in the 100 meter backstroke in 1948. 7. It was 1991-93.

Ward 6 Open House Meeting



Gaile Anthony

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Fort Myers City Councilwoman Gaile Anthony will host a Ward 6 open house meeting on Wednesday, June 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. Agenda items will include remarks from City Manager Saeed Kazemi and an introduction of the city's new community development director. All are welcome to attend.

Meetings are held in the community room at Fort Myers Fire Station No. 5, located at 9700 Treeline Avenue. Unless otherwise scheduled, Ward 6 open house meetings will continue on the third Wednesday of every month.

Councilwoman Anthony encourages citizens to bring concerns and comments to the drop-in meetings. For more information, contact Councilwoman Anthony at ganthony@cityftmyers.com, 321-7006 or 980-0575.✱

Bartender Contest

The Fort Myers Miracle recently announced the 2017 Local Celebrity Bartender Contest has officially begun. The team is excited to work with local establishments to help support the Fort Myers, Cape Coral and Southwest Florida communities. The top two business employees who raise the most money on their night at Hammond Stadium will be eligible for cash prizes to donate to the charity of their choice.

Rules:

1. Bartenders will have from gates opening until the bottom of the 7th inning to and bring in as many sales as possible. Sales from their evening behind the third base bar along with a portion of any presold tickets for that day's game will determine the winning bartender and local business.

2. Bartenders and local businesses are encouraged to use any means of social media to promote their game in this brand-new contest. The Miracle will, in turn, promote the participants and corresponding dates through their website and social media.

3. Bartenders and local businesses are also encouraged to bring any marketing and advertising to their game to promote the establishment they are representing. All participating establishments will have their logo displayed on the stadium video board

during their game.

Prizes:

1st prize of \$1,000 donated to any charity of the establishment's choice in their name. Additionally, the winning bartender will have their own baseball card with a picture and biography plus a quote and favorite drink on back.

2nd prize of \$500 donated to any charity of the establishment's choice in their name.

All local businesses that are competing for charity are listed on the 2017 Local Celebrity Bartender page at www.MiracleBaseball.com under the Fan Zone tab. For a complete list of available dates or to get your local celebrity involved with this competition, contact Loren Merrigan at LMerrigan@MiracleBaseball.com or 533-7666.

The Miracle is the Advanced-A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins. For more information, call 768-4210.✱

Motorcycle Run Fundraiser

Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. (ACT) will hold a benefit motorcycle run and brunch on Sunday, August 13. The run will start at Six Bends Harley-Davidson and conclude at Keylime Bistro on Captiva. All proceeds will go towards ACT's safe, free and confidential programs for victims of domestic violence and their children, survivors of sexual assault, and human trafficking in Lee, Hendry and Glades counties.

The annual David Barbur Biker Brunch kicks off at 8:30 a.m. with registration. Kickstands go up at 9:30 a.m., with the brunch scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will be held rain or shine.

Cost is \$20 per person and includes a buffet-style brunch catered by Keylime Bistro and an opportunity to win raffle prizes. To join the brunch at Keylime Bistro, arrive around 10:30 a.m.

Keylime Bistro is located at 11509 Andy Rosse Lane on Captiva. Six Bends Harley-Davidson is located at 9501 Thunder Road in Fort Myers.

For more information or to register, contact Jennifer L. Benton at 939-2553 or visit www.actabuse.com/event/motorcycle-run-the-annual-david-barbur-bikers-brunch.✱

Health System Focus Groups

In an effort to better serve patients by understanding their specific communication needs, Lee Health is hosting its inaugural Caring through Communication focus groups. The goal of these sessions is to evaluate the readability of system patient information.

The focus groups will be held in the Lee Memorial Hospital Auditorium on Saturday, June 24 at three different times: 10 to 11 a.m.; 11 a.m. to noon; and noon to 1 p.m.

These focus groups are open to the public. For those interested in attending, RSVP by June 19 by calling the Lee Health Diversity Office at 424-3806 or by emailing Kaylenne.Ramirez@LeeHealth.org.✱



From left, Matt Sanchez, FSW director of student financial aid; Colette Cox, FSW financial aid specialist of veteran affairs; Kayla Siwec, talent acquisition specialist at Enterprise Holdings; and Dr. Joe Kramp, senior development director of FSW Foundation. photo courtesy FSW

Student Veteran Scholarship Grant

Florida SouthWestern State (FSW) Foundation received a \$5,000 grant from Enterprise Holdings Foundation. The grant is directed for scholarships for the college's student veterans. This is the second year that Enterprise has donated to FSW for this purpose.

From day one, members of the military have played an important role in the history and culture of Enterprise. After all, founder Jack Taylor was a decorated fighter pilot in WWII. He started his business with a big dream and the military values that would become the foundation of Enterprise – both then and now. The Taylor family has continued to honor the

leadership and vision that Jack instilled over half a century ago by playing a very active role in offering veterans and their families the support and training they need to be successful.

"FSW serves over 500 student veterans, and any additional help we can provide to them for their educational and career goals is extremely appreciated," said Susan DeSantis, executive director of FSW Foundation. "Enterprise Holdings Foundation is a wonderful example of corporate generosity in the community."

"We have a special affinity for our military veterans. It's important to help them once they return so they can continue their education," said Kayla Siwec, talent acquisition specialist at Enterprise Holdings. "They have served our country, and this is one way we show our appreciation for that."✱



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Judy Williams and Meg Geltner



From left, Judy Williams, Gina Birch, Lisa Doyle-Mitchell, Florice Hodges and Stefanie Ink-Edwards



From left, Judy Williams, Meg Geltner, Diana Willis, Allyson Ross and Andrew Williams

SPADA-Thon Sets Fundraising Record At Party

PACE Center for Girls of Lee County, the Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida and Valerie’s House will benefit from another record-breaking SPADA-thon, which garnered \$43,000 in proceeds with the annually anticipated pampering party. That amount represents a \$10,000 increase over last year. Andrew Williams purchased Spada Salon & Day Spa in 2011, and the event has consistently topped its previous year’s success.

Held on May 23, SPADA-thon offered discounted salon services, music, unique festivities and an auction, with the SPADA staff donating their

time to benefit the three worthy community organizations.

Admission to the event was a new or gently worn dress to be donated to Love That Dress! — an annual shopping extravaganza that last year raised more than \$134,000 for PACE Center for Girls. More than 500 dresses were collected at this year’s SPADA-thon for the Love That Dress! event, which is set for August 23.

Judy and Andrew Williams and their staff take pride in SPADA’s culture of giving back to our community. Judy Williams said, “Our team’s enthusiasm for making Southwest Florida a better place is one of the reasons it’s such a pleasure to come to work every day. Along with the many community service activities we participate in, we look forward to breaking our own record with SPADA-thon again next year.”✴



From left, Lydia Coggins Grace Coggins Meg Geltner Margo Brewster and Jennifer Nelson

FSW Early Childhood Education Study

What does it cost to ensure that Florida’s 3- and 4-year-olds are prepared for kindergarten? Why is that important? These questions and more were studied in detail and the final report is now available at www.fsw.edu/assets/pdf/soe/dean/FloridaECECostingOutStudyReport.pdf

Dr. Larry Miller, dean, school of education at Florida SouthWestern State College, led the efforts in the study, Cost of Kindergarten Readiness in SW Florida. The education consulting firm of Augenblick, Palaich, and Associates (APA) conducted the study.

