



## A Complicated Comedy At Broadway Palm



From left, James Putnam as Ted, Lauren Tepper as Evelyn, Michael Weaver as Martin, Jessie Taylor as Ruth and Logan Wolfe as Claude

photo provided

The Off Broadway Palm Theatre presents *Right Bed, Wrong Husband*, playing now through Saturday, July 29. The play is a 1999 farce written by Neil Schaffner and Caroline Schaffner.

In order to increase his allowance, young bachelor and trust-fund baby Ted writes his tight-fisted uncle to tell him he has married, although he is only engaged. When his uncle unexpectedly

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## Pine Island Group Brings The Funk To Downtown

Strange Arrangement will take the stage during the Sounds of Summer concert at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on Friday, July 14 at

7:30 p.m. Strange Arrangement is an eclectic group of electrifying performers with a unique blend of funk and soul.

Hailing from Pine Island, Strange Arrangement is a creative musical "family" organized by the Brothers Van Kirk. Brothers Warren and Gregory each have a unique, broad range of musical tastes that are incorporated into their original

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## Baby Jane With A Twist At Lab Theater

by Di Saggau

Thinking back on the 1962 movie *Whatever Happened to Baby Jane* starring Bette Davis and Joan Crawford, I remember it as a frightening horror film. Laboratory Theater of Florida is now showing *Whatever Happened to Baby Jane: a stage horror parody* by Dale Guzman. This show had me laughing out loud throughout because it is a campy black comedy with two amazing men in the leads. That's right, men. Randall Jones is Jane, the grown up version of a famous child star who's signature song was *I'm Writing a Letter to Daddy*. Rob Green plays Blanche, the older sister who became a famous actress, overshadowing her sister Jane.

The story takes place over the course of about three decades. It begins in 1917 and Baby Jane Hudson is a famous child star. She is played by Yanci de la Roz. The young Blanche (Even Sisk) is jealous. We soon move forward to 1959 where the two sisters are living together



Rob Green as Blanche and Randall Jones as Jane

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in Blanche's mansion. Jane resorts to alcohol to nurse her inflated ego. She is an aging child star descending into madness while caring for Blanche, who was paralyzed from the waist down in a car accident. Jane does everything she can to make Blanche's life miserable. Jones gives his own twist to Jane's character but every so often he utters a line that

sounds just like Davis. It's a daunting role, and he carries it off in a delightfully sinister manner.

As Blanche, Green also plays the role in his own way without trying to imitate Crawford. He has a soft voice and an enchanting look about him that perfectly fits the character. Everyone who saw the movie remembers the scene with the

dead rat. In this play, when the rat is discovered, Blanche screams to the rafters and whirls around in her wheelchair in such a manner that the audience is laughing hysterically. Shame on us, but remember this is a dark comedy, and there are so many funny scenes. There are lots of innuendoes throughout that add to the humor.

The talented supporting cast includes Kayleigh O'Connell, Jack Weld, Cindi Heimberg, Patrick Erhardt, Steven Coe, Patrick Rogers and Holly Hagan. I have to give a shout out to Laboratory Theater Artistic Director Annette Trossbach, who directs this show. She has put together a hilarious, surprising and outrageous production that is sure to be a sell out. Trossbach also announced that "Thinking Theater" is now a registered trademark of The Laboratory Theater of Florida and will be used by them exclusively.

*Whatever Happened to Baby Jane: a stage horror parody* runs through Saturday, July 15 at Laboratory Theater, located in the River District at 1634 Woodford Avenue in Fort Myers. For tickets, call 218-0481, or visit [www.LaboratoryTheaterFlorida.com](http://www.LaboratoryTheaterFlorida.com). This class act production puts new life into an old film with Blanche and Jane as you've never seen them before.\*



Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

# Hotel Annex In Early Days



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

This photo taken sometime between 1915 and 1919 shows one of downtown’s newest modern buildings, the Leon Hotel annex on First Street, built by Peter Tonnelier.

Situated at the entrance to Tonnelier Court on First Street, that 1914 structure was one of many built in the 19-teens boom, a period kicked off by the town’s 1911 incorporation as a city. (It had officially become a town in 1886.)

That decade propelled the young city into unprecedented growth and development that served as a solid prelude to the better known 1920s boom.

Tonnelier played a major role in that ‘teen’s boom, during which modern brick or stone buildings replaced pioneer wood-frame ones at an impressive pace.

After arriving in Fort Myers in 1912, the wealthy businessman from Michigan quickly became one of Lee County’s biggest landowners and one of the most prolific of downtown developers. The hotel annex was one of his first projects.

The hotel itself occupied the second floor of the 1905 Leon Building, also called the Stone Block, which stands on the southwest corner of First and Hendry (located by two light poles in historic photo).

Those gray sculpted concrete blocks in the historic photo makes it apparent why the building was called Stone Block.

In the mid-teens, Owl Pharmacy was located at that prime corner, which until 1914 had been occupied by the First National Bank.

The annex was one component in the developer’s grand plan to not only build out along the street fronts of his property, but to create an interior court with three street entrances – on First, Hendry and Main. He named it Tonnelier Court.

Note the small sign (right center over an awning) that says “Tonnelier Court, Private Drive.” Note, too, the posts blocking vehicles or wagons from entering.



The 1914 Leon Hotel Annex at the First Street entrance to Tonnelier Court is pictured soon after it was built photo courtesy Ken Rager

That court would contain additional buildings for a variety of offices, stores and restaurants, as well as one of downtown’s first movie theatres, the Court.

Originally, there was an open space between the annex and the corner Leon Building. A large balcony bridged the space, and a concrete drive exited below it.

Today a narrow building fills that space and is the entrance to the Leon Condominiums, which occupy the former hotel rooms.

As the historic photo shows, the annex has only three storefronts (the larger two often combined). In in the second half of the 19-teens, a billiard parlor, or pool room, was located on the ground floor of the annex. Note the prominent sign reading “Billiards” (center).

Adjacent to it in the center storefront was a gentleman’s clothing store circa 1914.

Today, a Mexican restaurant is located in those combined spaces.

As for the narrow corner storefront at the patio entrance, in the late-19-teens a camera and confectionery shop was located there, thus perhaps explaining the Coca-Cola sign under the window.

Today, a shop specializing in fair-trade, sustainable products occupies the space.

In the mid-1920s, the annex, indeed the entire patio property, was redeveloped and renamed Patio de Leon. It shed its plain-block, early-20th-century look and acquired the Mediterranean/Exotic-revivalist architectural style seen today, complete with flourishes such as ornate ironwork balconies, arches, decorative columns, colorful medallions and exotic tiles.

Walk down First Street to the Leon Hotel annex to see a stylish building that has weathered the ups and downs of downtown better than most for more than a century.

Would you like to know more about downtown and the people who made local history? Then visit these two research centers and let the past inform your present.

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

It is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. Call 939-4044 or visit [www.wflhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.wflhistoricalsociety.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 10 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](http://www.leecountyblackhistorysociety.org).

Sources: Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, *the Fort Myers Press*, and *The Story of Fort Myers* by Karl H. Grismer.☆



Today, the annex, like much of downtown, displays the Mediterranean revivalist architecture of the 1920s. The court was redeveloped and renamed Patio de Leon in 1924.

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## Women's Club Awards Scholarships

The Continental Women's Club of Greater Fort Myers recently awarded two graduating senior girls from the Lee County School District with a \$2,000 scholarship each.

The recipients were Shayla Konosky



Shayla Konosky

from South Fort Myers High, who will be attending the University of South Florida, and Anna Dostie from Cape Coral High, who will be attending the University of Florida.

Continental Women's Club started awarding scholarships in 1998 and, to date, they have helped 43 high school seniors by contributing over \$42,000 in scholarships.

For more information on Continental Women's Club membership, call 561-8973.\*

## ArtFest Organizers Issue Call For Artists

ArtFest Fort Myers, Southwest Florida's premier fine art festival, is currently accepting applications from professional artists for participation in the 2018 juried show. Featuring the work of 200 artists, ArtFest Fort Myers will bring 90,000 art lovers and collectors to the largest outdoor gallery in Southwest Florida on the first weekend in February!

ArtFest Fort Myers creates an artwork-selling festival for artists. It is the focus of the year-round professional staff that has 18 years of consistent management. The promotional campaign, which targets art buyers throughout Southwest Florida and beyond from Marco Island to Sarasota and east to West Palm Beach, includes all forms of media. Artist amenities are provided over festival weekend to ensure that artists are stress-free and ready to share their work with dedicated attendees.

Each October, ArtFest Fort Myers brings together a panel of professional artists who view submitted images and score each applying artist on a range of 1 to 7 points. The artists with the highest scores are then invited to participate in ArtFest. The jury panel varies each year but always represents a broad base of expertise with regard to artistic mediums. It is a difficult task of evaluating who is the "best-of-the-best" from the hundreds of artists who wish to join ArtFest Fort Myers. The jury process is open to artists and patrons.


For more information, contact ArtFest Fort Myers at 768-3602, email [info@ArtFestFortMyers.com](mailto:info@ArtFestFortMyers.com) or visit [www.ArtFestFortMyers.com](http://www.ArtFestFortMyers.com).\*




A bird's-eye view of a previous ArtFest

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# Chili Dog Eating Competition Set For July 4

City Tavern’s inaugural Chili Dog Eating Competition will be held on Tuesday, July 4 at 6 p.m., at the WINK Freedom Festival on the corner of Dean Street and Bay Street. Join in the Independence Day fun as competitors will try to scarf down as many chili dogs as possible in just 10 minutes. The competition is limited to 20 competitors. Participants will receive event T-shirts. Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place for the most chili dogs consumed.

Entrants currently include local American Legion Post Commander Kevin Boyd, as well as local police officers, firemen, business owners and veterans. Boyd is also the president of the River District Alliance (RDA) in downtown Fort Myers where City Tavern owner Kevin Offerman is a board member.

All proceeds from the City Tavern festivities including food and beverage items, T-shirt sales and cash donation buckets will benefit American Legion Post 38, located at 1857 Jackson Street in Fort Myers.

“The American Legion depends on member participation, volunteers and the community to be successful in providing the services it provides,” said Commander Boyd.

One very special veteran, 92-year-old Kenneth Hansen, will be participating in the event. Hansen fought in both the



Kevin Offerman and Jason Stretch photo provided

Korean War and World War II as a Naval Aviator. Hansen is the grandfather of Kevin Offerman.

“When asked to compete in the chili dog eating contest, my grandfather told me he could only eat one hot dog but he would be honored to participate in the event. I’ve thanked my grandpa for his service and told him he’s a hero many times and his response is always the same as he tells me he was simply doing his job,” said Offerman.

City Tavern has teamed up with its title sponsor, Legendary Automotive and Truck Service LLC. Owner Jason Stretch has hosted a similar event in the past in New Hampshire.

“I am hoping to create more awareness in the Fort Myers community of the

unacceptable amount of veteran suicides which happen every day. These service men and women have fought to protect our freedom and they deserve all the help we can provide them,” said Stretch.

Additional City Tavern sponsors include Suncoast Beverage, Gordon Food Service, Coastal Paper, Tech-Tronics, NAPA Auto & Truck Parts, Coastal Building Consultants, St. Michael Lutheran Church & School and Bella Signs.

The WINK Freedom Fest hosted by Fort Myers Pest Control in downtown Fort Myers between Bay St. and First St. kicks

off at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4. The free, six-hour Motor Show and Fireworks Celebration will showcase a variety of motor vehicles dressed in their patriotic best, live entertainment, attractions, kids’ activities and more. The celebration will culminate with a spectacular fireworks show over the Caloosahatchee River.

To become a contestant, contact City Tavern General Manager Julianne Adkins at info@mycitytavern.com. For more information about Freedom Fest, visit www.freedomfestfortmyers.com or contact Katrina Salokar at 470-5611.✴



Children from the Harlem Heights neighborhood received school supplies from The Heights Foundation at the 2016 school supply outreach photo provided

## Donations Needed For School Supplies

The Heights Foundation is seeking individuals, businesses, churches and organizations to provide school supplies and volunteer for The Heights Center’s annual outreach program. The July 29 event, held from 10 a.m. until noon at The Heights Center, will provide backpacks and school supplies for nearly 450 low-income children living in the Harlem Heights neighborhood.

“Our goal is to ensure that every child in Harlem Heights has the necessary supplies to succeed in school,” said Kathryn Kelly, president and CEO of The Heights Foundation. “The poverty rate for children in Harlem Heights is more than twice the county average. Many parents cannot provide all the things their student will need. We want to send our students back to school ready to learn.”

The center has a wish list that includes new and durable backpacks, highlighters, paper, USB flash drives, scissors, folders, crayons, pencils, glue sticks, markers, paper and notebooks. “We are looking for organizations whose members can band together to meet the need,” said Melissa Barlow, The Heights Center’s outreach coordinator. “The 450 backpacks are the largest investment, costing more than \$6,500 and supplies for each student cost \$50. A business may be able to sponsor the backpacks, a church or philanthropic organization could provide crayons, markers or notebooks. Monetary donations may also be made online at our website or mailed.”

Individuals, businesses, churches or organizations interested in donating or volunteering can contact Melissa Barlow at 482-7706 or melissa@heightsfoundation.org. All donations are tax deductible. Monetary donations can be made online at www.heightsfoundation.org/donate, or mailed to The Heights Center, 15570 Hagie Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33908.✴

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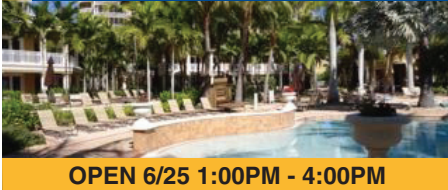
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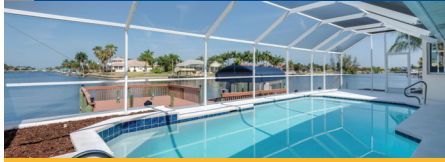
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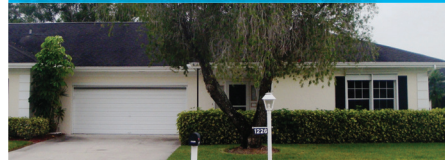
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Fort Myers Art:

## Theater To Soar With *Mary Poppins* This Summer



by Tom Hall

**M**ary Poppins flies onto the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre stage from Thursday, June 29 through Saturday, August 12.

Based on the children's books by Australian-born British novelist

PL Travers between 1934 and 1988 and the classic Walt Disney film that premiered in 1964, Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins* delighted Broadway audiences for more than 2,500 performances and received nominations for nine Olivier Awards and seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

Like JRR Tolkien's *The Hobbit* and *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, it is one of those rare stories that has touched multiple generations, albeit in very different ways. As such, there is something for everyone in Broadway Palm's upcoming production of the musical.

The action takes place in London at 17 Cherry Tree Lane. That's where young Jane and Michael Banks live with their parents. Undisciplined and incorrigible, the children have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of common sense and magic, she must teach the entire family how to value each other again. Along the way, she shares such beloved and memorable songs as *Chim Chim Cher-ee*, *A Spoonful of Sugar* and *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*.

