

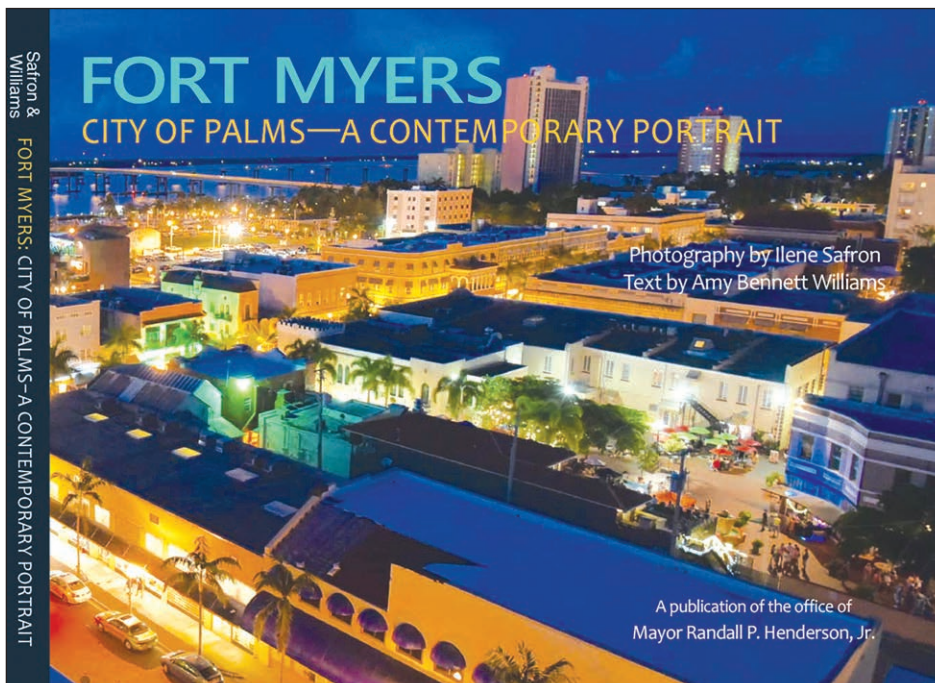


## Fort Myers Coffee Table Book On Sale

The first coffee table book featuring contemporary Fort Myers has been published and is now available for purchase at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates' gift shop. Entitled *Fort Myers, City of Palms – A Contemporary Portrait*, the new book, which costs \$49.95, highlights the life, times and people of the Fort Myers area, while showcasing the region's dynamic heritage, cultural offerings, stunning environment and diverse economy.

One hundred percent of net proceeds will be assigned to Art in Public Places, a division of the City of Fort Myers that is managed by the Southwest Florida Community Foundation. The fund will be utilized for the procurement, management and maintenance of the city's public art collection.

"When I learned of the opportunity for this book through the United States Conference of Mayors, it struck me as a worthy endeavor," said Mayor Randall



The book cover of *Fort Myers, City of Palms – A Contemporary Portrait*

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P. Henderson. "The producer, Ron Lammert, president and CEO of the Historical Publishing Network in San

Antonio, Texas, engaged outstanding local professionals to pull it all together. I know you will be as pleased as I am."

*Fort Myers, City of Palms – A Contemporary Portrait* is comprised of more than 150 pages of vivid photographs by Emmy Award-winning photographer/videographer Ilene Safron of Main Sail Video Productions. The photos are accompanied by a narrative authored by award-winning local writer Amy Bennett Williams. Funding for the book came from local sponsors.

"What a privilege to be able to highlight and share this place," said Williams. "I found myself falling in love with Fort Myers all over again."

"Being the photographer for a book on contemporary Fort Myers has been an amazing assignment," said Safron. "The pictures in this book show how Fort Myers and its surrounding outer islands allow for a quality lifestyle that's hard to find anywhere else in the world."

*Fort Myers, City of Palms – A Contemporary Portrait* will be distributed through numerous outlets including local retailers and online booksellers. An August 3 reception was held to thank the sponsors and those who participated in the creation of the book.