“We know from research that kindergarten-readiness is a key factor in predicting third grade Florida reading scores,” said Dr. Miller.

According to a report from the Florida House of Representatives, more than 38,000 of Florida’s children weren’t kindergarten-ready in 2012-2013, the most recent year that data is available. The National Institute for Early Education Research in 2015 ranked Florida as 40th in the country in per student spending on early childhood



Dr. Larry Miller photo provided

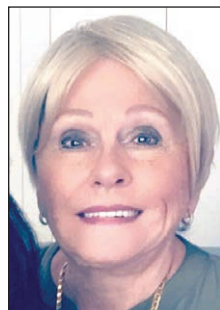
education for 4-year-olds.

“This study was conducted so we could determine the costs to prepare children for kindergarten in our five-county region. By engaging our region’s education leaders from preschools and the school districts, we can more fully grasp a complete picture of this issue,” said Dr. Miller.

Visit www.FSW.edu for more information.✴

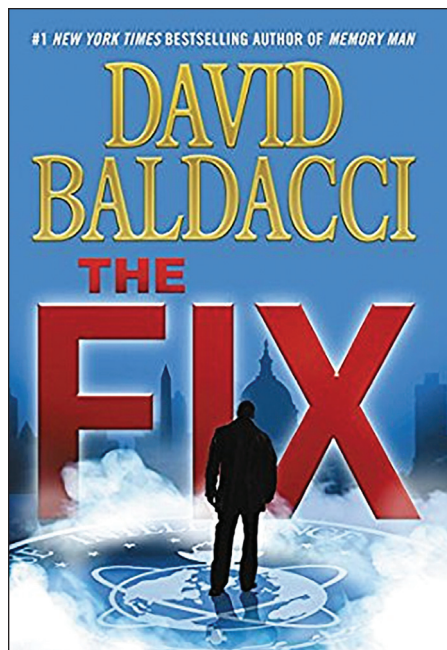
Book Review

The Fix



by Di Saggau

David Baldacci's remarkable detective Amos Decker, the man who can forget nothing, is back again in a stunning new novel by one of my favorite authors. *The Fix* grabs you immediately. A tall, distinguished-looking



Dabney was a man with a successful business and no history of violence. Berkshire was a substitute teacher who volunteered at a hospice.

Decker, along with his former FBI colleagues, Alex Jamison, Ross Bogart and Todd Milligan, are once again brought

man, Walter Dabney, leaves a coffee shop and walks to the J. Edgar Hoover Building. Decker happens to be walking behind him and watches as Dabney pulls a gun and shoots a woman coming from the opposite direction. Her name is Ann Berkshire. Then Dabney turns the gun on himself. Decker is drawn into the case and even with his extraordinary powers of observation and deduction, the killing is baffling.

There appears to be no reason for the crime and the initial investigation reveals that Dabney and Berkshire didn't know each other. Adding to the confusion,

together to solve this horrible crime. Through his own unique methods, Decker begins searching for answers. At the top of his list is how can a woman who makes a living as a substitute teacher, live in a \$3 million condo and drive a new Mercedes? More questions come up as the team digs into Berkshire's background.

As the investigation gains steam, Harper Brown, a no-nonsense Defense Intelligence Agency agent, schedules a meeting with Decker and his boss to tell

them she's taking over the case because the murder is now a matter of national security, involving a scenario that could be bigger than 9/11.

Decker isn't one to forget a case, so he ignores Brown's orders. He and his team continue to work the case and eventually uncover a massive conspiracy that soon becomes bigger than anything they have ever tackled before. *The Fix* starts out as a mystery novel and then turns into a highly-fueled political thriller. It's a great read.✱

Poet's Corner



We invite submissions from local poets. Anyone interested June submit their work via email to tutsie@centurylink.net. Each week, individual work will be showcased.

selected by Tanya Hochschild

Epiphanless

by Jim Gustafson

I've never had an epiphany, though I remember the first time I felt small. At fifteen on a northern lake, drifting along at night in an aluminum rowboat,

I looked to the scattered salt of stars, the sky so close it reached out to rock the boat. The air wanted to chill. The last of summer threw useless punches at autumn. I'd spent my days soaking sun, listening to loons, while *The Catcher in the Rye* taught me things the night sky would not tell, or did not know, about what it means to float between seasons, how the world we ride together has different windows, how the birdsong lasts forever, and how even bullfrogs take the dark we share for granted.

Jim Gustafson is the author of two books and a collection of essays. He teaches at FGCU and Florida Southwestern State College. He lives in Fort Myers where he reads, writes and pulls weeds.✱

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, I babysit my grandson during the week. He is almost two and a half and is a very sweet, affectionate child but I am worried about his speaking.

He understands what I say but he isn't saying much himself, and I have a hard time understanding him. My other young grandchildren are surpassing him. His mom doesn't seem too worried but this is her first child so she might not really know what to expect. Is there something I should be doing for him?

Alice S., Fort. Myers,

Alice,

Spoken language (talking) emerges in infancy with cooing and babbling and develops through adulthood with the ongoing acquisition of vocabulary and higher-level language constructions.

Each child is unique and develops at their own pace, however it is important to know the developmental milestones he should be achieving in order to gauge his progress. According to the ASHA (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association) a two-year-old should use some one- or two-word questions such as "Where kitty?" and "What's that?" and put two words together such as "more cookie" and "no juice" and use many different consonant sounds at the beginning of words. His vocabulary should be increasing monthly.

The milestones you should see between his second and third year are having a word for almost everything, using two and

three words to talk and ask for things, using K, G, F, T, D, and N sounds, and being understood by those who are familiar with him.

Some of the things that you can do to help him speak include using clear and simple speech that he can imitate, naming objects and describing them to him, giving him synonyms for familiar words, (e.g., daddy, man, grown-up adult) and then use these synonyms in sentences and daily conversation.

If your grandson is well below the typical developmental milestones stated above or does not make the progress you expect after some intervention, you may want to have him evaluated. His pediatrician can recommend a specialist. Another option is to have him evaluated by the public school system. Federal and state law requires that all public school systems provide evaluations at no cost, to children who may have a disability such as a significant speech-language delay. If the child is found to have such a significant delay in one or more developmental areas, the school must then provide appropriate intervention, free of charge to the child, starting at age three. For more information on this, you can contact your neighborhood school for the appropriate contact person or the board of education.

Early intervention is the best way to address developmental and learning problems. Such issues are frequently resolved when the correct interventions are put into place early in a child's development.

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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*

Director Named To Red Cross Gulf Chapter

The American Red Cross Chapter Florida's Southern Gulf Chapter has named Jill Palmer as its new executive director.

In this new professional role, Palmer will lead a team of Red Cross staff and volunteers who proudly serve more than 1 million residents in Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties. She will be responsible for guiding the chapter in ensuring the mission and goals of the American Red Cross are effectively delivered.