*Mary Poppins* is an enchanting mixture of irresistible story, unforgettable songs, breathtaking dance numbers and astonishing stagecraft that will engage your imagination and invoke deep feelings



*Mary Poppins* is playing at Broadway Palm beginning Thursday, June 29

photo courtesy [www.artswfl.com](http://www.artswfl.com)

of nostalgia like few other shows ever had or can.

Regardless of age, you'll love this show if you're a fan of huge song and dance productions. With intricately choreographed tap dance numbers and magical Sherman Brothers songs, *Mary Poppins the Broadway Musical* is guaranteed to give you chills and fever.

The show is also packed with a top hat full of Disney magic. To say the least, the song-and-dance numbers are simultaneously a choreographer's wildest dream and worst nightmare. But it's not just about the adventures Mary takes the children on. By invoking nostalgia, engaging our imaginations and weaving in a generous heaping of joy, Mary Poppins takes us all on the adventure of a lifetime.

For more information or to order tickets, visit [www.broadwaypalm.com/box-office/general-info](http://www.broadwaypalm.com/box-office/general-info). Book your flight now.

### Colored Pencil Artist Nabs Best Of Show Award

Melissa Miller Nece is regarded as one of the foremost colored pencil artists in the United States. Her enthusiasm and humor have made her a favorite speaker for arts groups, and she has inspired many

to try colored pencils through her classes and workshops. She is president of the Colored Pencil Society of America (CPSA) after having served as CPSA's ways and means director for eight years. She is a 10-year merit signature member and a CPX signature member of CPSA as well as a signature member of the Miniature Artists of America. Her work has been published in national magazines and numerous books on colored pencil and portraiture.

Nece took Best of Show honors at

Friday evening's opening of the Alliance for the Arts 31st annual All Florida Juried Exhibition for her photo-realist colored pencil drawing titled *Dash and Dive*.

"Drawing is the foundation of all the visual arts, the product of a direct connection between the eye, the mind and the hand," she said. "This makes it feel organic, physical and spiritual at the same time. To me, there is something profoundly satisfying in making marks that come together into something recognizable. It's a kind of Artistic Alchemy."

Nece is also an accomplished acrylic and oil painter who frequently works en plein air. Her work, including many portrait commissions, can be found in corporate, public and private collections, including the Cumberland Pencil Co. in England. Her work has also been featured in packaging, advertising and promotional materials for multiple art materials manufacturers. She holds a bachelor of fine arts (painting) summa cum laude from Lake Erie College of Ohio.

The Alliance's 31st annual All Florida Juried Exhibition will be on view in the main gallery through Friday, June 30. The Alliance campus is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard 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.✱*

## Lee Board Pursues Purchase Of Edison Farms

**T**he Lee Board of County Commissioners agreed to offer \$42.4 million for the purchase of 3,900 acres in southeast Lee County – commonly known as Edison Farms – for a Conservation 20/20 preservation site.

If the county closes on the property, it would rank as the second-largest acquisition approved by the board since the purchase of Bob Janes Preserve, which is 5,620 acres.

In January, commissioners directed staff to solicit three appraisals on the property and to do fact-finding related to the parcel. Commissioners have made preserving Edison Farms a top legislative priority for

the past two years. It is an example of the type of environmentally critical land that the Conservation 20/20 program was created to protect and that voters overwhelmingly endorsed with an 84 percent majority late last year.

Edison Farms is adjacent to other county conservation land – Hidden Cypress Preserve and Flint Pen Strand Preserve – and to land maintained by the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed. The site contains significant natural flow-ways, given its location at the confluence of Estero River, Halfway Creek and Imperial River. Restoration through site improvements could provide enhanced water quality, flood attenuation and aquifer recharge as well as protect a significant, diverse population of wildlife and plant communities. It also would provide opportunities for nature-based recreation in the southern part of Lee County.✱



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## Patriotic Benefit For Children In Need



Michael Broyles sings *Statue of Liberty*

**H**ungry families and children out of school for the summer will benefit from an evening of patriotic music and fellowship at First Celebrates Freedom, presented by First Presbyterian Church of Fort Myers and sponsored by the Galloway Family of Dealerships.

The event, planned for Thursday, July 6, at First Presbyterian Church at 2438 Second Street in downtown Fort Myers, will be a 90-minute performance of patriotic music, hymns, instrumentalists and special guests beginning at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Admission is free, although voluntary cash donations and cans of non-perishable food will be accepted to benefit Community Cooperative (The Soup Kitchen).

"For some families, summer means a certain kind of freedom. For the families we serve, it means just the opposite. Summer months can be the cruellest season for families who can't rely on the schools to feed their hungry children," said Community Cooperative CEO Tracey Galloway.

During the school year, children often receive their only meals of the day at school.

To ease the strain this summer, Community Cooperative is partnering with Sam Galloway Ford for the fourth annual Summer Drive for Hunger with a goal of collecting 25,000 pounds of food and raising \$25,000 to support hungry families during June and July. Sam Galloway Ford will donate \$1 for every pound of food dropped off at the Fort Myers dealership.



The First Presbyterian Chancel Choir

photos provided

Community Cooperative provided food and other services to 10,250 people last year with the help of partner agencies, including the Harry Chapin Food Bank and United Way agencies.

Community Cooperative was founded in 1984 to help alleviate hunger and suffering in Lee County. The church has been a strong supporter of the agency from the beginning and continues to support its ministry there by providing volunteers and other support for The Soup Kitchen and the Meals on Wheels program.

Organizer and Sponsor Sam Galloway, Jr., said the annual event, now in its 19th year, was renamed from A Midsummer Night's Sing to reflect the patriotic music as well as hymns that will be sung.

"We purposely planned the event close to July 4 to honor our great country and give everyone the opportunity to join in song to celebrate all that makes America wonderful," Galloway said.

Galloway has made feeding the hungry part of his life's work. "Our community has done so much to help our neighbors, but we need to do even more. If we each just gave the equivalent of what we would spend on a meal – either at home or in a restaurant – those few dollars could feed a family of four for an entire week," Galloway said.

Galloway annually sponsors the popular Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing as part of the Edison Festival of Light in February and the Christmas Carol Sing, scheduled for December 5. Because more than 4,000 people attend Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing in the winter, organizers planned First Celebrates Freedom to allow more local residents to enjoy the same type of activity

during the less crowded summer months.

The First Presbyterian Chancel Choir and friends will be featured during the evening, which will include sing-a-longs of well-known patriotic music and hymns everybody knows.

"Please try to bring whatever cash donation you can and at least two cans of non-perishable food And, if you're unable to contribute but still want to support the cause, come anyway and have a good time," Galloway said.

For more information, call 334-2261 or visit [www.fpcfortmyers.org](http://www.fpcfortmyers.org).

## ENGAGEMENT



Nick Korchick and Tami Terry

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**T**ami Terry and Nick Korchick announce their engagement. Tami is the daughter of Mike Terry, accountant for the *Island Sun* and *The River Weekly News*, and Diane Rasi. A November 2018 wedding is planned.✪

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## Along The River

The **Sounds of Summer** concert series brings popular performers to the **Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center** from June through August. Each concert will bring audiences a unique and entertaining experience.

Rosaline and Kyle Anne Duggan will perform this Friday, June 23.

Rosaline is an alt country rock band from Southwest Florida. Band members Caleb Neff, Phil Heacox and Rick Setser describe their sound as country rock swagger that meets singer/songwriter introspection. Rosaline just completed their first album, *One Stoplight Town*, due out this year. Learn more about them at [www.facebook.com/rosalinetheband/](http://www.facebook.com/rosalinetheband/).

Duggan is an accomplished singer-songwriter, arranger, composer and performer. She studied songwriting at the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts, with voice as her principle instrument. Duggan's EP, *Florida*, was released last year and since has received great reviews from local and national outlets. Learn more about her at [www.facebook.com/pg/KyleAnneMusic](http://www.facebook.com/pg/KyleAnneMusic).

Tickets are \$5 per show. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and performances begin at 8 p.m.

The **Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium** (CNCP) will host its classic **laser light shows** again this weekend after showings last weekend. They are planned for this Friday, June 23 through Sunday, June 25. All showings will be held at 7, 8, 9 and 10 p.m. Cost is \$10 per show. Each show, surrounding June Solstice, averages 40 minutes.



Kyle Ann Duggan will perform at the Sounds of Summer concert on Friday photo provided

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. Tickets are \$5 and each show lasts about 30 minutes. Guests must arrive and purchase their tickets in the CNCP Museum by 3:50 p.m. to secure entrance into the planetarium.

CNCP is located at the 3450 Ortiz Avenue location in Fort Myers. For more information or a complete listing of each show's musical offering, visit [www.calusanature.org/laser-shows](http://www.calusanature.org/laser-shows). For additional information, call 275-3435.

The **Alliance for the Arts GreenMarket**, held each Saturday on the Alliance campus, will continue free **backyard farming workshops** at 10:30 a.m. through July. This year's workshop series is titled *When The Shelves Go Bare* and deals with increased concerns about a potential future food shortage. Presenters include organic farmers, master gardeners, artisans

and business owners, either a local or a transplant from places as diverse as Cuba, Switzerland, Russia or Brazil.

This Saturday, June 24, Tatiana Logvinova will present *Growing Medicinal Herbs*. Logvinova's path is from Russia to Cuba to Southwest Florida, as she has been involved in a lifetime of loving nature.

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.

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](http://www.ArtInLee.org).

**Gulf Coast Humane Society** (GCHS) is hosting a **Personal Protection Seminar Fundraiser** on Saturday, June 24 from 5 to 8 p.m. Limited spots are available and the cost is \$90 per person. Part of the proceeds will benefit GCHS.

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

The seminar will focus on an individual's ability to conquer their fear, neutralize threatening situations and provide a more confident and worry-free life for yourself and your family.

The seminar will be for ages 18 years of age and up and no previous experience in self-protection is necessary.

To reserve a spot, go to [www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org/events.html](http://www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org/events.html) and scroll down to Systema Personal Protection Seminar Fundraiser summary. A link to PayPal is available, where you can pay and reserve your spot.



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## Applications For Youth Leadership Committee

Make-A-Wish Southern Florida is now accepting applications for their Youth Leadership Committee (YLC) program in Lee and Collier counties for the 2017-18 school year.

The YLC meets once a month to help spread awareness of the Make-A-Wish mission, plan fundraisers and events, and work together to plan the annual Youth Leadership Mac N' Cheese Challenge. Meetings are run like board meetings with officer positions to be nominated and voted upon in the upcoming school year.

Students involved in the program will learn valuable skills that can be used throughout life, college and career. They will also learn to share the power of a wish and what a simple gift can do for children who are facing the most challenging time in their lives. Each meeting will consist of a "Wishing for Success" component in which guest speakers will help teach the committee skills such as public speaking, budgeting, leadership and more.

Students in seventh through 12th grade may apply by contacting Taylor Marini, development coordinator of Make-A-Wish

Southern Florida, at [tmarini@sflawish.org](mailto:tmarini@sflawish.org). The deadline to submit an application is on June 30.

Interviews and orientation for the YLC program will be held in July with meetings running once a month from August through May. Students who are passionate about helping kids with life-threatening medical conditions, and who are able to attend monthly meetings in Lee/Collier are encouraged to apply.

The goal is to grow the YLC program into a network of youth across Southern Florida to help ensure every eligible child receives his or her one true wish. YLC will work to develop Kids For Wish Kids programs across the Southern Florida area with the goal of granting the wishes of several children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Students earn volunteer hours, plus have fun in granting wishes.

Make-A-Wish Southern Florida grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. The Southern Florida chapter grants a wish every 16 hours and has granted more than 11,000 wishes since its inception in 1983. The chapter's vision is to make every eligible child's wish come true. For more information about Make-A-Wish, visit [www.sfla.wish.org](http://www.sfla.wish.org) or call 992-9474.✧





Platoon and camper awards

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## Law Camp Graduation

On Sunday, June 11, the Fort Myers Police Department held a graduation ceremony for over 50 participants in its 28th annual Respect for Law camp held at Bishop Verot High school.

The graduation was the highlight of the four-day/three-night camp that gave children ages 11 to 14 an up-close

look at law enforcement with live police scenarios, SWAT demonstrations, police obstacle courses, hands-on equipment training, K9 demonstrations and team-building exercises.

The graduation ceremony consisted of platoon drills, awards and recognition for individuals and groups who excelled in training, camaraderie and participation. The Fort Myers Police Department designed the program to build respect for the law and enhance a child's self-esteem.✱



Chief Diggs and Campers

## Teacher Nominated For Special Award

Brittany Montano, a deaf education and ASL teacher at Fort Myers High School, has been nominated for the 2017-18 LifeChanger of the Year award sponsored by National Life Group.

National Life Group recognizes and rewards the very best K-12 educators in schools across the United States who are making an impact in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence and leadership.

Montano was nominated by an anonymous member of the community. She is known by her students as "Montano" and is praised as a fierce advocate for deaf and hearing impaired students.

Montano encourages mainstream students and her colleagues to become involved with her deaf students.

"To say that Ms. Montano has changed the lives of hearing-impaired and deaf students over the years would be an understatement," said her nominator. "She works from sunrise to sunset on a daily basis to create a safe environment for her



Brittany Montano

photo provided

students to learn and express themselves."

Each school year, LifeChanger of the Year receives hundreds of nominations from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Seventeen winners will be announced via surprise award ceremonies in the spring of 2018.

For more information on the LifeChanger of the Year award, visit [www.lifechangeroftheyear.com](http://www.lifechangeroftheyear.com).✱

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## Reporter Joins SalusCare Comedy Night

**N**ews-Press Arts and Entertainment Reporter Charles Runnells has joined the celebrity comic line-up for Laughter Is the Best Medicine Comedy Night, set for July 22 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.

Runnells, who has taken an acting class and performed in *A Tuna Christmas* at Cultural Park Theater, will join five other local celebrities as well as two nationally recognized professional comedians at the third annual Comedy Night, benefitting SalusCare, Inc., the region's leading provider of treatment for individuals with mental health and substance use disorders.

Tickets may be purchased at [www.saluscarecomedyevent.org](http://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. The VIP reception begins at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

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. In addition to Runnells, they are Chris Hansen, Lee Health board member and Park Royal Hospital business development director; Dayna Harpster, WGCU *Expressions* editor; Frank Mann, Lee County commissioner; Cole Peacock, RC Peacock



Charles Runnells

photo provided

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.

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 to treat illnesses and to the development of co-occurring disorders.

For more information about sponsorships and the comedy event, contact Todd Cordisco at 791-1575 or visit [www.saluscarecomedyevent.org](http://www.saluscarecomedyevent.org).✱

## Storm Reminders For Those On Life-Support

**P**ower outages during storm season are inevitable. Although Lee County Electric Cooperative (LCEC) works 24/7, 365 days per year to provide reliable electric service, temporary outages can and do occur in inclement weather. While temporary power outages are inconvenient, they can prove extremely dangerous for those on life-support devices who are not prepared.