On Thursday, August 24 at 10 a.m., Edison & Ford Winer Estates will host

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## SoCo Second Saturday Features Poetry, Theater And Exhibits



Alex Wilkinson from The Union Artist Studios

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The Alliance for the Arts offers special extended hours during SoCo Second Saturday Art Crawl on August 12 from 6 to 10 p.m. The evening features a poetry open mic night, theater production and an artist-themed exhibit.

Southwest Florida poets are invited to share their work during an open mic night titled SoCoPo from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The event is free to attend and open to poets

of all ages and to those who simply enjoy soaking up the spoken word, but a \$5 suggested donation is encouraged to support affordable programming. Poets must share original work.

At 8 p.m. Theatre Conspiracy at the Alliance for the Arts presents *Women in Jeopardy*, written by Wendy MacLeod and directed by Bill Taylor. Liz Abbott, Stephanie Davis and Karen Goldberg star

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The James & Barbara Moore Observatory at Florida SouthWestern State College Charlotte Campus

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## Viewing Of Solar Eclipse At Observatory

Skygazers can take in a solar eclipse viewing experience at the James & Barbara Moore Observatory on Monday, August 21 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. The viewing is free and open to the public.

The solar eclipse will take place from

1:18 to 4:14 p.m., peaking at 83.3 percent coverage at 2:50 p.m.

"We will have three or four telescopes with proper filters available for use and limited eyeglass filters, so we are encouraging participants to bring their own certified eclipse glasses or hand-held solar viewers," said David Hanson, observatory director.

Safety tips for viewing the solar eclipse and how to purchase certified eclipse glasses and hand-held solar viewers

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

# Goodbye, Fort Myers High



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

On February 20, 1991, graduates and former faculty gathered to say goodbye to the yellow-brick Fort Myers High School on Thompson Street.

The people pictured below were but eight of more than 100 who attended the ceremony. They were all members of the class of 1938. The event resembled a convivial family reunion, as people got reacquainted, shared memories, looked at old yearbooks and snapped photos.

Among the most notable moments was the discovery of a biology workbook belonging to Constance "Connie" Bassett Amos, class of 1952. The workbook she had lost more than 40 years earlier was found at the site and restored to her –

hardly used, the former student admitted.

Each student was given a commemorative brick with a plaque stating the classes who had graduated from the school, 1922 to 1950.

The much loved structure was completed in 1921, and Dr. J. Colin English was the first principal. (He went on to serve as Florida's state superintendent of public instruction from 1939 to 1949.)

The three-story structure faced Thompson Street and was bounded on the other three sides by Royal Palm Avenue, Fowler Street and Anderson Avenue (today's MLK, Jr. Boulevard). It housed grades 10 through 12.

The architect was FJ Kennard, who was also the architect for the 1915 Lee County Courthouse, which is now on the National Register of Historic Places.

The structure was first called Lee County High School, but in 1923 became Fort Myers Senior High, or alternatively Fort Myers High or simply Myers High. It had a steel and concrete stairway and, oddly enough for South Florida, a



On demolition day, the former school is fenced off and prepared for destruction

photo courtesy SWFL Historical Society

basement, as do the 1911 Gwynne Institute and county courthouse.

The school opened in a decade when the county's student population was increasing so rapidly that schools could hardly be built or expanded fast enough.

So, only a couple of years after opening, a two-story annex with steel and concrete outside stairs was constructed.

In 1950, the new Fort Myers Junior-Senior High School on Cortez Boulevard

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On February 20, 1991, graduates of 1938 posed by their school shortly before it was demolished. From left, Carlie "Conky" Williams Young, Walter O. "Shep" Sheppard, Bobbie Coleen Jones Wert, Frances Trowbridge Combs, Leota "Cricket" Sheets Barco, Mila Honc Pottinger, Frances Ingram Lemley, and Sumner "Buzz" Talcott.