Palmer had been a volunteer with the American Red Cross for almost three years, serving as a member of the board of directors. In this capacity, she served as chair of the Volunteer Engagement & Mission Capacity Committee.

"I'm honored to be working with the American Red Cross Florida's Southern Gulf Chapter in this capacity to support our communities in preparing for and recovering from natural and man-made disasters," said Palmer. "I'm excited to be a part of the day-to-day team that plays such a critical role in helping Gulf Coast residents."

Palmer has worked in volunteer and community service for more than 15 years. Prior to joining the Red Cross, she was the director of volunteer services, auxiliary



Jill Palmer photo provided

development and arts in healthcare at Lee Health (formerly Lee Memorial Health System). She is also involved with several organizations including serving as corresponding secretary for the Florida Association of Directors of Volunteers Board of Directors, the American Heart Association and on the Lee Health Campaign Committee for the United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades & Okeechobee.

Palmer received a master of science in health science, health services administration and a bachelor of science in health services administration with a minor in legal studies from the University of Central Florida.*

Vice President Appointed

Lee Health recently announced Dennis Bruens, MPA, FACHE, has been hired as vice president of oncology services.

In his role, Bruens is responsible for setting the strategic direction and planning for oncology services, including inpatient and outpatient oncology services, cancer navigators, genetic counseling and the Breast Health Centers.

Bruens has more than 20 years of experience and comes to Lee Health from St. Thomas More Hospital in Canon City, Colorado where he served as vice president of operations. Previous to that post, he served as director of the Penrose Cancer Center and led the Penrose-St. Francis Behavioral Health Program in Colorado Springs.

"We are excited to have Dennis Bruens join our team," said Scott Nygaard, MD, Lee Health chief medical officer and clinical integration officer. "He has a proven track record of growth, fiscal responsibility, patient satisfaction and relationship-building with key stakeholders. He has a strong passion for community involvement, having served on various boards and service organizations."

Bruens earned a bachelor of arts degree in mass communications from Mesa State College in Grand Junction,



Dennis Bruens photo provided

Colorado and a master of public administration degree in health care policy from the University of Colorado at Denver. He is a Fellow of American College of Healthcare Executives and has held membership in the Association of Community Cancer Centers. Bruens has served on the board of the Colorado Cancer Research Program and has held several board positions for community mental health centers.*

Foundation Awards \$800,000 In Scholarships

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation recently granted a record \$800,000 and 150 scholarships through a competitive process to local high school students and undergraduate and graduate students from Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties. For the first time, the foundation awarded 20 of the scholarships as multi-year awards, which will help the students each year until completion.

For the 2017 scholarship season, more than 1,800 eligible applications were received and reviewed by 82 volunteer reviewers.

"We are focused on not only helping students get to college or technical school but helping them finish as well," said Sarah Owen, president and CEO of the Community Foundation. "Thanks to the generous donors who established and continue to support scholarship funds, we are able to assist students entering college or training programs, and adults returning to school."

Students could apply for multiple scholarships through the foundation's online portal where volunteer readers logged on to review and score the scholarships based on the criteria set by the scholarship fund donor.

"We offer scholarships for vocational students and not just for attendance

at colleges and universities," said Owen. "As we work closer with the FutureMakers Coalition and our donors, we have shifted the way our scholarships are granted to better benefit the student's ability to not only access schooling but to also complete it."

According to Owen, examples of some of the more unique scholarships not as highly sought after included scholarships for students with disabilities, student athletes, students pursuing a specific field of study such as teaching deaf or blind individuals, specific church membership or community service hours in a particular facility such as a veterans hospital, adult students going back to school, students from particular schools or communities, and students pursuing a graduate or professional degree.

Details of the scholarships and a list of recipients can be found on at www.floridacommunity.com/2017-scholarship-recipients/, or by visiting www.floridacommunity.com and clicking on "scholarships" page.

New scholarships awarded this year include:

- Ann & Tom Smoot Scholarship Fund: For a Lee County high school graduating senior with at least a 2.7 GPA pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited school and demonstrates financial need
- Building Futures Scholarship: For individuals nominated by Fiddlesticks Country Club to pursue post-secondary education
- Discovery Day Academy

Scholarship: To support the education of students at Discovery Day Academy

- Gail Markham Believing in Girls Scholarship Fund: For a female high school graduate in Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Glades or Lee counties who demonstrates financial need with a minimum GPA of 3.0 to obtain a post-secondary degree at an accredited college, university or technical school for up to a four-year duration for this award
- Jordan Ashley Gutheim Scholarship Fund: For an Evangelical Christian School High School graduate planning to attend Florida State University and demonstrates financial need
- Lloyd & Shirley Matthai Scholarship Fund: For Lee County single mothers with economic need who wish to pursue education in the medical or dental field
- Lloyd & Shirley Matthai Scholarship Fund for High Schoolers: For children below the poverty level to attend a private non-boarding high school in Lee County
- Shadow Wood Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund: For Shadow Wood Country Club and Shadow Wood Community Association employees and their children (but not other dependents) to pursue further education
- Spring Run Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund: For employees and their dependents age 26 or younger to pursue further education
- Steven F. Lux Scholarship: To provide tuition support for the criminal

justice students of the Southwest Florida Public Service Academy

For more information or if you are interested in becoming a scholarship reviewer, donor or to start a scholarship fund, contact the Southwest Florida Community Foundation at give@floridacommunity.com or call 274-5900.*

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Pain Clinic

will cost \$100,000 per year and be funded through grants and community donations.

Event sponsors included Apothicare 360 Pharmacy; Pittman Law Firm; The Vaccaro Law Firm; Woodsmoke Camping Resort; Allstate Cathy Sink Agency; Busey Bank; International Center for Health and Wellness, LLC; MEHTA Communications; North Fort Myers Church of the Nazarene; PJ Scheiner of Associates and Bruce L. Scheiner; San Carlos Chiropractic; Cadillac Quality Vending; Cole's Air Diagnostics; Collier Creative; Edison National Bank; Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz, P.A.; Grace Medical and Chiropractic; Janet Moore at Lykes Insurance; Ross J. Martin CLU, Ameriprise Financial; Swaney Insurance Agency; and The Wow Factor, Duane and Elaine Schafer.

Individuals interested in learning more about the Southwest Florida Free Pain Clinic can visit www.christianmedicalministries.org, or call Michelle Martin, clinic director at 308-7107. *



Business of the Year-Lee County was awarded to IBERIA Bank during Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida's Volunteer & Teacher Appreciation Event photos provided

Volunteer And Teacher Appreciation

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida hosted a Volunteer & Teacher Appreciation Event on May 24 at Six Bends Harley-Davidson in Fort Myers to recognize the many teachers and volunteers committed to bringing the Junior Achievement curriculum to students throughout Southwest Florida. The event featured free food, refreshments, prize drawings and an awards ceremony, which recognized the following individuals and businesses for their specific contributions: Rookie of the Year-Lee County: Barbara Chryst; Rookies of the Year-Collier County: Mark and Christine Adkins; Volunteer of the Year-Lee County: Jennifer Patterson; Volunteer of the Year-Collier County: Sandi Cox; Teacher of the Year-Lee County: Tamara Hunter; Teacher of the Year-Collier County: Kelly Wilson; Business Leader of the Year-Lee County: IBERIA Bank; and Business Leader of the Year-Collier County: The Hertz Corporation.