LCEC reminds those on life-support to:

- Have an alternate plan in place to ensure the continuity of any life-support needs. This may include making special arrangements to spend time with

a friend or relative during an outage or using a back-up generator.

- Please be responsible for the safe installation, use and maintenance of a back-up generator or any form of back-up power.

- Keep phone numbers of emergency response agencies, such as the hospital, fire department and police, in a convenient location in the event emergency assistance is needed.

- Ensure that you have a back-up telephone if you use a cordless or other telephone that is dependent on electricity.

- Have a battery-powered radio on hand and a supply of fresh batteries to remain aware of news and other information.

- Keep a flashlight and extra batteries handy.

For more information on storm season safety, visit [www.lcec.net](http://www.lcec.net).✱

## Churches/Temples

### ALL FAITHS UNITARIAN CONGREGATION

Sunday 10:30 a.m., 2756 McGregor Boulevard, [allfaiths-uc.org](http://allfaiths-uc.org), 226-0900.

### ALL SAINTS BYZANTINE RITE CATHOLIC

Sunday 10:30 a.m. 10291 Bayshore Road, 305-651-0991.

### ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX

Sunday 9 and 10 a.m. 8210 Cypress Lake Drive, [annunciation.fl.goarch.org](http://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](http://chabadswf.org), 433-7708.

### CHAPEL OF CYPRESS COVE

Sunday 10 a.m. 10200 Cypress Cove Circle, [revtedalthouse@aol.com](mailto:revtedalthouse@aol.com), 850-3943.

### CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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

### CONGREGATIONAL

Sunday 10:30 a.m. 1619 Llewellyn Drive, [taecc.com](http://taecc.com), 334-4978.

### COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

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

### CYPRESS LAKE BAPTIST

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

### CYPRESS LAKE PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m. 8260 Cypress Lake Drive, [www.clpc.us](http://www.clpc.us), 481-3233.

### CYPRESS LAKE UNITED METHODIST

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

### FAITH FELLOWSHIP WORLD OUTREACH

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

### FAITH UNITED METHODIST

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

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### FORT MYERS CHRISTIAN

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

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### IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CONGREGATION

Saturday 5 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.; Tuesday 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday 9:30 a.m. 9650 Gladiolus Drive, 454-4778.

### JESUS THE WORKER CATHOLIC

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### KINGDOM LIFE

Sunday 10:30 a.m. 2154 McGregor Boulevard, 218-8343.

### LAMB OF GOD

Sunday 7:45 and 10 a.m. 19691 Cypress View Drive, [lambogodchurch.net](http://lambogodchurch.net), 267-3525.

### NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER

Friday 6:30 and 7 p.m. 8505 Jenny Cae Lane, [nbcministry@embarqmail.com](mailto:nbcministry@embarqmail.com), [facebook.com/nbcministry](http://facebook.com/nbcministry), 656-0416.

### NEW COVENANT EYES

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

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Saturday 5:30 p.m.; Sunday 8 and 10:45 a.m. 3595 Broadway, 939-1218.

### SAINT NICHOLAS MONASTERY

Sunday 9:30 a.m. 111 Evergreen Road, [saintnicholasmonastery.org](http://saintnicholasmonastery.org), 997-2847.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC

Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.; Saturday 4 p.m.; Sunday 9 and 11 a.m. 13031 Palm Beach Boulevard, 693-0818.

### SOUTHWEST BAPTIST

Sunday 11 a.m.; Wednesday 6 p.m. 16940 McGregor Boulevard, 454-3336.

### TEMPLE BETHEL SYNAGOGUE

Friday Shabbat 7:30 p.m.; Torah Saturday 9 a.m.; Religious School Wednesday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m. 16225 Winkler Road, [templebethel.com](http://templebethel.com), 433-0018.

### TEMPLE JUDEA (CONSERVATIVE)

Friday 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. [tjswfl.org](http://tjswfl.org), 14486 A&W Bulb Road, 433-0201.

### THE NEW CHURCH

Sunday 11 a.m. 10811 Sunset Plaza Circle #401, [newchurchflorida.com](http://newchurchflorida.com), 481-5535.

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Sunday 9:15 and 11 a.m. 11120 Ranchette Road, [unityoffortmyers.org](http://unityoffortmyers.org), 278-1511.

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

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

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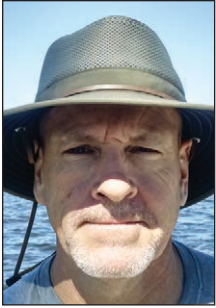
Sunday 8, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. 7401 Winkler Road, [zionfm.org](http://zionfm.org), 481-4040.✱



## CROW Case Of The Week:

## Clear Your Gear

by Bob Petcher



Fishing line and hooks can reel in a good catch for an angler. The fishing gear can also be a major impediment or deadly debris for wildlife. Unfortunately, birds or other animals entangled in monofilament line are either in a helpless state or worse... deceased after a long struggle and slow starvation.

The fact is fishing line and hooks that have been discarded or left by careless fishermen can entangle, choke, snag and even kill its victims. For example, birds have been found hanging upside down in trees, exhausted after hours of struggling to try to free themselves from being wrapped up in lines. It is also a fact that some of those animals suffer agonizing deaths due to the entanglement.

Not only can the clear, strong, flexible plastic do harm to birds, manatees, sea turtles, whales, dolphins and rays (to name a few), it is also non-biodegradable. Scientists estimate it can take 300 to 500 years to decompose.

Anglers have been urged to dispose of any used or loose fishing line within provided monofilament stations, often found at boat ramps, fishing piers or other park sites that fishing takes place. These recycling stations can be important to the livelihood of all creatures around the sea and even humans who swim in open waters.

It is hoped that through continued educational awareness, more anglers will be reached and their behavior modified. Each fall, local marine cleanups events called Monofilament Madness encourage volunteers to help rid of discarded line and other debris from local waters via boats, kayaks, canoes, jet skis and anything else that floats. Officials have stated that

previous Monofilament Madness cleanups have produced enough discarded fishing line to stretch from Fort Myers to Tallahassee.

One of the most common victims of monofilament line entanglement is the brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*).

At CROW, an adult brown pelican was recently admitted to the clinic from the Lighthouse Beach on Sanibel. The bird had a large hook embedded in its back and monofilament fishing line wrapped around its body and legs. There were also minor abrasions on the animal's legs. This pelican was one of the lucky ones – it survived.

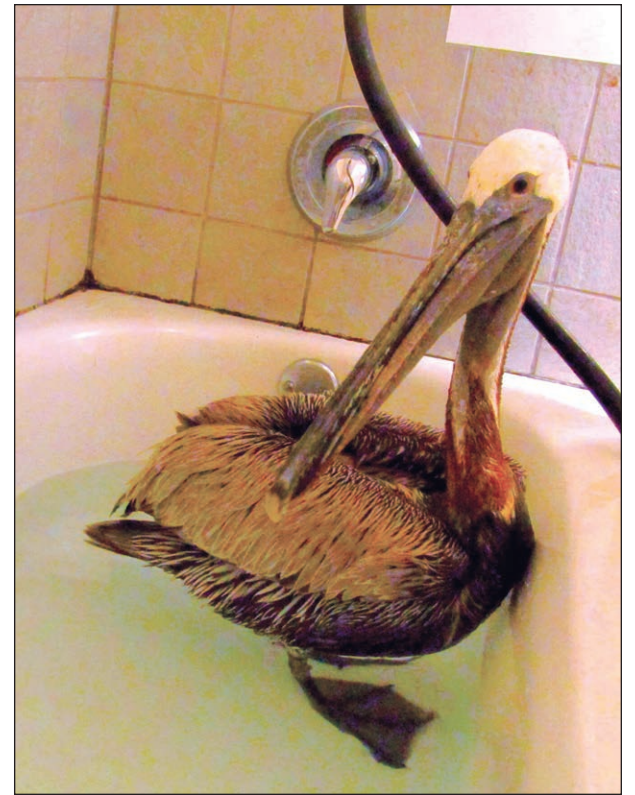
While CROW officials are uncertain how this particular patient became entangled or how the fishing gear got into its environment, discarded fishing line can be seen as "a likely cause."

The rehabilitation clinic is continuously involved in a campaign called Clear Your Gear with other island organizations such as the City of Sanibel, Sanibel Sea School, Monofilament Busters, SCCF, FWC and the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society.

"Many of these hook and line entanglement cases are easily preventable by properly disposing of monofilament line, hooks and sinkers," said Dr. Heather Barron, CROW's medical director. "Monofilament recycling bins located near popular fishing spots throughout Sanibel, Captiva and the causeway islands can be used to keep unwanted line and tackle out of the environment."

In the patient's case, the fishing hook and monofilament line were removed and the pelican was given anti-inflammatory and pain medication. The patient made a full recovery and was released on June 19.

Last year, the rehabilitation hospital reported 106 patients as a result of monofilament entanglement. If you are interested in getting involved in helping these creatures in their state of flux, visit [www.clearyourgear.org](http://www.clearyourgear.org) for the dos and don'ts of unhooking a bird, monofilament cleanups, data collections and public



Patient #17-2003 relaxes in a bathtub during its stay at CROW

photo by Brian Bohlman

outreach and education.

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

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# Lots Of Summertime Options



by Capt.  
Matt Mitchell

**A**s is normal, the more consistent the weather the more consistent the fishing action is. This held true as a full week of our regular summertime weather made fish

of all types easier to locate. We worked out the pattern so that we could return to them day after day. The snook bite in the passes continues to be absolutely on fire while the daily afternoon rains have triggered the high tide redfish action. The clear water deeper flats around the inside of the passes have not only provided some of the better big trout action we have seen in months, but also gave anglers some shots at rolling tarpon.

All of our local passes are loaded with spawning snook in just massive numbers. Catching these snook has been the go-to plan most trips this week. Live pinfish and grunts fished close to the bottom on a fast moving tide has been the method of choice. Most of these fish are male snook ranging from 20 to 26 inches, but if you increase the size of your bait, it's possible to target the much bigger female snook. Look for schooling snook out along the beaches too where they give



Jenna Scott and Bill Farmer from Chicago area with a nice double on pass snook caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

photo provided

anglers a great opportunity to sight fish and catch them on flies, jigs and swim baits.

If you're going to use bigger baits for these bigger pass fish, you will need bigger tackle too, at least if you want a legitimate chance of getting one of these trophy snook to the boat. I use a set of short stout 30- to 50-pound class jigging spinning rods rigged with 30-pound braided line just for this annual summertime bite. Stout hooks are also critical if you wanna pull some of these bigger snook away from the structure with a basically locked-down drag. Light wire hooks will straighten out under this much pressure.

My rig for these big snook is a basic knocker rig: a half ounce to one ounce sinker depending on how fast the tide is rigged so it can slide up and down on a 30-inch piece of 50-pound fluorocarbon leader. For hooks, don't skimp and use a heavy duty 4/0 or 5/0 depending on the size of the bait. There is no worse way to loose that big snook than straightening out a hook while putting the heat to it.

Catching redfish on the high incoming tide up under the mangroves continues to get better and better. Live tail hooked pinfish and cut baits flipped up tight around the roots in the shade caught reds up to 30 inches. Instead of working just one favorite mangrove hole, I like to

keep moving if I don't get a bite within 5 to 10 minutes. After thoroughly working all the nooks and crannies at one stop, pick up and move a little further down the shoreline and eventually you find them. Most mangrove islands had at least a few reds if you picked apart the whole bank during the last few hours of the high incoming tide. We also caught a few over-the-slot redfish while catching snook in the passes.

The large, healthy, clear water grass flats inside both Redfish and Captiva passes held some of the bigger trout we have caught in months. Some of these trout have been as big as 25 inches. Small pinfish and grunts fished 2 to 3 feet under a popping cork seemed to be the best method for catching these fish. Cast to the sand holes and sand edges in 3 to 5 feet of water. While targeting these trout, we even had a few surprise hook-ups on tarpon.

Tarpon fishing did get a whole lot better too this week with fish located both in the sound and out along the beaches. These tarpon now have a whole lot less angler pressure on them than they did during the month of May. During a few slick days, we sat in rolling fish all morning long and even hooked a few on a variety of baits including crabs, pinfish and cut mullet. Having these tarpon all to yourself is what our summertime fishing is all about.

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

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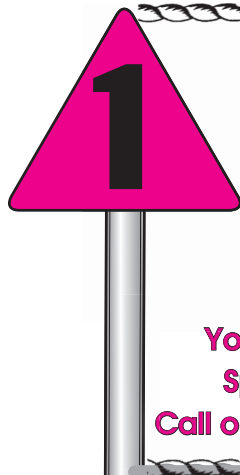
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Native loblolly bay's large fragrant flowers bloom in spring and summer

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#### Plant Smart

## Loblolly Bay

by Gerri Reaves

**L**oblolly bay (*Gordonia lasianthus*) is a native evergreen tree notable for its ornamental beauty and low maintenance.

Its native habitat is hammocks, swamps, bogs and other wetlands.

While its range does extend to parts of Lee County, the range does not include southernmost Florida.

This member of the tea family can grow up to 80 feet tall, but typically reaches much less.

It's usually single-trunked, straight and columnar in shape. Older specimens have deeply furrowed gray bark.

The leathery elliptic or oblong leaves are four to five inches long. Shiny green with pointed tips, they have finely serrated edges.

The leaves turn red late in the

season, adding to the tree's striking color contrasts.

The fragrant cup-shaped flowers measure three to four inches across and resemble the camellia, one of loblolly bay's relatives.

They bloom in spring and summer and are dispersed individually in the foliage on long stems.

Five finely fringed white petals surround numerous yellow stamens at the flower's center.

They open from a spherical bud and attract a variety of insects.

Loblolly provides some food and cover for wildlife.

Plant it in a spot with full to partial shade and acidic moist fertile soil.

This sensitive plant is not tolerant of alkaline soil or salt but is moderately drought tolerant. Be careful not to disturb the shallow root system.

If it's planted in a suitable spot, this tree requires virtually no maintenance. It works well as a specimen tree or in



The tree has spherical flower buds and finely serrated leaves

clusters, particularly by a pond or lake. It sometimes self-sows.

The tree's light pink wood has been used in cabinet-making, and the bark's tannic acid used for tanning leather.

Sources: *Florida Landscape Plants* by John V. Watkins and Thomas J. Sheehan, *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino

Osorio, the *National Audubon Society Field Guide to Florida*, *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell, [edis.ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:edis.ifas.ufl.edu), [floridata.com](http://floridata.com), [fnps.org](http://fnps.org), and [regionalconservation.org](http://regionalconservation.org).