"Teachers and volunteers are key to

bringing Junior Achievement programs to local students, and their varied skills and business experiences allow these role models to truly make an impact on our youth," said Angela Fisher, president and CEO of Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida, "Our mission is not possible without the generosity of our local community, sharing their time and wisdom to help prepare our students for successful futures in the workplace, and words simply cannot express how grateful our team is for their valued contributions."

Throughout the 2015-16 school year, Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida partnered with more than 150 classroom business volunteers in order to bring Junior Achievement programs to more than 8,700 students. This year's totals are still pending, but Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida anticipates that programs will have reached more than 9,600 students during the 2016-17 school year.

Volunteer opportunities are described in detail at www.JASWFL.org, and those who are interested in learning more about becoming a volunteer can call the Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida office at 225-2590. To inquire about Lee County volunteer opportunities, contact Lysa Kennedy at lkennedy@jaswfl.org.



Tamara Joy Hunter was named Teacher of the Year-Lee County during Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida's Volunteer & Teacher Appreciation Event



Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida named Jennifer Patterson Volunteer of the Year-Lee County



Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida Collier County Program Manager John Telischak with Teacher of the Year-Collier, Kelly Wilson

Medicare Cards To Offer Greater Protection

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is readying a fraud prevention initiative that removes Social Security numbers from Medicare cards to help combat identity theft and safeguard taxpayer dollars. The new cards will use a unique, randomly assigned number called a Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI), to replace the Social Security-based Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) currently used on the Medicare card. CMS will begin mailing new cards in April 2018 and will meet the congressional deadline for replacing all Medicare cards by April 2019. CMS recently kicked off a multi-faceted outreach campaign to help providers get ready for the new MBI.

"We're taking this step to protect our seniors from fraudulent use of Social Security numbers which can lead to identity theft and illegal use of Medicare benefits," said CMS Administrator Seema Verma. "We want to be sure that Medicare

beneficiaries and healthcare providers know about these changes well in advance and have the information they need to make a seamless transition."

Providers and beneficiaries will both be able to use secure look-up tools that will support quick access to MBIs when they need them. There will also be a 21-month transition period where providers will be able to use either the MBI or the HICN further easing the transition.

CMS testified on Tuesday, May 23 before the U.S. House Committee on Ways & Means Subcommittee on Social Security and U.S. House Committee on Oversight & Government Reform Subcommittee on Information Technology, addressing CMS's comprehensive plan for the removal of Social Security numbers and transition to MBIs.

Personal identity theft affects a large and growing number of seniors. People age 65 or older are increasingly the victims of this type of crime. Incidents among seniors increased to 2.6 million from 2.1 million between 2012 and 2014, according to the most current statistics from the Department of Justice. Identity theft can take not only an emotional toll on those who experience it, but also a financial one: two-thirds of

all identity theft victims reported a direct financial loss. It can also disrupt lives, damage credit ratings and result in inaccuracies in medical records and costly false claims.

Work on this important initiative began many years ago and was accelerated following passage of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA). CMS will assign all Medicare beneficiaries a new, unique MBI number which will contain a combination of numbers and uppercase letters. Beneficiaries will be instructed to safely and securely destroy their current Medicare cards and keep the new MBI confidential. Issuance of the new MBI will not change the benefits a Medicare beneficiary receives.

CMS is committed to a successful transition to the MBI for people with Medicare and for the health care provider community. CMS has a website dedicated to the Social Security Removal Initiative (SSNRI) where providers can find the latest information and sign up for newsletters. CMS is also planning regular calls as a way to share updates and answer provider questions before and after new cards are mailed beginning in April 2018.

For more information, visit: www.cms.gov/medicare/ssnri/index.html.

FGCU Interns For Business Needs

Endeavor Innovative Workspaces will host a Lunch & Learn event about acquiring interns from Florida Gulf Coast University on Wednesday, June 21 from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. FGCU internship coordinators will answer all your questions and get you set up for success by finding the right intern for your company.

Questions that will be answered and discussed include: Are interns right for my business? Do I have to compensate interns? Which FGCU majors align with my business needs? How do I develop and market internships to FGCU students? Is mentoring an option?

Cost is free for members and \$10 for lunch.

Endeavor Innovative Workspaces is located at 8831 Business Park Drive ext. #301 in Fort Myers

To RSVP, email Ken Bupp at ken@endeavorworkspaces.com.

dearRPharmacist

How To Get More Energy Without Coffee



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: We all experience fatigue or low energy at some point in our lives. Sometimes it is temporary, like after an all-nighter, or a bout with the flu. Whatever the cause, fatigue is difficult

to deal with. Also, one common but overlooked reason for fatigue is a missed diagnosis of hypothyroidism. Today, I'll share my secrets for natural and effective ways to improve energy without Starbucks (wink):

B complex. A deficiency of the B vitamins harms your adrenal glands and is a frequent cause of fatigue and depression. There's even a synthetic B vitamin made in very high doses and sold by prescription for depression called Dephin. B Complex is profoundly useful to make neurotransmitters and generate ATP energy production via the Krebs cycle. You need B12 to support thyroid production and get rid of homocysteine.

Licorice Root. This ancient herbal adaptogen doesn't care how you got fatigued, it only seeks to fix your exhausted adrenal glands by increasing your energy and endurance. Because licorice stimulates the production of cortisol, it also boosts thyroid hormone. One cup of licorice root tea per day might be all you need. Using it for too long, or taking too much will induce headaches and hypertension.

Ashwagandha. Also known as Indian ginseng, this herb, over a few weeks, activates T4 to T3 thyroid conversion

(good!) which improves energy and fat-burning capabilities. But ashwagandha should be taken at night – at least at first – because it causes drowsiness for many people.

Tyrosine. Your body uses tyrosine, an amino acid, to make thyroid hormones which improve brain power and energy. Tyrosine is in many popular energy drinks and thyroid supplements. Dosage varies greatly from person to person, so start with 75 to 100 mg once or twice during daytime hours or it can cause insomnia. You can always increase from there. You'll know you get too much if you feel shaky or get a racy heartbeat (similar to excessive caffeine).

Oat straw (*Avena sativa*). Known best as an effective tonic for hemorrhoids, oat straw may gently support thyroid function which in turn provides energy and fat-burning compounds. It has a lot of natural calcium which helps your muscles and bones. In animals, oat straw triggered release of luteinizing hormone (LH) which increases testosterone and impacts ovulation.

Salads and Greens. Eating steamed or sauteed greens is perfect, and, of course, a salad a day. The green color of romaine lettuce, chard and collards comes from natural chlorophyll. There are also supplements and powdered drink formulas that contain seaweeds or cereal grasses which contain chlorophyll. This rapidly cleans your cells and creates energy.

Still want more energy? There are coffee alternatives such as teas (black or green), coffeeberry fruit extract, yerba mate shots and guayusa (gwhy-you-sa) drinks and teas which all act similar to coffee in that they are stimulating, but milder. These are nice because they have their own specific set of herbal health benefits.

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.✱✱

School Exams Data Released

Florida school districts recently received results from the Florida Department of Education for students that participated in the 2017 Spring Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) and End of Course (EOC) exams. Students in Grades 3 to 10 participated in the FSA testing in English language arts, which includes both reading and writing skills. The FSA math test was administered in Grades 3 to 8; and the science test was administered in Grades 5 and 8. Students enrolled in civics, algebra 1, algebra 2, and geometry in Spring 2017 participated in the state's EOC exams for those subjects.

Initial analysis of the data received today shows significant improvement in many grades and subjects, especially in four out of the five End of Course exams. The School District of Lee County increased its state ranking in algebra 1, algebra 2, biology and U.S. history, which means a greater percentage of students are passing these exams.

The local district improved the percentage of Grades 3 to 10 students who are proficient in English Language Arts going from 51 percent to 52 percent. And the math scores for students Grades 3 to 8 jumped 8 percentage points from 51 percent proficiency to 59 percent proficiency. Proficiency is when a student scores a level 3 or higher.

"These scores show we are heading in the right direction," said Superintendent Dr. Greg Adkins. "Overall, we are increasing proficiency in English language arts and will debut a new reading curriculum next year that we expect will help us make remarkable gains. Our math scores are improving, and this summer we will start working on the Standards for Excellence in math. We will continue the highly successful training we have implemented in the areas of social studies and science. We have turned the ship around and now it is full steam ahead."

In July, parents will be able to pick up their student's individual student report. A Parentlink message will be sent when the reports are available at the school where the child took the assessment.✱

Doctor and Dietician

Poor Sleep And Weight Gain

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

When your sleep is disrupted and you sleep poorly, you can be predisposed to weight gain and changes in appetite. Poor sleep is becoming an increased problem in today's busy culture, with sleep deprivation affecting a third of Americans. Unfortunately, besides making you tired, this disrupted sleep can also make you fat. Studies, including one from the University of Chicago, have shown that sleep deprived individuals choose larger portions and are more impulsive.

There are various theories about the cause of increased weight gain from sleep deprivation, including appetite changes and an altered metabolism. Research has actually shown that hormones change, shifting from those

that promote fullness to those that promote hunger.

Besides the increase in the hunger hormone, ghrelin, which has been noted in older studies about sleep deprivation and weight gain, the results of the Chicago study also showed a 33 percent increase in 2-AG, a component of the endocannabinoid system, similar to the active ingredient in marijuana, that makes eating even more pleasurable. The healthy, lean, young adults in this study who received only 4.5 hours of sleep a night compared to a normal 8.5 hours, actually chose foods with 50 percent more calories and twice as much fat. Skimping on sleep made it more difficult for these young people to resist poor food choices, like cookies and chips. They also reported an increase in hunger and would overeat, even though they had already consumed a large meal, especially after lunch, because the 2-AG levels peaked around 2 p.m. and stayed high until 9 p.m.

People who are sleep deprived may eat more and be less able to resist sugary, fatty and salty foods and snacks, which can result in more weight gain. Working on improving sleep could be a simple remedy.

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

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

Hi Lizzie, Hi Pryce. I enjoy your column but must comment on the alcohol related column. In ALANON, people learn that they did not cause, can not cure and cannot control another person's substance abuse. ALANON should always be recommended in these cases. You will be giving someone their life back.

You may want to attend a AA meetings of ALANON or open AA meetings to learn to better advise these concerns. Contacting a grown person's

family is not productive, as it only draws in others who cannot cure, or control, the problem. Regardless of the cause, a grown person must learn to bear the consequences of their own choices and decisions.

Thanks for reading this.

Gal from Sanibel

Dear Gal,

Thank you for your letter. We are very familiar with ALANON and it is a wonderful organization, and it's goals are exactly as you describe. Many family members have been helped by joining this self help group.

Our experience has been that some family needs are far greater than a self help group can possibly provide. And their needs are such that they need therapy by professionals with expertise in the field of alcoholism.

The mother in this column is very concerned that her mother is exposing the grandson to alcohol and possibly other inappropriate behaviors. These behaviors could ruin the child's life and what the grandmother is doing is also against the law. After professional help has been given and a long range plan designed, joining an ALANON chapter could be a wonderful source of comfort and information.

For further information, please contact the ALANON chapter listed in your telephone book at the place where you live.

Lizzie and Pryce

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



Rock Shrimp Cheese Dreams

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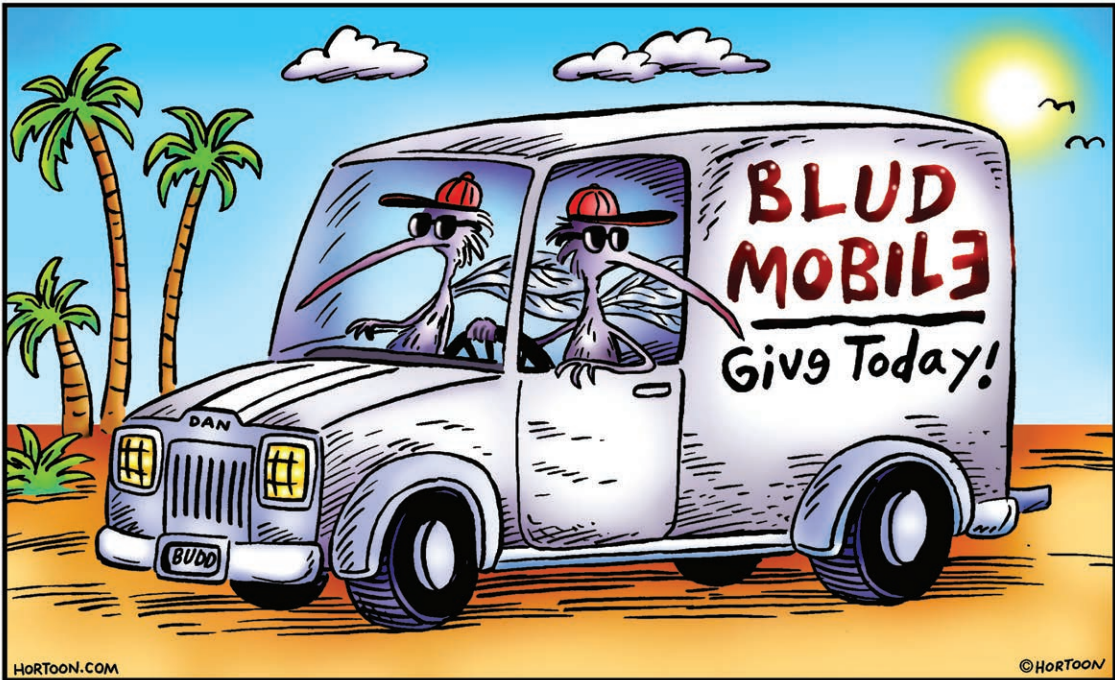


Rock Shrimp Cheese Dreams

1 pound cooked rock shrimp, peeled, deveined and chopped
4 three-ounce packages herb seasoned cream cheese, softened