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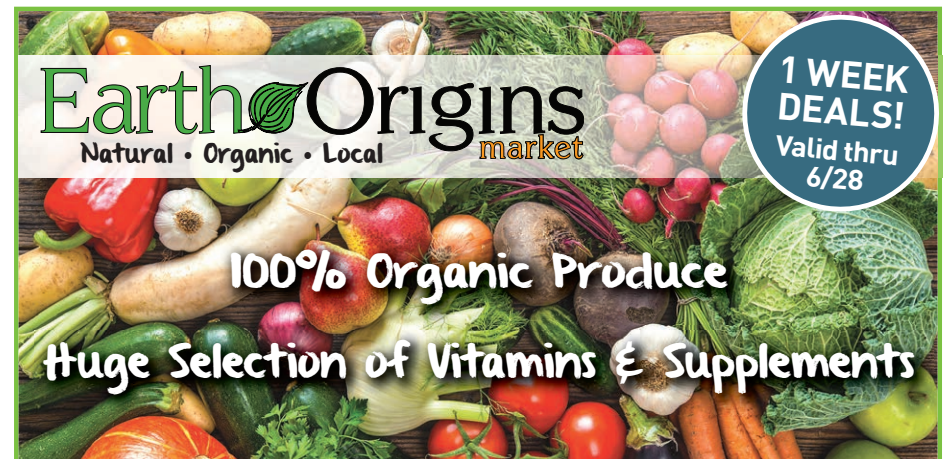
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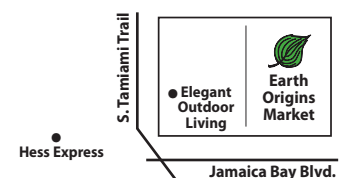
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# Kiwanis Add's Two New Members

The Fort Myers Metro-McGregor Kiwanis has added two new members to the club roster – Samuel Lewis and Thomas “Tommy” Lester.

Lewis, a Fort Myers resident, is the founder and CEO of WearTheFund, a giveback custom apparel company that donates 5 percent of all sales to a non-profit partner of the customer’s choosing.

Lester, a Fort Myers resident since 1960, is a retired truck driver who had routes across the United States and Canada.



Thomas “Tommy” Lester

The club has added 13 new members to the roster since October 2016, making it seventh in the Florida district in membership net growth out of 249 clubs.

The Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Club is looking for more service-minded individuals and business professionals who would like to make a direct impact on the community through volunteering.

For more information on joining the Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Club, call membership chair Stewart Ross at 507-304-1624 or club president Harris Segel at 939-4027. Interested individuals can also email [stewart.ross@mnsu.edu](mailto:stewart.ross@mnsu.edu) or [harris@pampered-pooch.com](mailto:harris@pampered-pooch.com). The Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Club can be found on Facebook or online at [www.metro-mcgregor.com](http://www.metro-mcgregor.com).

# Marketing Account Manager Hired

CONRIC PR & Marketing has added Joshua Savage as marketing account manager. He brings experience in digital marketing, experiential marketing for national accounts such as Coca-Cola, advertising campaigns, customer service, business logistics and development.

Savage focuses on social media strategy for CONRIC’s diverse client base, online content creation and optimization, e-newsletter production, analytic reporting, website development, project management, client relationship management, video production and business development.

“Clients deserve a custom approach,” Savage said. “I strive to learn the ins and outs of all of our clients’ businesses and deliver a personal experience that helps them cement their market niche.”

Originally from Washington state, Savage is an Eagle Scout who crossed the country to earn a bachelor’s degree in marketing from Johnson & Wales University’s College of Business in Charlotte, North Carolina. There, he was co-founder and vice president of the collegiate chapter of the American Marketing Association.

Upon graduation, he became an account executive for a leading experiential marketing agency, where he assisted in the planning and



Joshua Savage photo provided

execution of brand interactions for Fortune 500 companies. A career highlight includes coordinating a co-branded event with Southern Comfort and Twitter during the Oddball Comedy Festival, resulting in more than 1,000 sustained consumer interactions in two days.

Connie Ramos-Williams, president and chief marketing officer of CONRIC PR & Marketing, said, “Joshua’s dedication, technical skills and easygoing personality mean excellent results for clients and an even better place to come to work every day.”

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are Jessie Taylor, Lauren Tepper and Logan Wolfe. Also appearing in the production are Paul Bernier, Kira Galindo, James Putnam and Michael Weaver.

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**H**enderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., recently announced that Attorney Luis E. Rivera successfully met all the requirements and earned national certification as a consumer bankruptcy specialist from the American Board of Certification. In 2016, Rivera earned certification as a business bankruptcy specialist and now is one of only 11 attorneys in Florida who hold these dual certifications by the American Board of Certification.

Rivera has broad experience in business litigation, bankruptcy, creditors' rights and insolvency counseling. In addition to his law practice, he serves as a U.S. Bankruptcy Trustee for the Middle District of Florida. As a trustee, Rivera is routinely involved in the liquidation of business enterprises, including the recovery and sale of



**Luis E. Rivera** photo provided  
assets; the investigation, development, and prosecution of litigation to recover funds for creditors; and the reconciliation and payment of claims  
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### Life Insurance

## Women's Retirement Crisis



J. Brendan Ryan,  
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**I**n addition to all the crises our country faces (terror within our borders, long-term-care needs, political discord, the threat of weapons of mass destruction in the wrong hands, and

so forth), a major one that is unfolding – not just threatening but unfolding – is inadequate retirement income for our aging population.

It is often stated that aging is a women's issue. Why? Look at the facts. Women live longer and more often live alone. For a variety of reasons they usually have less money in retirement than men.

Surveys tell us that there are more women alive over age 65 than men (35 million versus 20 million). More older men are married compared to older women (72 percent versus 46 percent). 35 percent of older women are widowed, three times the rate of older men.

Retirement planning should be an important, ongoing task for every adult. But, since women are more at risk to have inadequate retirement income, this also should be considered a women's issue.

Consider these facts:

Women's earnings have long been inferior to men's, which leads to lower savings, lower retirement plan deposits by the employer and lower Social Security benefits.

Women are more likely than men to suspend their work in favor of raising kids and caring for infirm relatives.

A large portion of working women work only part-time and so do not have access to the employer's retirement plans.

When they do participate in retirement plans, they are less likely to put their

money in equities, choosing instead safer, low-growth instruments.

Women live longer on average and need what benefits they have to last a longer time.

Women are 85 percent more likely than men to be impoverished by age 65.

How do working women feel about retirement? The latest annual Transamerica Retirement Survey of women found, in part, the following:

Women estimate that they will need a million dollars at retirement (median value) to achieve retirement security.

Only 12 percent of women believe that they will be able to retire comfortably.

Half plan to work past age 65 and half feel that they will never retire (presumably because they cannot afford to).

What can women do to get a grip on the problem and reduce the likelihood of a bleak retirement?

They can start saving consistently and realistically under the guidance of a trusted financial advisor. It is never too soon and no amount is too small to make a difference in the long run.

They should get involved in their employer's retirement plan and contribute at least the maximum that the employer will match. Those over age 50 should take advantage of allowable catch-up contributions to the plan.

They should educate themselves on how to invest, when to invest, how to minimize penalties and taxes on withdrawals, and how to get the most from Social Security.

It is important to resist the urge to invade for current consumption accumulated qualified-plan funds before retirement even after the funds have been placed in a rollover account. That money should be kept sacrosanct for the long haul.

It is important for women, if married, to get involved with the family's financial decision-making process, budgeting and spending so that it will not be novel if the decision-making burden ever falls on them.

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## Education On Ordinances And Parking Violations

The City of Fort Myers Code Enforcement Division is collaborating with the Fort Myers Police Department (FMPD) to educate business owners about common code violations. City Code Enforcement officers have noticed a recent increase in parking lot violations, particularly at car lots and other commercial businesses on major corridors.

This May, code enforcement officers and FMPD officers began distributing informational letters to business owners. These letters are designed to help educate proprietors on parking regulations in the City Code of Ordinances and/or Florida Statute, with the goal of voluntary compliance. Continued violations will be enforced in the coming months.

The City of Fort Myers Code of Ordinances requires businesses to provide reserved spaces for people with disabilities in their off-street parking areas. Parking lots are required to offer at least one reserved handicap space for the first 25 parking spaces in the lot. Lots with 26-50 spaces are required to reserve two disability-accessible spaces,

and so on. Vehicles utilizing these spaces must display a disabled parking permit or license plate.

City code also requires every business to provide off-street parking facilities. Requirements vary based on business type. Auto/truck sales facilities are required to provide one parking space for every 300 square feet of gross floor area, with a minimum of five customer parking spaces regardless of floor area. Auto/truck repair and service businesses must provide four off-street spaces per bay, plus one space per employee.

Additionally, Florida Statute prohibits businesses and individuals from parking vehicles on sidewalks, within intersections, on crosswalks, or in any other place that would obstruct traffic or impede pedestrian flow. It is also illegal to park within 10 feet of a public or private driveway, within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, within 20 feet of a crosswalk, or within 30 feet upon the approach to any stop sign.

Adherence to city code keeps the City of Fort Myers safe and clean. To report a code violation, call the Code Enforcement Division at 321-7940 or visit [www.cityftmyers.com](http://www.cityftmyers.com).

For more information about parking regulations, contact Officer David Conticelli at 218-3699, Officer John Price at 887-8561, or Officer Kelsey Evanson at 841-4599.✱

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## Certification

held by creditors.

Rivera is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been recognized by *Florida Super Lawyers* magazine for eight consecutive years (2009 to 2016) for his work in business litigation. In 2015, he was honored by the Southwest Florida Bankruptcy Bar

as the recipient of the Alexander L. Paskay Professionalism Award.

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For more information on Rivera or Henderson Franklin, visit [www.henlaw.com](http://www.henlaw.com).✱

### Financial Focus

## Life Insurance Needs Change Over Time



by Jennifer Basey

If you're going to achieve all your goals, such as sending your kids to college, retiring in comfort and leaving a legacy, you will need to save and invest throughout your lifetime. But to

really complete your financial picture, you'll also need to add one more element: protection. And that means you'll require adequate life insurance for your situation. However, your need for insurance will vary at different times of your life – so you'll want to recognize these changing needs and be prepared to act.

When you're a young adult, and you're single, life insurance will probably not be that big of a priority. And even married couples without children typically have little need for life insurance; if both spouses contribute equally to household finances, and you don't own a home, the death of one spouse will generally not be financially catastrophic for the other.

But once you buy a home, things change. Even if you and your spouse are both working, the financial burden of a mortgage may be too much for the surviving spouse. So, to enable the survivor to continue living in the home, you might consider purchasing enough life insurance to at least cover the mortgage.

When you have children, your life insurance needs will typically increase greatly. In fact, it's a good idea for

both parents to carry enough life insurance to pay off a mortgage and raise and educate the children, because the surviving parent's income may be insufficient for these needs. How much insurance do you need? You might hear of a "formula," such as buying an amount equal to seven to 10 times your annual income, but this is a rough guideline, at best. You might want to work with a financial professional to weigh various factors – number and ages of children, size of mortgage, current income of you and your spouse, and so on – to determine both the amount of coverage and the type of insurance ("term" or "permanent") appropriate for your situation.

Once you've reached the "empty nest" stage, and your kids are grown and living on their own, you may need to re-evaluate your insurance needs. You might be able to lower your coverage, but if you still have a mortgage, you probably would want to keep enough insurance to pay it off.

After you retire, you may have either paid off your mortgage or moved into a condominium or apartment, so you may require even less life insurance than before. But it's also possible that your need for life insurance will remain strong. For example, the proceeds of a life insurance policy can be used to pay your final expenses or to replace any income lost to your spouse as a result of your death (e.g., from a pension or Social Security.) Life insurance can also be used in your estate plans to help leave the legacy you desire.

As we've seen, insurance can be important at every stage of your life. You'll help yourself – and your loved ones – by getting the coverage you need when you need it.

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## Foundation Transparency Policy Touted

The Affordable Homeownership Foundation (AHF) of Fort Myers has earned GuideStar Platinum status in recognition of its disclosure policies and organizational transparency.

AHF provides housing opportunities and other housing-related services to veterans, seniors, the disabled and other economically vulnerable populations in Lee, Charlotte, Collier and Hendry counties in Florida.

GuideStar is a national non-profit organization that promotes transparency in the philanthropy sector. Its services help donors make well-informed decisions about their charitable giving.

"The Affordable Homeownership Foundation is proud to always be accountable to our donors through our public disclosure practices," said Lois Healy, CEO of AHF. "It is a privilege for us to serve special segments of our

community who are in need of high-quality, affordable housing. At the same time, our donors deserve to know how we go about providing this important support. We endorse transparency and we practice it."

Charities achieving platinum designation, according to GuideStar, demonstrate that they are "focused on measuring progress and results." Charity designees earn platinum status by providing information most frequently sought by funders. GuideStar Platinum charities must also publicly disclose their year-over-year results.

GuideStar determinations are based upon information the organization gathers about a charity's mission, legitimacy, impact, reputation, finances, programs, transparency and governance.

Since its inception in 2000, the Affordable Homeownership Foundation has helped secure and maintain housing for more than 400 households in the region through its various services and programs. The organization also helps develop, preserve and manage affordable and enriched housing in southwest Florida.✱



# Highlights Of Love That Dress! 9 Collection Party



Committee members, sponsors and supporters of the PACE Center for Girls of Lee County gathered last week at Summerlin Jake's Seafood & Steaks for the Love That Dress! 9 Collection Party. The fundraiser included live and silent auctions, a raffle and entertainment provided by Marc Vee. photos by Jeff Lysiak



From left, Victoria Beckman, Deb Gobacker and Carol Wonderly



Rachel Rubinski and Holly Olson



Lori Munro and Sandy Heinrich



From left, Kathy Toll, Maryanne Preston and Susan Herbach



Attendees taking a look at some of the silent auction items offered at the collection party



Claire Avery and Alix Toledano



Betty Love arranging some of the donated dresses



From left, Lois McGuinness, Carol Wonderly, Deb Gobacker, Betty Love, Madison Franco and Victoria Beckner



# Florida Native Emerges By Winning U.S. Open Golf Tournament



by Ed Frank

It lacked the names of most top-ranked golfers, and it was played on a questionable Wisconsin course with knee-high roughs, but the 2017 U.S. Open championship unveiled a Florida native, Brooks Kopepka, whose four-shot win of 216 under par tied the Open record.

True the name Brooks Kopepka was not well known prior to last weekend's second major of the year, but it will be now as he emerged as another winner in his 20s. That appears to be the norm on today's PGA tour.

The quiet, mild-mannered, 27-year-old Kopepka, who resides in Jupiter, Florida, played his collegiate golf at Florida State University where he was a three-time All-American. He began his professional

career on the European circuit before coming home to the U.S. tour. The \$2.16 million he pocketed last Sunday as the winner will cement his place on American tournaments for years to come.

This year's U.S. Open began with many of the world's top-ranked players, such as Rory McIlroy and Jason Day, failing to make the cut. And they weren't alone. Fellow Major champions Danny Willet, Jason Dufner, Jimmy Walker, Angel Cabrera, Graeme McDowell, Bubba Watson, Lucas Glover, Charl Schwartzel, Henrik Stenson, Adam Scott, defending champion Dustin Johnson and Justin Rose also went home after the first two rounds.