1/2 cup chopped pecans
1 cup black olives, chopped
1 tablespoon lime juice
Coarsely chop rock shrimp. In a medium bowl, combine remaining ingredients except crackers. Gently stir in shrimp and mix well. Serve on assorted crackers or party rye.
Yield 24 servings
Nutritional Value Per Serving: Calories 155; Calories From Fat 111; Total fat 12g; Saturated fat 4g; Cholesterol 77mg; Total carbohydrate 3g; Protein 9g; Omega 3 Fatty Acid 0g.
Look for Fresh from Florida ingredients at your grocery store.*

HORTOONS



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Emergency	911
Lee County Sheriff's Office	477-1200
Florida Marine Patrol	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
Poison Control	1-800-282-3171
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
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PUZZLES

Answers on page 29

Super Crossword

PLANE PEOPLE

- ACROSS
- 1 Charlotte of "Diff'rent Strokes"

4 Champion

10 Insect feeler

14 Slight smell

19 North Dakota's tree

20 Farewells

21 Regal Norse name

22 Sharpening device

23 Talk show host with three Emmys

25 Best Actor nominee for "Hotel Rwanda"

27 Giant in retail furniture

28 "— be my pleasure"

29 Cold cubes

30 Childishly trivial

31 "Quantum Healing" author

35 Cause a floating log to spin by walking on it

36 Direct (at)

37 Sorority letters

38 Apt. units

39 30-day mo.

40 Writer Rice

41 Very familiar (with): Fr.

44 Irked greatly

46 He played Clark Kent on "Lois & Clark"

48 Ending of some pasta names

49 Gestures from

51 Talk to fall

53 Juice brand

54 "Designing Women" co-star

57 Kickoff prop

59 Catholic leaders

63 Univ. helpers

64 MD's gp.

65 Jim who played Gomer Pyle

67 Psychic glows

68 Rats on

70 Jet airliner model that's an apt alternate title for this puzzle

71 Talks glibly

73 Zones

74 Fit for — (regal)

76 Small, like Abner

77 Building wing

78 They bray

79 Slimy stuff

80 Sixth actor to play James Bond

84 Pop music's — Lobos

86 Ending for Brit

88 What you might call a cool cat

89 4 p.m. social

90 She played Frenchy in "Grease"

94 — -ski party

96 Landscaping tools

98 Kiwi cousins

99 "— cool!"

100 "Kill bill" vote

101 Brit's prison

102 Red Cross skill, for short

103 Big birds of myth

104 "How to Win Friends and Influence People" author

110 Selma locale

112 32nd prez

113 Cur's threat

114 Nada

115 "Wayne's World" co-star

117 She played Alice in "Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice"

120 — nous

121 Snack

122 Breathing problems

123 USN officer

124 Navigate

125 Zoomed

126 E. Sicilian volcano

127 King, to Juan

17 Filmmaker Federico

18 Ex-slaves

24 Sorority letter

26 Cry from a 4-Across

29 Old TV's "My Friend —"

32 "— always said ..."

33 Tastelessly artistic

34 Being there

35 Harass

40 Equip

41 Give relief

42 Ally makers

43 Obsesses

44 Farming-related prefix

45 Leveling stuff

47 Attack like a playful pup

50 Sean Penn drama

52 Slews

55 Galilee residents

56 Assessed

58 Eyed

60 High-ranking cleric

61 Previously

62 Mil. draft gp.

66 Sudafed alternative

68 Goat's call

69 Pt. of NBA

70 Threads

72 Not closing seasonally

75 Five womb-mates

76 Pan covers

81 Scot's denial

82 Nucleotide triplet

83 With 118-Down, fuel container

85 Wine region in California

87 Like batik fabric

90 Century parts

91 Embed firmly

92 Comic Jimmy

93 Extreme diet rule, perhaps

95 Jack of early TV

97 Beck of radio

101 January gem

103 Relay athlete

105 Nile locale

106 Heavy lifter

107 Lost cause

108 Hole — (ace)

109 Itsy-bitsy

111 Undecorated

112 Gala

116 Big shot

117 Beaver work

118 See 83-Down

119 Simile part

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King Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Muppet master Henson

4 Wile E. Coyote's supplier

8 Low- — diet

12 Mimic

13 Make dinner

14 Medley

15 Preside over

17 Walden, for one

18 Mountain goat

19 Feudal lord

20 Choir members

22 You

24 Slender

25 Mao Zed-ong's title

29 Encountered

30 Band section

31 Praise in verse

32 Like kebab

34 Greek letters

35 Walk in the woods

36 Expositions

37 Less

40 Sicko, for short

41 Rue the run

42 Steep

46 Bistro name starter

47 Shakes-peare's river

48 Plaything

49 Broadway prize

50 Wilson predecessor

51 Ram's ma'am

10 Circle

11 Olympic skier

16 Black, in verse

19 Island neck-wear

20 Charitable donations

21 Onion relative

22 Crowd?

23 Full house, e.g.

25 Stopper

26 Spur on

27 Hebrew month

28 Loch —

30 Estate recipient

33 Asthmatic, maybe

34 Deserve

36 Pretense

37 Datum

38 Reverberate

39 Timely query

40 Campus VIP

42 Wrestling surface

43 Actress

44 AAA job

45 Storm center

DOWN

1 Predicament

2 Wall St. debut

3 Indulge in reflection

4 Farm statistic

5 Wheedle

6 Witticism

7 — out a living

8 Office machine

9 — vera

MAGIC MAZE • LEAF VEGETABLES

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

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

- Bok choy

Broccoli

Cabbage

Cauliflower
- Celery

Chard

Chicory

Collard
- Fennel

Kale

Lettuce

Parsley
- Parsnip

Spinach

Watercress



"You can't give me a raise?! You mean I
got a _____ for nothing?!"

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!

Pursuit
CHARES _____
Order
MANDED _____
Origin
COURSE _____
Boost
AIRES _____

TODAY'S WORD

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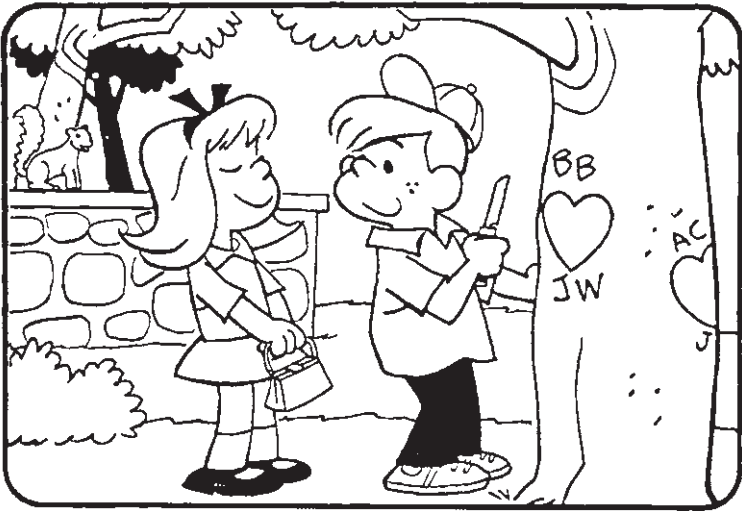
SUDOKU

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

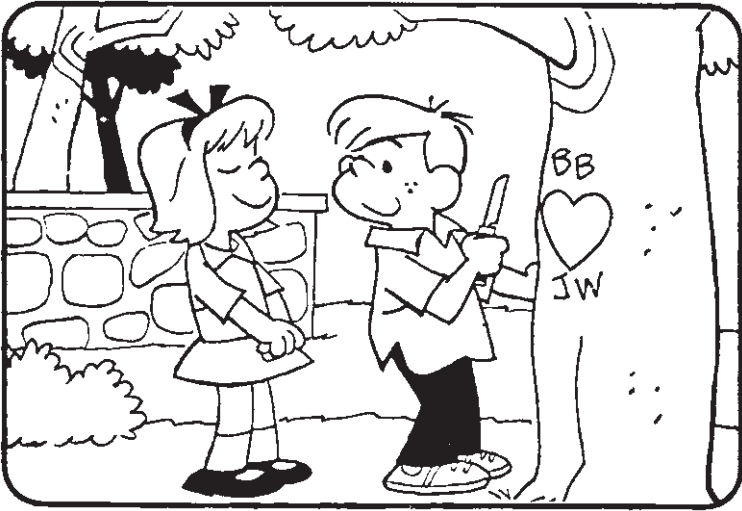
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HOCUS-FOCUS

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FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Squirrel is missing. 2. Hair is missing. 3. Purse is missing. 4. Cap is missing. 5. Shirttail is missing. 6. Carving is missing.

Generator Safety
Tips From LCEC

Storm season is officially here. As you prepare for a hopefully uneventful storm season, it is important to refresh your generator safety knowledge. Even if you don't own a generator, knowing how to properly use a generator can help you educate a loved one, neighbor, or even the person behind you in the store. Below are some life-saving tips about safe generator use:

- Don't connect your generator directly to your home's wiring at the breaker panel or meter. Connecting a portable electric generator directly to your household wiring can be deadly to you and others. A generator that is directly connected to your home's wiring can 'backfeed' onto the power lines connected to your home. Utility transformers can then "step-up" or increase this backfeed to thousands of volts – enough to kill a utility lineman making outage repairs a long way from your house. You could also cause expensive damage to utility equipment and your generator.

- The only safe way to connect a portable electric generator to your existing wiring is to have a licensed electrical contractor install a transfer switch. The transfer switch transfers power from the utility power lines to the power coming from your generator.
- Never plug a portable electric generator into a regular household outlet. Plugging a generator into a regular household outlet can energize "dead" power lines and injure neighbors or utility workers. Connect individual appliances that have their outdoor-rated power cords directly to the receptacle outlet of the generator, or connect these cord-connected appliances to the generator with the appropriate outdoor-rated power cord having a sufficient wire gauge to handle the electrical load.
- Don't overload the generator. Do not operate more appliances and equipment than the output rating of the generator. Overloading your generator can seriously damage your valuable appliances and electronics. Prioritize your needs. A portable electric generator should be used only when necessary, and only to power essential equipment.
- Never use a generator indoors or

- in an attached garage. Just like your automobile, a portable generator uses an internal combustion engine that emits deadly carbon monoxide. Be sure to place the generator where exhaust fumes will not enter the house. Only operate it outdoors in a well-ventilated, dry area, away from air intakes to the home, and protected from direct exposure to rain and snow, preferably under a canopy, open shed or carport.
- Use the proper power cords. Plug individual appliances into the generator using heavy-duty, outdoor-rated cords with a wire gauge adequate for the appliance load. Overloaded cords can cause fires or equipment damage. Don't use extension cords with exposed wires or worn shielding. Make sure the cords from the generator don't present a tripping hazard. Don't run cords under rugs where heat might build up or cord damage may go unnoticed.
- Read and adhere to the manufacturer's instructions for safe operation. Don't cut corners when it comes to safety. Carefully read and observe all instructions in your portable electric generator's owner manual.
- To prevent electrical shock, make sure your generator is properly

- grounded. Consult your manufacturer's manual for correct grounding procedures.
 - Do not store fuel indoors or try to refuel a generator while it's running. Gasoline (and other flammable liquids) should be stored outside of living areas in properly labeled, non-glass safety containers. They should not be stored in a garage if a fuel-burning appliance is in the garage. The vapor from gasoline can travel invisibly along the ground and be ignited by pilot lights or electric arcs caused by turning on the lights. Avoid spilling fuel on hot components. Put out all flames or cigarettes when handling gasoline. Always have a fully charged, approved fire extinguisher located near the generator. Never attempt to refuel a portable generator while it's running.
 - Turn off all equipment powered by the generator before shutting down your generator.
 - Avoid getting burned. Many generator parts are hot enough to burn you during operation.
 - Keep children away from portable electric generators at all times.
- Visit lcec.net for more helpful hints on storm preparation and much more.*

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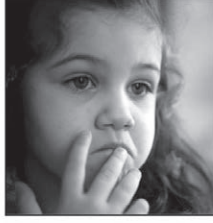


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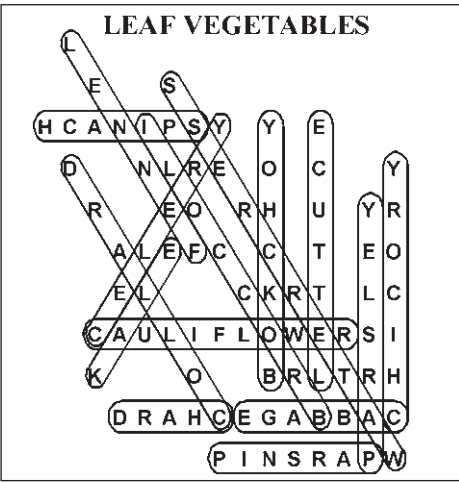
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My Stars★★★★

FOR WEEK OF JUNE 19, 2017

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Information you need might be coming in sporadically, but at least what you're getting is valuable. Continue to wait until more is available before acting on that career move.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You continue on an upbeat cycle, and with that strong Taurean energy you should see favorable results from your hard work. A pleasant surprise awaits you in your private life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A misunderstanding needs more time to be worked out. Don't give up on it just yet. Remain open to providing explanations, if called for. Another friend offers good advice.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Fast action can correct a seemingly minor problem that has taken on some unexpectedly difficult aspects. Stay with it until it's resolved. News on a more positive note is due soon.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some snags could cause delays in those plans you're eager to see put into operation. But be patient. The Clever Cat will soon have good reason to celebrate a job well done.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Be careful not to let that Virgan sensitivity dissuade you from being the hardheaded realist you should be at this time. Your goals are in sight. Stay focused on them.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A more positive aspect opens up, allowing you to make some important changes in a personal situation. Remember to seek balance and avoid extremes as you proceed.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) This is a good week to get out and enjoy the fine times you missed while you were so deep in those workaday projects. Be sure to share it with that special person.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Work and play are in balance this week. However, expect news that could tip things toward the workplace for quite a while. But all to a good end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're more productive on the job than you have been in some time. That's good. But be careful not to overlook