And even before the tournament began, it lacked the tournament-drawing names of Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson. As we know, Woods is facing legal problems as a result of his recent DUI arrest, and Mickelson opted out to attend his daughter's high school graduation.

But these absentees should not deflect from the record-setting performance of Kopepka who won for just his second time on the PGA tour. His 16-under-par performance of 272 was four better than Hideki Matsuyama, ranked No. 2 in the world, and Rickie Fowler, No. 9.

The U.S. Open was played for the first time in the state of Wisconsin on a relatively new course, Erin Hills, outside of Milwaukee. It's length of 7,800 yards and knee-high roughs raised complaints before the tournament even began. But its wide, sweeping fairways countered its length and rough. It generally received rave reviews by most players.

Adding to the mystic of this public links is its development history. Two decades ago, local resident Steve Trattner discovered the breathtaking property that would become Erin Hills and worked tirelessly over the years to develop the course.

But he wasn't around to see his dream of a U.S. Open played there as he is serving a 35-year prison sentence for murdering his wife. This fact obviously received little mention in the coverage of the tournament.

Despite this fact and the lack of names of many top golfers on the leader board, congratulations to Kopepka as a new star of the golfing world.

## Twins Sign No. 1 Pick To Record Bonus

In less than a week after drafting 18-year-old shortstop Royce Lewis with the No. 1 overall pick in the Major League Draft, the Minnesota Twins signed the youngster for a reported \$6.725 million bonus.

It was the biggest signing bonus for a high schooler on record.

Just where the Twins will assign Lewis to begin his professional career isn't known at this time, but you can look for the talented California native to be playing here for the Fort Myers Miracle before too long.\*

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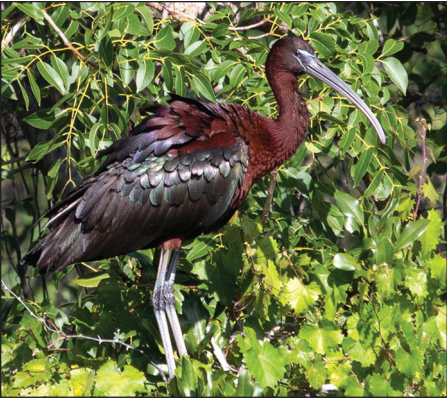
According to the U.S. Coast Guard 2016 Recreational Boating Statistics report, 77 percent of boating deaths occurred on boats where the operators had no boating instruction. It also stated that the report shows a 7.3 percent increase in boating accidents, a 12 percent increase in the number of deaths, and a 11.1 percent increase in the number of injuries compared to the 2015 report. Of the drowning victims, 83 percent were not wearing a life jacket.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 8, Peace River Sail and Power Squadron will present America's Boating Course, a three-day safe boating course, at the Punta Gorda Boat Club, 802 Retta Esplanade, in Punta Gorda. Classes will also be on July 15 and July 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day.

The three sessions will cover boating law, safety equipment, safe boating practices, navigation, boating emergencies, personal watercraft, charts, GPS, trailering, and much more. Attendees will receive the America's Boating Course manual and, after passing an exam, a completion certificate. The class is approved by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for the Florida Boater Safety Education ID Card, required for anyone born after January 1, 1988 who operates a motorboat with 10 horsepower or more in Florida waters. The course is also approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and the U.S. Coast Guard.

The \$60 fee (for the first person; \$25 for a second person sharing materials) covers the cost of the manual.

For more information or to reserve your space, call 941-637-0766 or email [puntagordaboating@gmail.com](mailto:puntagordaboating@gmail.com). Registration deadline for this class is Saturday, September 3.\*



Glossy Ibis

photo by Meg Rousher

# Guided Birding Tour At Lakes Park

Take a nature walk with a bird patrol guide at Lakes Regional Park on Saturday, July 1 at 8 a.m. This easy walk along clear paths offers an opportunity to see birds in native vegetation with experienced bird patrol guides pointing out the many species in Lakes Park, a Lee County birding hot spot and crucial nesting area for many birds. Wear comfortable shoes and dress

to be outside. Bring water, sunscreen and binoculars.

Lakes Regional Park is located at 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers. Meet at Shelter A7. Enter Lakes Park gate from Gladiolus. Turn right. Drive to end of road, continue through the parking lot. Shelter A7 is located near the Train Station.

For more information, call 533-7580 or 533-7576. The tour is free with paid parking.

Experience the beautiful birds of Bunche Beach with a bird patrol guide on Saturday, February 11 at 8 a.m. Bunche Beach is an excellent spot to see both migrant and resident waders and shorebirds working the mudflats at low tide due to the diversity of micro-invertebrates. You may also see waterfowl, raptors and warblers. Bring binoculars, sun protection, shoes that can get wet and a bottle of drinking water.

Meet on the beach, located in South Fort Myers, off Summerlin Road. Drive south of John Morris Road until it deadends. This tour is free with parking fee of \$2 per hour (tour is approximately two hours). Restrooms are available. For more information, call 707-3015.

Tours are provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation.\*

# Memorial Golf Tournament Set For September 25

The 2017 Larry J. Romano Memorial Golf Tournament that raises funds to purchase life-saving equipment for the Fort Myers Police Department will take place on Monday, September 25 at Colonial Country Club in Fort Myers.

In 2016, the tournament was renamed in honor of one of the Fort Myers Police Foundation's founding members, Larry J. Romano, who passed away suddenly last July at the age of 75.

This is the fourth year of the tournament. Since its formation in 2014, the Fort Myers Police Foundation has raised more than \$150,000 that has gone toward purchasing medical kits for patrol cars, ballistic shields, electronic ear protection for shooting ranges, a

Meggitt FATS L7 compact training simulator, a K-9 and more.

The Fort Myers Police Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose goal is to help build a stronger bond between the community and its local police department.

Golf tournament registration begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The tournament will be followed by a cocktail hour at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. with an awards presentation, silent auction and 50/50 raffle. There will also be a hole-in-one contest to win a two-year lease from Galeana Dodge.

The entry fee is \$200 per player and \$100 for a non-playing guest. Individual and corporate sponsorships range from \$1,500 to \$3,000. Program ads are also available for \$250 to \$350.

Reservations and sponsorships are now available by visiting [www.fortmyerspolicefoundation.org](http://www.fortmyerspolicefoundation.org) or calling 321-7740.\*

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who are the only two players to win a Silver Slugger Award in their first five full major-league seasons?
2. Who was the last major-league hitter to top .370 in batting average for a season?
3. What team was the first to win a Super Bowl as an NFL playoff wild-card entry?
4. How many times did Billy Donovan reach the Final Four as coach of the Florida Gators men's basketball team (1996-2015)?
5. Who was the first player to score in five different ways (shorthanded, even strength, power play, penalty shot, empty net) during an NHL game?
6. At what age did driver Richard Petty win his seventh and final NASCAR Cup season championship?
7. When was the last time before 2017 (Australian Open) that Roger Federer won a grand-slam event in men's tennis?

## ANSWERS

1. Mike Piazza (1993-2002) and Mike Trout (2012-16). 2. Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki, with a .372 batting average in 2004. 3. The Oakland Raiders won Super Bowl XV after the 1980 season. 4. Four times -- 2000, 2006, 2007 and 2014. 5. Pittsburgh's Mario Lemieux, in 1988. 6. He was 42 when he won the season title in 1979. 7. In 2012, he won Wimbledon.





Christina Harris Schwinn photos provided



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Robert Lyons



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## New Board Of Directors Elected

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida recently announced its incoming board of directors, elected to serve through 2018. The board of directors will be led by chair, Christina Harris Schwinn, partner, Pavese Law Firm; vice-chair, Curt Todd, senior vice president, Wells Fargo; vice-chair, Scott Fischer, CEO, Scott Fischer Enterprises;

past chair, Gary Tasman, CEO and principal broker, Cushman & Wakefield Commercial Property Southwest Florida; treasurer, Robert Lyons, president, Consolidated Cleaners, Inc.; and member at large, Carleton Case, vice president of business development, Brown & Brown Benefits.

The board of directors also includes members: Russell Budd, owner, PBS Contractors; Andy Buschle, vice president, BMO Harris Bank; Beth Coryell, director, secondary programs,

Collier County Public Schools; Catherine Fay, vice president and co-owner, Naples Air, Inc.; Sean Friend, vice president, branch group manager of Lee County, Iberiabank; Dr. Sandra Kauanui, director of the Institute for Entrepreneurship, Florida Gulf Coast University; Nancy Korista, human resources professional, Strategic HR Services; Brandon Phillips, president and CEO, Global HR Research; John Ryan, general manager of West Florida, Comcast Spotlight; William Scott, president and CEO, William Scott Initiatives; and Suzanne Specht, assistant director for the Florida Small

Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University's Lutgert College of Business.

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

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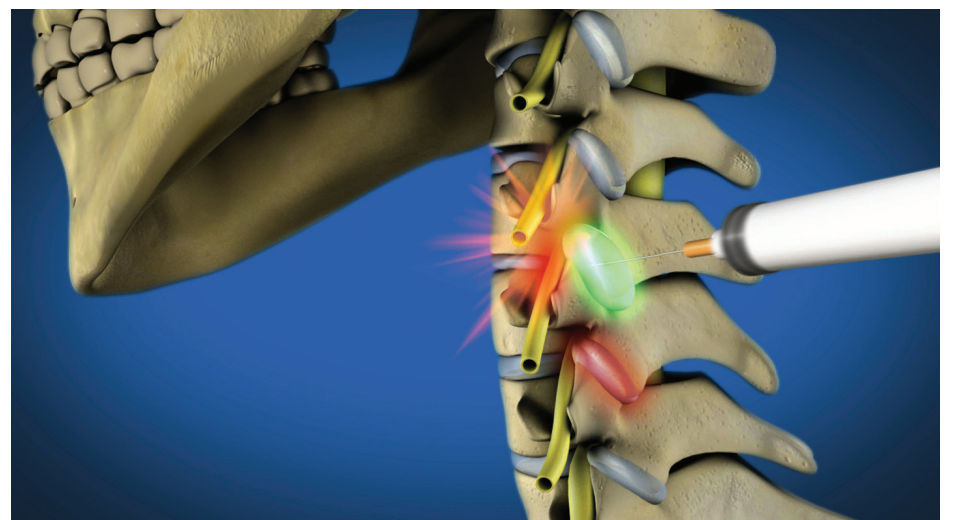
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## Book Review

# The Gyroscope Of Guilt

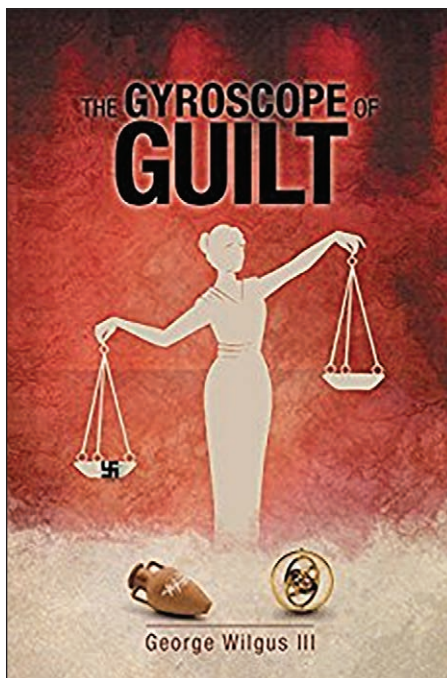


by Di Saggau

Local author George Wilgus III has penned a very interesting novel. *The Gyroscope of Guilt* involves a respected Princeton trial lawyer named Johnnie Fitzhugh.

He goes by the advice his father taught him, "Son, you don't have to like or respect your client. Just stay calm and take the money. If you don't, you won't last long in this profession." This advice is put to the test when he is compelled to defend a distinguished anesthesiologist, Dr. Melanie Stafford, who is accused of murdering her husband. Unknown to him, the seeds of their mutual destruction, or salvation, were already embedded in earlier events over which they had no control.

Melanie's father, Glen Burnside, is a tough 75-year-old former U.S. Marine Corps lieutenant, decorated Vietnam War veteran, and president and CEO of Supreme Insurance Company, which happens to be the largest client of Johnnie's firm. Melanie keeps saying "They killed him." She is referring to the pharmaceutical company where her husband worked. A back story in the



novel involves 70 years of theft, greed and deceit that the participants are not aware of, and it unleashes a cataclysm of grief, revenge and personal destruction. Is the accused a victim of a monstrous pharmaceutical plot or a killer out for revenge? The pharmaceutical company has created a facial skin cream with powerful anti-aging ingredients. But are there side effects? Apparently, Melanie's husband knew about them.

A photojournalist on assignment in Vienna may hold the answer if she lives to reveal it. A Munich art dealer named

Horst has ties with an American, who goes unnamed for most of the book. The dealer has a long-buried secret from Nazi Germany that can link the past to the present, if he risks his career and possibly his life.

His trial assistant Erika, a very interesting character, thinks Melanie is guilty. Johnnie wonders if he is defending a killer or a wronged spouse. There are clues throughout the book as to who is the killer, but the reader is unable to determine this until the author makes a startling revelation. Wilgus does an excellent job of describing the legal and judicial communities, and he does it in

plain language, not legalese. The book takes us to Princeton, Munich, Vienna and there are also a few chapters on Sanibel.

The trial holds the outcome, one which none of the numerous participants nor those who orchestrated the unfolding events will ever forget. The book combines history, law, forensics and courtroom psychology that keeps you guessing until its riveting conclusion. It's a murder mystery, courtroom drama that also focuses on several international issues. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book and hope I have convinced you to do the same.✱

## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

**Dear Readers,** Every summer I receive many questions from parents of preschool aged children who are concerned about their child's

readiness for kindergarten. Many of you are wondering if your child has the maturity, the preparation and the skills to be successful in today's more academically rigorous kindergarten. In the next few weeks, I will be addressing these questions through a series of articles focusing on what school readiness really means. I hope you find the information helpful.

Shelley

School Readiness for whom and when and is my child ready?

Most states designate a specific, arbitrary cut-off date to have uniformity in school entry practices. If a child reaches a certain age by the cut-off date (typically 5 for kindergarten and 6 for first grade), a child may begin school. However, cut-off dates vary considerably across states and research tells us that age is not the most accurate measure of how well a child will adjust to school. However, these policies are relatively fair because all students are treated equally. Often school districts and communities hold kindergarten screening programs designed to help parents determine if their child is ready for school and to identify problems in development that might warrant attention or extra services.

While much of the data collected by these kindergarten screening programs is helpful for understanding a child's

readiness for school, we must remember that young children are very difficult to evaluate accurately given their rapid development, short attention spans and often inconsistent performance on demand. Children also may be entering the school system with varying linguistic abilities, varying cultural heritages and varying levels of both personal experience and cultural exposure. So while it is reasonable to expect that children enter kindergarten as active, curious and motivated learners, it is not reasonable to expect that all 5-year-olds have the same level of preparation needed to acquire early reading, math and social skills, or have the same attention spans or motor dexterity. Children learn different skills at different rates.