some situations developing in your private life.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You've been doing a lot for others (as usual). But now it's time to focus on your needs, including finally going on that long-delayed trip you've been hoping to make.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's all smoothly going on 'twixt you and that very special person in your life. But a colleague causes some disruption on the job that you might be called on to help settle.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are sensitive to the needs of others. But you're no pushover. You would make a fine teacher, psychologist or minister.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On June 29, 1613, the Globe Theater, where most of Shakespeare's plays debuted, burns down. The Globe was built by Shakespeare's acting company, the Lord Chamberlain's Men, in 1599 from the timbers of London's very first permanent theater, Burbage's Theater, built in 1576.
- On June 28, 1928, 26-year-old Louis Armstrong walks into a Chicago recording studio with five fellow jazz instrumentalists and walks out having changed the course of music history. Armstrong and his Hot Five recorded "West End Blues," which would make him an international sensation.
- On June 30, 1936, Margaret Mitchell's "Gone with the Wind," one of the best-selling novels of all time, is published. By the time Mitchell won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1937, a movie project was already in the works.
- On June 26, 1956, the U.S. Congress approves the Federal Highway Act, which allocates more than \$30 billion for the construction of some 41,000 miles of interstate highways, the largest public construction project in U.S. history to that date.
- On July 2, 1964, President Lyndon Johnson signs into law the historic Civil Rights Act, which prohibited racial discrimination in employment and education and outlawed racial segregation in public places such as schools, buses, parks and swimming pools. It would help pave the way for the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
- On June 27, 1976, a storekeeper

in Sudan becomes ill and dies five days later. It was the start of the world's first recorded Ebola virus epidemic. By the time the epidemic was over, 284 cases were reported throughout the area.

- On July 1, 1984, the Motion Picture Association of America, which oversees the voluntary rating system for movies, introduces a new rating, PG-13. The MPAA created the rating to better help parents determine whether a movie was child-appropriate.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was beloved English author J.R.R. Tolkien, best known for fantasy tales "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings," who made the following sage observation about his chosen genre: "I have been a lover of fairy-stories since I learned to read. Why should a man be scorned if, finding himself in prison, he tries to get out and go home? Or if, when he cannot do so, he thinks and talks about other topics than jailers and prison walls?"
- You might be surprised to learn that thieves, too, have a patron saint: Saint Dismas. Incidentally, he's also the patron saint of prisoners and funeral directors.
- You're probably aware that nocturnal animals are active at night and that diurnal animals are active during the day. But what about creatures that prefer the twilight hours? Yep, they have a name, too: They're crepuscular.
- Those who study such things say that ecdysiasts -- those performers better known as strippers -- are likely to be first-born children.
- In a recent survey of Americans and Britons, conducted on behalf of meditation app Calm.com, respondents reported that they get their best sleep of the week on Thursday nights, while Sunday night is the worst for sleeping.
- Add this to the list of America's puzzling small-town festivals: Every June, the town of Ainsworth, Nebraska, puts on the Middle of Nowhere Celebration.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The true test of a civilization is, not the census, nor the size of the cities, nor the crops -- no, but the kind of man the country turns out." -- Ralph Waldo Emerson

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Search; 2. Demand; 3. Source; 4. Raise

Today's Word
HAIRDO

TRIVIA TEST

1. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Petrified Forest National Park?
2. MOVIES: Who starred in the movie version of the musical "Evita"?
3. TRANSPORTATION: What major airport's three-letter designation is ORD?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Hannibal Hamlin served as vice president to which U.S. president?
5. ANATOMY: What part of the human body is affected by Graves' disease?
6. LITERATURE: A biography of which five-star general was titled "Old Soldiers Never Die"?
7. MEASUREMENTS: How many tablespoons are in a cup?
8. CARTOONS: What are the names of the "The Chipmunks" singing group?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When is a sesquicentennial?
10. FOOD & DRINK: What type of spice can be Hungarian or Spanish?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Arizona 2. Madonna 3. O'Hare International Airport, Chicago 4. Abraham Lincoln 5. The thyroid gland 6. Douglas MacArthur 7. 16 8. Theodore, Simon and Alvin 9. 150-year anniversary 10. Paprika

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Shore Fishing:



Don't Harm The Fish

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Landings 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.

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PETS OF THE WEEK

Lee County Domestic Animal Services
Misha And Mystic



Misha ID# 700983

Wise, older cat Misha, who is a 10-year-old female domestic shorthair, has been amused by watching the young kittens chase their own tails. She already knows that where she goes, her tail will follow. If maturity and intellect is what you seek, she is definitely the perfect feline for you!

Adoption Fee: \$30

Mystic is a six-year-old female american staffordshire terrier who seeks an energetic partner to explore the world. Long walks on the beach, playing fetch, or just chilling with Netflix would be her ideal lifestyle. If this sounds good to you, stop by today and meet Mystic!

Adoption Fee: \$50

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

The shelter is open for adoptions from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through



Mystic ID# 699765

Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

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

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

Haven on Earth Animal League

Curtis And Sadie

Hi there. I'm Curtis. I am only 3 months old and just the cutest little tuxedo boy around. I'm already neutered and up to date on all vaccines. I am staying at the Petco at Gulf Coast Town Center and I want to live in a real home so badly. My adoption fee is \$100. Please come see me and take me home.

Hi, my name is Sadie. I am only a year old and just raised four babies that are soon to be adopted. I am a really sweet girl and want someone to love me forever. I have



Curtis

beautiful tabby markings with white legs and belly, and a cute little pink nose. I am up to date on all vaccinations and spayed. My adoption fee is \$100. I am currently residing with a foster family.

We are being cared for by Haven on Earth Animal League. For more



Sadie

information, call Diane at 860-833-4472 or email haveneearthanimalleague@yahoo.com.**

Calendar Girls Visit Guide Dog Campus

The Calendar Girls visited the campus of Southeastern Guide Dogs in Palmetto, Florida on Saturday, June 3. The girls were honored with a tour, puppy-hugging and a cake for having raised \$92,000 over the 10 years they have been sponsoring guide dogs for veterans through the Paws for Patriots Program.



Calendar Girls pose with employees of Southeastern Guide Dogs Inc. photo provided

For more information, visit www.guidedogs.org.**

Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Bonita Beach	Bonita Springs	2002	4,279	\$3,599,000	\$3,160,000	252
Sanibel Estates	Sanibel	1993	3,828	\$2,345,000	\$2,176,250	140
Sanibel Isles	Sanibel	1988	3,268	\$1,899,000	\$1,740,000	29
Portofino	Miromar Lakes	2007	3,643	\$1,799,000	\$1,660,000	100
Tropic Shores Estates	North Fort Myers	2015	4,022	\$1,499,995	\$1,300,000	13
Dunes at Sanibel Island	Sanibel	1982	2,680	\$1,199,000	\$1,125,000	16
Natoma Park	Fort Myers	1981	3,586	\$1,100,000	\$1,000,000	41
Renaissance	Fort Myers	2016	2,947	\$907,990	\$907,000	269
Ferry Landing	Sanibel	1984	2,239	\$899,900	\$880,000	106
Seaside Estates	Fort Myers	1999	3,314	\$895,000	\$830,000	437



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