Deliberation of school readiness must take into account the range and quality of children's early life experiences. Research has suggested that many aspects of children's lives influence their preparation for formal school learning, including cognitive, social, emotional and motor development, and, most importantly, early home, parental and preschool experiences.

School readiness then signifies the child's attainment of a certain set of emotional, behavioral, motor and cognitive skills needed to learn, work and function successfully in school. School readiness means that a child is ready to enter a social environment that is primarily focused on education.

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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*

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## Pine Island Group

music. With familiar rhythms and catchy hooks, Strange Arrangement is creating music that's appealing to people of all ages and walks of life. Visit [www.facebook.com/strange.arrangement.7/](http://www.facebook.com/strange.arrangement.7/) for more information on the group.

The Sounds of Summer is a

biweekly multi-genre concert series from June through August. Each concert will bring audiences a unique and entertaining experience. Visit [www.sbdac.com/summer-concert-series/](http://www.sbdac.com/summer-concert-series/) for more information.

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





From left, Greg Stamper, Jennifer Shannahan, Capt. John Bunch, Tony Coppolino and Noelle Casagrande-Montgomery photos provided

## Military Outreach Program Benefits From Fundraiser

The fourth annual Bluegrass, Brew and BBQ at Matanzas on the Bay on Fort Myers Beach on May 27 raised more than \$7,000 to benefit Operation Open Arms, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the care and treatment of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in military personnel.

The event brought nearly 730 guests out to enjoy live music from the Bugtussle Ramblers and the Cooter Creek Bluegrass Band, craft beer from Fort Myers Brewing Company, a 50/50 raffle and a barbecue plate of ribs, smoked pork shanks, potato salad, corn on the cob, and more.

"Our fourth annual Bluegrass, Brew and BBQ event was a great success, and we thoroughly enjoyed another year of food and fun in support of Operation Open Arms," said Tony Coppolino, general manager of Matanzas on the Bay. "Operation Open Arms truly makes a difference within our community through its compassion and steadfast commitment to our troops returning from deployment. We are honored to support the mission of this organization, and we are grateful to the hundreds of guests who came out to

the event to show their support as well."

The Memorial Day weekend event is dedicated to supporting the mission of Operation Open Arms, a 501(c)(3) charity and nationally acclaimed military outreach program that provides active, foreign duty U.S. service personnel every possible act of kindness through unique outreach services and PTSD mental health care within 30 days of returning home from deployment.

"From general manager to dishwasher, Team Matanzas on the Bay demonstrated the same type of teamwork we all witness when a Super Bowl winner is crowned," said Capt. John "GiddyUp" Bunch, founder of Operation Open Arms. "For 12 years, teamwork has been the reason for the success of Operation Open Arms. Every single Matanzas employee who worked this Memorial Day weekend event for U.S. troops returning from combat is a selfless hero. What else do you call someone who does more for others than they do for themselves?"

For the past 12 years, Operation Open Arms has continued to make a difference in the lives of more than 3,500 U.S. troops returning from combat or foreign duty stations, totaling \$13.8 million in direct tangible benefits. For more information about Operation Open Arms and its efforts, visit [www.OperationOpenArms.org](http://www.OperationOpenArms.org).



From left, Staff Sgt. Shannon Tasker-Thomas, Capt. John Bunch and Noelle Casagrande-Montgomery



The 2017 Bluegrass, Brew & BBQ at Matanzas on the Bay raised more than \$7,000 to benefit Operation Open Arms

## United Way Military Program Receives Support

The Military Officer Association of America, Lee Coast Chapter (MOAA) and the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary have given United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee a total of \$11,000 to benefit the Mission United program.

Mission United serves as a single phone point of entry utilizing the United Way 211 helpline number to assist local United States active military, veterans and their families in Lee, Hendry and Glades counties navigate and access needed services. Trained United Way 211 Information and Referral Specialists assess the caller's needs and refer callers to the appropriate resources in the community. Mission United refers veterans to human services agencies that provide resources including housing, food, employment, mental health services and much more.

Roger Triftshauser of the MOAA, a retired US Navy Reserve rear admiral, and



From left, Roger Triftshauser of the Military Officers Association of America and a U.S. Navy Reserve rear admiral; William Rahe, president of the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Trust Fund; Linda Hafner, vice president for United Way 211; and Jeremy Gentile, Mission United program manager. photo provided

William Rahe, president of the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Trust Fund, presented the checks to Linda Hafner and Jeremy

Gentile of Mission United.

Mission United has assisted 1,265 active duty military members and veterans

in the first year of operation. United Way's Mission United Program Manager Jeremy Gentile said, "With hundreds of human service agencies in our community, it can take a lot of phone calls to find the right resource. We not only find the resources for the veterans who call, but follow up by calling them back to be sure they received the help they needed."

Cliff Smith, president of the United Way said, "The generosity of the Military Officers Association of America and Sanibel-Captiva Rotary are making a huge difference in the lives of many local active duty military, veterans and their families. Thank you for helping make Mission United possible."

In addition to raising funds for human service organizations in our community, the United Way promotes partnerships and collaborations among agencies, helping them to work together focusing on issues and solutions that continue to improve lives.

The United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee has raised over \$157 million since it was established in 1957. For more information, call 433-2000 or visit [www.UnitedWayLee.org](http://www.UnitedWayLee.org).



# Lee Health Earns Inaugural Perinatal Award

Lee Health has been awarded the inaugural Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative (FPQC) John Curran Quality Improvement Award for its efforts in decreasing maternal morbidity. In application for this award, Lee Health submitted its quality improvement project titled Decreasing Maternal Morbidity in a Multi Hospital System. Carol Lawrence, PhD, Lee Health obstetrical administration supervisor, perinatal practice, education, research and lactation, accepted the award at the FPQC Annual Conference in Tampa from April 27 to 28. The Lee Health Board of Directors recognized the team's success at the June 1 board meeting.

According to the FPQC, the leading causes of maternal morbidity in Florida include obstetric hemorrhage and hypertensive disorders. Lee Health, which has three obstetric delivery hospitals, including one Regional Perinatal Intensive Care Center (RPICC), organized a multidisciplinary



From left, Chris Jabaay, RN, OB nursing director, HealthPark Medical Center; John Curran; Nancy Travis, RN, nursing director, Women's Care Center, Cape Coral Hospital; and Natasha Saavedra, supervisor, labor and delivery, Gulf Coast Medical Center photo provided

team to address this growing health concern. Lee Health defined maternal morbidity as the receipt of four or more blood products and/or intensive care unit (ICU) admission.

"Our team recognized the key components to decrease morbidity specific to obstetric hemorrhage (OHI) and hypertensive disorders (HIP), and we researched evidence-based best

practices, implemented trainings and standardized protocols," Lawrence explained. The team's efforts and persistence resulted in favorable measures, including the decreased rate of ICU admissions:

- 0.58 percent in 2014
- 0.50 percent in 2015
- 0.40 percent in 2016

The system's baseline rate for women receiving four or more transfusions was 0.0030 percent for July through September 2013 and decreased to 0.0017 percent post-implementation of new standards and protocols.

"We are very proud to earn this prestigious award and to be recognized for the work we are doing to decrease the risk for maternal morbidity," Lawrence said. "Our rates of maternal morbidity have decreased but our commitment and work will continue until we reach a rate of zero."

The John Curran Quality Improvement Award recognizes a Florida delivery hospital that has made a measurable and sustained positive change in a major perinatal quality improvement indicator/issue through the implementation of quality improvement activities within the last three years.\*

# Hospital Hires Administrative Officer



Armando Llechu photo provided

Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida is proud to welcome Armando Llechu, chief administrative officer. Llechu will oversee the hospital's strategic initiatives, manage day-to-day operations and be responsible for its overall performance.

Prior to joining Golisano Children's Hospital, Llechu was vice president, clinical operations at Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami. He also served Nicklaus Children's Hospital as director, patient access and utilization

review, and as administrative director, emergency department and support services. Llechu also worked for Tenet Healthcare in West Palm Beach, as director of patient access at St. Mary's Medical Center, and as regional supervisor of the medical eligibility program.

"Armando brings a wealth of experience in health care leadership," said Larry Antonucci, MD, Lee Health chief executive officer. "He has a strong background in strategic planning, Lean facilitation, process optimization, quality improvement, financial analysis and more. We are excited to have Armando join our team and lead Golisano Children's Hospital into the future in its new, state-of-the-art facility."

Llechu earned his bachelor of science in health services at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, and a master of business administration and Lean Six Sigma Black Belt Certification at Florida International University in Miami.\*

# FGCU Board New Members And Officers

The Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation, Inc. recently announced the election of four Board members at its quarterly meeting Wednesday, June 7, as well as its officers for the coming year.

Newly elected board members will serve a four-year term. New members are:

- Mary Beth Geier, a 2016 FGCU alumna, holds a master's degree in educational leadership from the College of Education. Geier is the Florida region

coordinator for the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation and is based in the Naples office.

- Joe Schortz is the owner and managing member of Schortz CPA, PLLC in Punta Gorda. Schortz earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Pfeiffer University. Schortz is a resident of Punta Gorda.

- Michael Hartley is president and owner of Standard Bent Glass Corp, a leading custom architectural bent/curved glass manufacturer in Butler, Pennsylvania. Hartley lives in Bonita Springs and Mars, Pennsylvania.

- Harry Casimir, a 2005 alumnus, has been an ex-officio member of the foundation board since 2015 while serving as chair of the FGCU Alumni Association Board from 2015 to 2017. He holds a bachelor of science degree in computer information systems and is co-founder of Atilus, a web development and internet marketing firm based in Bonita Springs.

The officers of the foundation board, who will serve a two-year term, are:

- David Holmes, Esq. is the new chairperson. He completed two consecutive four-year terms as a board director, serving as chair of the development committee for two years. He is an attorney and president of Farr, Farr, Emerich, Hackett, Carr and Holmes, PA in Punta Gorda.

- David Call will become the board vice chair. On the foundation board since 2011, he served as board chairperson and was on the executive committee. Call oversees the operations of Fifth Third Bank within the State of Florida.

- Timothy Cartwright is treasurer. On the board since 2010, Cartwright is a partner with Fifth Avenue Advisors and serves as the managing director of their subsidiary Compass Advisory

Group in Naples.

- Steve Magiera is assistant treasurer of the board. He is FGCU's vice president for administrative services and finance.

- Kimberly Johnson, Esq., is board secretary. On the foundation board since 2011, she is the chair of the law firm Quarles & Brady in Naples.

The FGCU Foundation supports the university's educational mission by securing and administering gifts on its behalf, managing its endowment and allocating funds that advance student achievement and enhance academic programs.

For more information, contact Chris Simoneau, vice president for advancement and executive director of the FGCU Foundation, at 590-1064.\*

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# New Board

are invaluable to our organization, and we are pleased to welcome our incoming 2017-18 members and executive officers," said Angela Fisher, president and CEO of Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida. "We are fortunate to have dedicated members who bring forward a wealth of knowledge about the world of business, and we are excited to tap into their expertise as we work to prepare younger generations for future success."

Board members of Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida are responsible for managing the business, assets and activities of the organization and maintain the authority to determine key business policies and practices. Fundamental roles of board members include trusteeship, strategic planning, policy and evaluation and resource development.\*



# Community Benefit Increases For Health System

Lee Health's Annual Statement of Community Benefit for fiscal year 2016 was recently published, revealing \$308 million (net) in community benefits by the health system – a benefit increase of more than \$77,000,000 over 2015. The report is a national standard of measurement that determines a monetary value for the health system's community commitment and the financial investments it makes to help strengthen health and human services. This \$308 million contribution equals more than \$843,000 every single day of the year. The increase was attributed to higher costs of charity care for low-income patients, unpaid Medicare, Medicaid and other government-sponsored programs.

"As one of the largest public health systems in the country, Lee Health continues to provide health care services without any direct community tax support," explained Larry Antonucci, MD, president/CEO of Lee Health. "Our presence also goes well beyond medical care. We contribute greatly through educational programs and local partnerships with a variety of organizations for the betterment of the entire community."

Contributions include charity care and discounted care for the poor and uninsured, wellness programs, education, community health programs, unpaid Medicare and Medicaid, as well as the cost of providing special programs throughout the community.

As one of its many partnerships, Lee Health collaborates with the United Way in the Dunbar, North Fort Myers and Cape Coral offices of Lee Community Healthcare, which are available to low-income and underinsured families, providing much needed access to primary care within the community. Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, the only acute care children's hospital between Tampa and Miami, has provided support and education through the Child Advocacy Program to more than 95,000 people in Lee and Collier counties, including unintentional injury prevention and health education ranging from correct installation of child safety seats to classes to help parents learn and implement "building blocks" for strong child development.

Lee Health initiatives are also helping to bring a culture of wellness through various means such as free health fairs held in local schools, shopping centers, businesses and festivals by reaching people in the places where they live, work and play. The Healthy Life Center at Coconut Point offers services and education to support healthy lifestyles, early detection of disease and chronic disease management. It offers screenings, classes, workshops and seminars on a variety of wellness topics, and is staffed by personal health advocates and health guides who assist individuals in person to help navigate their health care needs.

More than 40 physicians and health

professionals donate their time to Lee Health's Speakers' Bureau, connecting directly with patients through question-and-answer sessions held at local venues. Lee Health employees also donate thousands of hours each year through leadership roles on various boards of directors, chambers of commerce, social services agencies and organizations.

Community benefit calculations are over and above the economic value that organizations like the health system provide each and every year through jobs and benefits and reinvestment into facilities, technologies, clinical programs and services. The methodology for calculating is used nationally.

Lee Health continues to provide

benefits to the community well in excess of the value of its tax exempt status. As a public, not-for-profit entity the health system was exempted from paying approximately \$66 million in taxes for fiscal year 2016, an amount that is overwhelmingly outweighed by the \$308 million the health system provided in net benefits given back to the community.

Not-for-profit hospitals and health systems are required to provide community benefit reports annually and to research community health needs every three years. Lee Health has been doing this for many years prior to such a requirement. The full report is available at [www.leehealth.org/about/communityreport0708.asp](http://www.leehealth.org/about/communityreport0708.asp).

# New Nonstop Daily Flights

The Lee County Port Authority announced that Spirit Airlines will begin nonstop service from Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) to Hartford's Bradley International Airport (BDL) and Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT) on November 9.

Daily flights to both cities will operate throughout the season. For flight reservations, visit [www.spirit.com](http://www.spirit.com).

For more information about Southwest Florida International Airport, visit [www.flylcpa.com](http://www.flylcpa.com) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/flyRSW](http://www.facebook.com/flyRSW).

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Preregistration Fee \$40.00. Walk-in fee day of event \$45.00  
Includes: Car, Driver, Navigator, Unlimited Crew, and 1 Official Road Rally T-Shirt.  
(Additional T-Shirts will be available for \$15.00)

**Penalties:**

- Five points deducted for each mile over or under computed mileage.
- Points may be deducted for each minute over or under adverage course time at the Committee's discretion.
- Entry disqualified for exceeding posted speed limit or for receiving a moving violation on the course.
- Entry may be disqualified if not at finish point within 2 1/2 hours.
- The Rally Master reserves the right to adjust the time equally for all contestants if conditions warrant.
- Afterglow party in The Sanibel Grill @ The Timbers Restaurant!



**Registration from end of Parade to 12:00 Noon July 4th,**  
**in the parking lot at Timbers Restaurant**  
**703 Tarpon Bay Road, Sanibel Island, Florida**  
**Conducted by: The Sanibel Captiva Optimist Club**  
**Best Decorated Car may qualify for Next year's t-shirt!**

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deaRPharmacist

## Seven Reasons You Don't Sleep Like A Baby



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**D**ear Readers: Chronic sleep deprivation causes you to crave more junk food, skip your exercise routine and deflate your mood. The only real way to cure insomnia is to find out why it's

occurring in the first place. Don't just take sleeping pills to knock yourself out, consider the impediments to sleeping like a baby and fix those. Here are seven reasons you don't sleep like a baby:

1. Timing: If you're accidentally taking stimulating medication at night instead of the morning, you will not sleep well. A fellow gym-rat told me she takes her Synthroid at 7 p.m., and my neighbor uses his Albuterol (asthma inhaler) at bedtime. Both of these medications are ideally taken in the morning because they will keep you up at night. That said, if you wake up some nights coughing, or with a chest tightness, you could certainly use your inhaler then, but bronchodilators that are prescribed for general maintenance are best used during daytime hours.

2. Medical Conditions: What if you have Hashimoto's or Graves' disease? Both of these conditions cause erratic changes in thyroid hormone that can block sleep. Untreated acid reflux is another common cause for poor, unrefreshing sleep. Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease cause disruptions in the natural sleep-wake cycle and, if you are in the beginning stages, you may not even realize you have these conditions brewing. Type 2 diabetes will disturb your sleep due to the frequent urges to urinate.

3. Allergies: You might think I'm simply referring to hayfever, and while that certainly will keep you up at night, I'm thinking bigger. When I say allergies, I mean everything that could possibly annoy your immune system from the warm milk you drank before bedtime, to the goose down duvet, to the flannel sheets, and the polyester rug under your bed, to the dust on your fan blades, to dust mites in general ... to cat or dog fur and so on. Histamine release will keep you up at night, not to mention the miserable symptoms.

4. Temperature: Personally if it's too hot, I can't sleep. I like the bedroom cold, but Sam likes it warm and cozy, so on cold, snowy Colorado nights, I leave our window open but I give Sam a microwaveable hot pack.

5. Chronic pain: Only 36 percent of chronic pain sufferers enjoy regular, good sleep according to the National Sleep Foundation.

6. Green Tea: It makes some people alert due to the minor caffeine content. It doesn't make everyone sleep like you

may have thought.

7. Drinking coffee: Most of you know not to drink coffee at night for obvious reasons (the caffeine), but what you don't know is that coffee is a drug mugger of magnesium. This mineral is a natural chill pill, and it helps your muscles relax. Magnesium is thought to be a calming mineral so coffee drinkers are up against potential mag deficiency, and therefore more prone to migraines,

insomnia and sadness. Drinking decaf doesn't matter because decaf coffee still contains chlorogenic acid, which is the compound that mugs the magnesium.

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

## Challenge Gift Matched For Cancer Center

**T**hrough overwhelming community-wide support for matching gifts to the Regional Cancer Center, more than \$200,000 has been raised to support those who are unable to pay for their cancer treatments. The challenge was made to the community by the John E. & Aliese Price Foundation with their gift of \$100,000 earlier this year. Lee Health Foundation has officially established the Sharon MacDonald Breast Health Fund, which benefits the Regional Cancer Center and honors Sharon's contribution to Lee Health and the Southwest Florida community.

John E. & Aliese Price Foundation CEO and President Kenneth P. Walker presented a \$100,000 check to Sharon MacDonald on May 22, just days before MacDonald's retirement as chief administrative officer of Lee Health's

Regional Cancer Center.

"This gift represents the first major challenge grant that the Price Foundation has made which doubles the financial impact of our investment in a program," said Walker. "It will help change the lives of women who are fighting breast cancer and do not have the ability to pay for needed medical care. We say thank you to the staff at Lee Health Foundation and to community citizens who donated to match the grant. Partnering with other non-profit organizations is part of our new vision for helping to meet charitable needs in our community."

The fund provides support to breast cancer patients who are unable to pay for their treatment, and donations may be used to underwrite the cost of diagnostics, treatment, chemotherapy, radiation, medication and other care/ services needed to promote successful patient outcomes.

To support the Sharon MacDonald Breast Health Fund, visit [www.LeeHealthFoundation.org/Donate](http://www.LeeHealthFoundation.org/Donate).✱

Doctor and Dietician

## Exercise Day



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

**W**e wanted to share this idea for a new holiday, adorably proposed by a 12-year-old friend. "In America, we have 11 official holidays! I believe that my new holiday, 'Exercise Day,' would be very beneficial and should be added to the 11 holidays America already has." Doesn't that just bring a smile to your face?

As we all know, people are becoming busier. They are studying more to attain better jobs. When they work, they are working long hours with long commutes. Time is limited and demands from numerous responsibilities can push stress levels through the roof. As a result, people cut important things from their lives, including exercise and self-care. We

read studies everyday about people who have worsening health, at high risk for disease, or are sick and tired all the time. Many of these problems could be reduced just by exercising more. In fact, [www.Darebee.com](http://www.Darebee.com) gives 50 reasons why we should exercise. That's a lot of reasons! Some of them include how exercise lifts your mood, improves learning abilities, builds self-esteem, keeps your brain and body fit, reduces stress, has anti-aging affects, eases back pain and makes life more exciting. One of the best and simplest ways to exercise is walking. By walking, people can slow down and recharge, especially if they are walking in a nature setting. Maybe this is one of the greatest benefits of walking more.

Life's demands can be stressful and take a toll on our health. Walking is a perfect opportunity to slow down, think about life and simply enjoy the big, beautiful world. The recommendation from this 12 year-old is wise for reasons he may not fully understand yet. We should celebrate exercise every day and encourage each other in our efforts to stay fit and healthy!

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

## Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

**L**izzie 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,

I am very concerned about my 47-year-old daughter. She is very depressed and extremely upset because she has recently been told that she is almost three months pregnant.

Her three children are away at college and they know nothing about this family event. Her husband, who is a very busy attorney, is very

enthusiastic and looking forward to this little bundle.

What can I do to help her and what advice do you have to help me?

Madeline

### Dear Madeline,

I am sorry to hear your daughter is having a difficult time. I am sure you feel helpless as well. My advice is to emotionally support your daughter, but not get involved. The pregnancy is between husband and wife, not between husband, wife and mother-in-law. You may or may not agree with their choice, but it is not your choice. Support whatever their choice is as a family.

Pryce

### Dear Madeline,

Once a mother, always a mother. Until we pass, most mothers are concerned about their children even if they are in their nineties and their children in their sixties and seventies.

We are told that we must let them make their own decisions, but at times it is extremely difficult to sit back and keep our mouths shut.

I have heard some mothers say, "My tongue bleeds after I visit one of my children's homes." But in the final tally, she and her husband must make the final decision.

Lizzie

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Alligator Wonton with Orange Ginger Sauce

photo courtesy Fresh From Florida

**Alligator Wonton with Orange Ginger Sauce**

- 1 tablespoon olive oil  
 1 onion, finely diced  
 1 tablespoon garlic, finely minced  
 3 tablespoons ginger, freshly grated  
 1/2 pound shrimp, peeled, finely chopped  
 3 canned water chestnuts, drained, finely chopped  
 1/2 pound lean gator meat, ground  
 1/2 cup scallions, chopped  
 1 tablespoon oyster sauce  
 2 teaspoons low sodium soy sauce  
 1 tablespoon rice wine or dry sherry  
 2 teaspoons salt  
 1 teaspoon white pepper  
 1 package prepared wonton wrappers (12)  
 canola oil for frying
- Orange Ginger Sauce**  
 1 cup orange marmalade

1/2 cup low sodium soy sauce  
 1 tablespoon rice wine or dry sherry  
 1 teaspoon pickled ginger, chopped  
 Heat olive oil in a sauté pan over medium heat then add onion, garlic and ginger; sauté until translucent and set aside to cool. When cool, combine onion mixture, chopped shrimp, water chestnuts and remaining ingredients (except wonton skins) in a large bowl mixing well.

To assemble, lay one wrapper on a cutting board and moisten all edges of the wrapper with water. Place a tablespoon of wonton filling in the center of wrapper and fold in half diagonally over filling. Make sure the edges meet and press edges down firmly to seal.

Press down on filling to flatten slightly; repeat with remaining wontons. In a deep-fryer, heat canola oil to 375 degrees F. Fry wontons in small batches for 2 to 3 minutes until golden brown, turning occasionally. Remove with slotted spoon and drain on paper towels. Serve immediately with Orange Ginger Sauce.

For the dipping sauce, combine the orange marmalade, soy sauce, rice wine and ginger in a bowl; mix well. Serve as dipping sauce warm or room temperature.✱

**HORTOONS**

## THE RIVER

WEEKLY NEWS  
 FROM THE BEACHES TO DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS

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Lee County Sheriff's Office	477-1200
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Art League Of Fort Myers	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall	481-4849
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Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	278-4422
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Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade	332-4488
Florida West Arts	948-4427
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers	288-2535
Gulf Coast Symphony	489-1800
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Theatre Conspiracy	936-3239
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American Business Women Association	357-6755
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Audubon Society	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR	482-1366
Caloosahatchee Folk Society	321-4620
Cape Chorale Barbershop Chorus	1-855-425-3631
Cape Coral Stamp Club	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees	454-1083
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Embroiderers Guild of America - Sea Grape Chapter	239-267-1990
FM UDC Chapter 2614 - United Daughters of the Confederacy	728-3743
Friendship Force Of SW FL	561-9164
Garden Club of Cape Coral	239-257-2654
Horticulture and Tea Society	472-8334
Horticultural Society	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation	939-7278
NARFE (National Active & Retired Federal Employees	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL	667-1354
Sons of Confederate Veterans	332-2408
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association	561-2118
Kiwanis Fort Myers Beach	765-4254 or 454-8090
Kiwanis Fort Myers Edison	694-1056
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Iona-McGregor	482-0869
Lions Club Fort Myers Beach	463-9738
Lions Club Fort Myers High Noon	466-4228
Lions Club Estero/South Fort Myers	898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County	768-0417
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POLO Club of Lee County	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers	332-8158
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United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour)	211 or 433-3900

**AREA ATTRACTIONS**

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Burrough's Home	337-9505
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PUZZLES

Answers on page 29

Super Crossword

HOLLYWOOD HEDGING

ACROSS

1 Really dislike

5 First-string athletic group

10 Black mark

16 Suffix with fiend

19 27-Across' continent

20 Elder Obama daughter

21 Approached to assail

22 Bakery treat

23 Start of a riddle

26 Carte or mode lead-in

27 Seoul's land

28 Engine

29 Also include

30 Erfurt article

31 Spider-Man co-creator

34 Declares, informally

35 Spread of puréed liver

37 Wish for

38 Riddle, part 2

42 Romanov ruler

46 Very regretful one

47 Pretense

48 Lew of "State Fair"

49 Riddle, part 3

55 Jewish holiday in spring

56 Give — on the back

57 Pop singer

58 Times of distinction

62 Informal name for Utah

65 Easter entrées

67 Many truck engines

69 Farrow of films

70 Riddle, part 4

73 Beer in Bath

74 Gucci or Armani rival

76 "That's all there is —"

77 Trials by fire

79 "Hey, you there"

80 Suffix with switch

82 Brand of hair remover

84 Prefix with tasking

86 Riddle, part 5

91 Moved like a kangaroo

94 Stock debut, for short

95 "Oh, uh-huh"

96 Spanish for "other"

97 End of the riddle

103 "Bill" penner

104 Butterlike product

105 — -di-dah

106 Stir-fry tidbit

111 Meyers or Onassis

112 Leave agape

113 Sun. church talk

114 Sphere

115 Giant in pens

116 Riddle's answer

123 Feline sign

124 Fighting spirit

125 Old major-league team

126 Inert element

127 N.J. hours

128 Elmo's street

129 "10" star Bo

130 Darns, e.g.

5 "I love," to Ovid

6 Frat "T"

7 Pipe fitting

8 Give a boost

9 Chaos

10 Pond coating

11 Sea- — Airport

12 "— little teapot ..."

13 Cold Italian desserts

14 Actor Karl

15 Very little

16 Apple debut of 2013

17 Quiet

18 Brick floors of fireplaces

24 Young cow

25 Anise-flavored liqueur

32 Italian money

33 Adequate, to Li'l Abner

34 Waffle pour-on

35 Painter Pablo

36 Allstate rival

37 "Indubitably!"

39 Counteract

40 Dirt Devil, e.g., for short

41 — -Mart

42 Phone bug

43 Crams, e.g.

44 Overdue debt

45 Social reformer

50 Frat "O"

51 Loutish sort

52 Endurance

53 Opposite of chaos

54 Water nymph of myth

59 Portion out anew

60 Sports VIP

61 Louisville-to-Atlanta dir.

63 Houston college, for short

64 "If — Would Leave You"

66 Silver or gold

68 Rival

69 Sports VIP

71 Go as low as short

72 What the weary get, in a saying

75 Walk over

78 Sedan, say

81 Of sheep

83 From Cork, e.g.

85 "— perfect world ..."

87 Fourth of a fiscal yr.

88 — au vin (chicken dish)

89 Shar- — (wrinkly dogs)

90 Russia's Trotsky

91 Pleasant

92 Manicure boards

93 Yellowish fruit

98 Red-eyed sparrow

99 Tips off (1997 film)

100 "—'s Gold"

101 Part of ERA

102 Usual

107 Takes off the bottle

108 Check recipient

109 Ulna's end

110 Prayer ends

112 PIN points

113 Pal of Hook

117 11-Down guess, briefly

118 Wood for dartboards

119 Hack down

120 "World Cafe" ailer

121 Female koala

122 "Fire away!"

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Lingerie buys

5 Poet

9 Gas stat

12 "That hurts!"

13 Divisible by two

14 Ailing

15 Bullets

16 Crumbly cheese

17 Prompt

18 Jet forth

19 Raw rock

20 Contemptible

21 It holds the mayo

23 Masseur's workplace

25 Native range horse

28 Psychedelic

32 Second president

33 Green shade

34 Hat

36 Spurn

37 Schedule abbr.

38 Ostrich's cousin

39 Piglet's papa

42 Rx meas.

44 Silent

48 Abrade

49 Venus de —

50 Item on stage

51 Anger

52 Responsibility

53 Lip

54 "Guinness Book" suffix

55 Shrek, for one

56 Stratagem

8 "CSI" evidence

9 Layered mineral

10 Calculator key

11 Merriment

20 Court no-show

22 No liability

24 Preface

25 Grimalkin

26 Fuss and feathers

27 Shrill bark

29 Slapstick missile

30 Plastic piping

31 Still

35 PG-13, e.g.

36 Rest

39 Cheese choice

40 Yours and mine

41 Help hoods

43 Speak unclearly

45 Pakistani tongue

46 Apparel

47 Duel tool

49 Cattle call

DOWN

1 Feathery accessories

2 Type of roast

3 Top

4 Skilled equestrian

5 Preceding

6 State with certainty

7 Check again

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G	G	E	C	Z	X	V	T	R	P	D	N	L	J	H
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

Angel food	Chocolate	Fruitcake	Sponge
Boston cream	Cupcake	Funnel	Teacake
Bundt	Devil's-food	Pancake	Upside-down
Chiffon	Flapcake	Pound	





"Daddy was only kidding when he said he'd put a \_\_\_\_\_ outside your room if you didn't clean it up!"  
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!

Plenty  
MAPLE   

Weight  
BURNED   

Fragile  
RENTED   

Portion  
HEARS   

**TODAY'S WORD**

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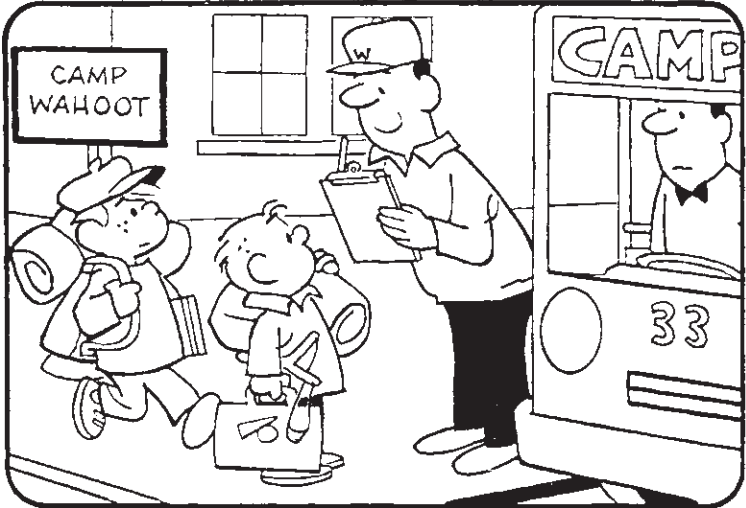
SUDOKU

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.

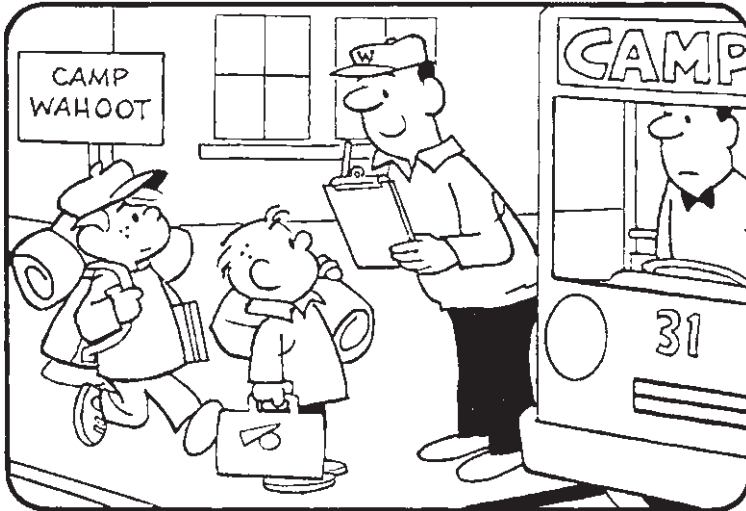
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Sign is different. 2. Strap is shorter. 3. Slingshot is missing. 4. Cap is different. 5. Arm is moved. 6. Number is different.

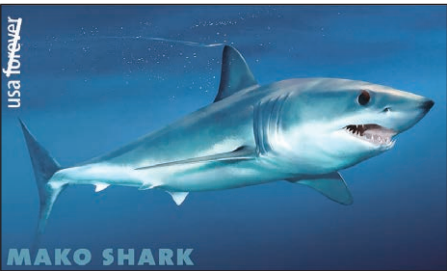
U.S. Postal Service To Issue Sharks Forever Stamps

The U.S. Postal Service will celebrate the wonder of sharks by issuing the Sharks Forever stamps featuring five species that inhabit American waters – the mako, thresher, great white, hammerhead and whale sharks. If you wish to share the news on social media, use the hashtag #SharksStamps.

The 8 a.m. July 26 First-Day-of-Issue ceremony will take place at the Newport Aquarium in Newport, Kentucky. This is a ticketed event. Tickets are limited to a first-come, first-served basis. Send an RSVP to [www.usps.com/sharks](http://www.usps.com/sharks) for free tickets.

Customers may preorder the stamps in early July at [www.usps.com/shop](http://www.usps.com/shop) for delivery shortly after the July 26 nationwide issuance.

Possibly no other creatures are as mythologized – or as misunderstood – as sharks. Blockbuster thrillers and sensationalized media have fueled the belief that sharks are monsters: unthinking, bloodthirsty, vengeful and primitive. While they are ancient



An athlete of the shark world is the swift, streamlined mako shark. The stamp image depicts a shortfin mako (*Isurus oxyrinchus*) knifing through the water near the surface.

images provided

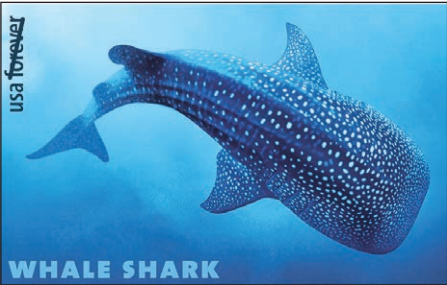
creatures, having emerged long before the first dinosaurs, after 400 million years, the 500 or so known shark species have adapted to their ecological role.

Sharks' adaptations include light, flexible skeletons of cartilage, teeth replaced without limit and skin covered by a hydrodynamic surface of tiny tooth-like structures. Their keen senses include one that detects electrical signals given off by prey and enables navigation by Earth's magnetic field. Their nervous systems are also adapted to sense miniscule water movements, such as the struggles of a far-off fish.

You may view many of this year's



The most distinctive feature of the pelagic thresher shark (*Alopias pelagicus*) is its unique, whip-like tail fin, seen trailing in the distance of the stamp image

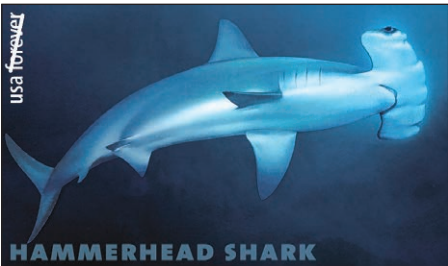


The world's largest fish is the sluggish, filter-feeding, school bus-sized whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*)

other stamps on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/USPSStamps](http://www.facebook.com/USPSStamps) or via Twitter @USPSStamps.



The great white (*Carcharodon carcharias*) epitomizes sharks in many peoples' minds



The scalloped hammerhead (*Sphyrna lewini*), featured in the hammerhead shark stamp, is one of three large hammerhead species

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My Stars★★★★

FOR WEEK OF JUNE 26, 2017

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Be prepared to face some challenges stirred up by an envious colleague. Your best defense is the Arian's innate honesty. Stick with the truth, and you'll come out ahead.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your sensitivity to the needs of others is admirable. But be careful to avoid those who would take unfair advantage of your good nature, especially where money is involved.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Having an optimistic attitude is fine, as far as it goes. But don't be lulled into a false sense of confidence. There still are problems to deal with before you can totally relax.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You might feel somewhat "crabby," as you fuss over plans that don't seem to work out. Maybe you're trying too hard. Ease up and let things happen without forcing them.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Heed that keen Leonine instinct. It's trying to tell you to delay making a decision until you're sure there are no hidden problems that could cause trouble later on.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to reach out to those who might be nursing hurt feelings over recent events. Best advice: Ignore any pettiness that could delay the healing process.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your understanding helps a colleague get through a difficult period. Although you didn't do it for a reward, be assured that your actions will be repaid down the line.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You score some high marks in the workplace, which will count in your favor when you face the possibility of changing direction on your current career path.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your goal lies straight ahead. Stay focused on it and avoid distractions that could throw off your aim and cause potentially detrimental delays.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Keep that burst of exuberance in check and resist pushing through your new project before it's ready. In your personal life, a family member again needs help.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Paying attention to your work is important this week. But so are your relationships with those special people in your life. Make time for them as well.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Good news. Someone is about to repay a long-standing debt. But be warned. That same someone could try to charm you into lending it back unless you say no and mean it.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are sensitive to matters that involve your home and family. You would make a fine family-court judge or social worker.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On July 8, 1776, in Philadelphia, the Liberty Bell rings out, summoning citizens to the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence. Although the historic document was adopted on July 4, the bell was not rung until it returned from the printer.
- On July 5, 1946, French designer Louis Reard unveils a daring two-piece swimsuit at a popular swimming pool in Paris. Reard dubbed the swimsuit the "bikini," inspired by a news-making U.S. atomic test off Bikini Atoll.
- On July 4, 1957, Italian automaker Fiat debuts the "Nuova Cinquecento," a redesigned version of a model it debuted in 1936. Fiat's first 500-cc car, the "Il Topolino," had space for two people and a top speed of 53 mph.
- On July 3, 1969, Rolling Stones guitarist Brian Jones is found dead in the swimming pool at his home in England. Two years later to the day, in 1971, Jim Morrison dies of heart failure in a Paris bathtub. Both were 27 years old.
- On July 6, 1971, Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong, one of the most influential musicians of the 20th century, dies in New York City at age 69. A world-renowned jazz trumpeter and vocalist, he pioneered jazz improvisation and the style known as swing.
- On July 7, 1981, President Ronald Reagan nominates Sandra Day O'Connor, an Arizona court of appeals judge, to be the first woman Supreme Court justice. After the Senate unanimously approved her appointment, she was sworn in by Chief Justice Warren Burger on Sept. 25.
- On July 9, 1993, British forensic

scientists announce they have positively identified the remains of Russia's last czar, Nicholas II; his wife, Czarina Alexandra; and three of their daughters. The scientists used mitochondria DNA fingerprinting to identify the bones, which had been excavated from a mass grave two years earlier.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was 19th-century journalist and women's rights advocate Margaret Fuller who made the following sage observation: "A house is no home unless it contains food and fire for the mind as well as the body."
- There is a patron saint for everything, it seems. You've probably never heard of Saint Drogo of Sebourg, but this 12th-century Flemish noble became the patron saint of those whom others find unattractive. After he turned 18, he got rid of all his wealth, became a shepherd and made several pilgrimages to Rome. On one of these pilgrimages, he was "stricken with an unsightly bodily affliction" and became hideously deformed. In order to spare others the sight of his deformity, he was confined to a small cell attached to his village church. Until the end of his life, 40 years later, he remained there, subsisting only on barley, water and the bread and wine of communion.
- The longest beard ever recorded belonged to a man named Hans N. Langseth. Upon his death in 1927, it was 17.5 feet long. In 1967, the beard was donated to the Smithsonian Institution.
- Those who study such things say that your ears secrete more wax when you're afraid.
- A recent survey by Baskin-Robbins revealed some interesting trends in parenting. It seems that when trying to get kids to do an unpleasant task, dads are 75 percent more likely to use ice cream as a bribe. Also, dads are twice as likely as moms to use ice cream to resolve an argument, and 90 percent of dads give ice cream to kids who need some cheering up.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The first method for estimating the intelligence of a ruler is to look at the men he has around him." -- Niccolo Machiavelli

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Ample; 2. Burden;  
3. Tender; 4. Share

Today's Word

DUMPSTER

TRIVIA TEST

1. **FOOD & DRINK:** What kind of flour primarily is used to make pumpernickel bread?
2. **LANGUAGE:** What does the Latin phrase "bona fide" mean?
3. **MATH:** Which Arabic number doesn't have its own Roman numeral?
4. **ART:** What French Romantic artist painted "Liberty Leading the People"?
5. **FAMOUS QUOTATIONS:** What 19th-century naturalist once said, "The clearest way into the Universe is through a forest wilderness"?
6. **LAW:** Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution abolished slavery?
7. **ASTRONOMY:** Which planet in our solar system has an average temperature of 462 degrees Celsius?
8. **GEOGRAPHY:** In what ancient city were The Hanging Gardens, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, said to have been built?
9. **COMICS:** What planet is Superman from?
10. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the name of the dry wind that blows through Southern California and Baja California?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Rye 2. In good faith 3. Zero  
4. Eugene Delacroix 5. John Muir  
6. Thirteenth Amendment 7. Venus  
8. Babylon 9. Krypton  
10. Santa Ana winds



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### 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.

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PETS OF THE WEEK

Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Bonnie And Kamri



Bonnie ID# 702149 photos provided

Bonnie is a two-year-old female labrador retriever mix who is a shy, yet endearing, canine searching for a patient owner that will allow her to come out of her shell and blossom into the perfect companion she can be. At just over 40 pounds, she is a great size for apartment or house living!

Adoption Fee: \$50  
Kamri is a seven-week-old female domestic shorthair. This black beauty has three siblings at LCDAS. All are equally as stunning and go with everything. Fun and playful they are. Adopt one, and you can adopt a sibling at no charge!

Adoption Fee: \$75  
For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at [www.LeeLostPets.com](http://www.LeeLostPets.com). When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

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



Kamri ID# 701287  
located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

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Hello, my name is Oakley. I am only 10 weeks old and just a really sweet boy and want someone to love me forever. I have beautiful tabby stripes with white cheeks and chin. My adoption fee is \$125 and includes neutering and



Curtis photos provided



Oakley  
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Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Tuscany Isle	Bonita Springs	2008	5,827	\$3,399,000	\$3,100,000	39
Anacapri	Miromar Lakes	2006	4,595	\$1,949,000	\$1,700,000	164
Riverbrooke	Estero	2016	5,121	\$1,810,000	\$1,810,000	0
Riverbrooke	Estero	2016	4,550	\$1,604,000	\$1,604,000	0
Sanibel Estates	Sanibel	1985	4,194	\$1,595,000	\$1,450,000	315
Marina Isle	Bonita Springs	2001	3,973	\$1,495,000	\$1,400,000	63
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2016	2,940	\$1,350,000	\$1,200,000	150
Orchid Ridge	Estero	2006	3,384	\$1,289,000	\$1,257,000	29
Harborage	Fort Myers	2002	4,631	\$1,247,000	\$1,135,000	125
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2014	2,697	\$1,179,500	\$1,025,000	144





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