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Today, the Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex stands on the high school site

photo by Gerri Reaves

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Karen Goldberg

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## Theater Production Opens August 11

Theatre Conspiracy at the Alliance for the Arts will present the first production of its 2017-18 season beginning on Friday, August 11. *Women in Jeopardy*, written by Wendy MacLeod and directed by Bill Taylor, runs through August 26. Performances are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on August 20.

*Women in Jeopardy* is modern, fun and flirtatious. It tells the story of three divorced women trying to cope with being single mothers, the dating scene and the dangers of camping in the red rocks of southern Utah with a serial killer dentist.

Liz Abbott, Stephanie Davis and Karen Goldberg star in this riotous



Chance Cintron

comedy about trading in wine glasses for spy glasses when the mid-life crisis just isn't your speed. Attempting to get to the bottom of a murder mystery, these ladies' imaginations run wild as they try to discover the truth and save their friend in this hilarious adventure.

The show also features Miguel Cintron as the dentist, Holly Hagan and Chance Cintron.

The production is sponsored in part by Susan Ion Hogan, DDS.

Season subscriptions are available and range from \$105 per person for five shows to \$153 per person for all nine shows. Individual tickets to each show are \$25, \$11 for students or \$22 for Alliance members.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call the box office at 939-2787 or visit [www.ArtInLee.org/Theatre](http://www.ArtInLee.org/Theatre).✱

## Love That Dress Tickets On Sale

Online ticket sales for the ultimate feel-good shopping spree of the season – Love That Dress!9 – officially opened on August 1. Hundreds of fashionistas (and a few brave men) will shop thousands of new and gently loved dresses and accessories at the fundraiser, with all proceeds benefitting PACE Center for Girls of Lee County. This year's event is chaired by PACE Board Member Deanna Hansen, with Shelley Starner and Jennifer Pfenninger serving as co-chairs.

Love That Dress!9, presented by White House Black Market, will be held on Wednesday, August 23 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Estero, located at 10450 Corkscrew Commons Drive. The event will bring together fashionistas from all over Lee County to stake their claim on an incredible selection of new and gently loved dresses, shoes, handbags and jewelry all donated through collection events held throughout the summer. While shopping through the trendiest styles and patterns, local fashion lovers will enjoy the event's silent auction featuring more than \$35,000 worth of items, food and fun with friends.

Tickets, available online at [www.lovethatdress.org](http://www.lovethatdress.org), are \$30 per person in advance or \$40 at the door. A limited number of VIP tickets, available for \$150 per person, will grant guests an hour of exclusive pre-shopping and access to the VIP Suite Level for complimentary hors d'oeuvres provided by The Prawnbroker Restaurant Group and Naples Flatbread & Wine Bar, a decadent selection of sweets by Noela Chocolates & Confections, two VIP bars with wine provided by Masciarelli Wine Co. in addition to private dressing rooms, clothing hold, and express check-out service. Just one VIP "Girlfriends Suite" is available for \$1,500 and includes 10 VIP tickets.

This year's event will also feature a raffle to win a two-year lease on a 2018 QX30 from Fort Myers Infiniti. Only 150 tickets will be sold for \$100 each, with a limited number of tickets remaining. All proceeds raised through the raffle benefit the PACE Center in Lee County. For more information and a copy of the official rules and regulations, visit [www.pacecenter.org/locations/lee](http://www.pacecenter.org/locations/lee).

For more information about supporting Love That Dress!9, contact Allyson Ross, development manager of special projects for PACE Lee, at [Allyson.Ross@PACECenter.org](mailto:Allyson.Ross@PACECenter.org). For more information about the event, call 470-7548 or visit [www.pacecenter.org/locations/lee](http://www.pacecenter.org/locations/lee).✱

## Middle School Shoe Drive Benefit Under Way

Varsity Lakes Middle School is conducting a shoe drive fundraiser through September 27 to raise money that will benefit its students. The school will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of shoes collected.

Anyone can help by donating used (gently worn) and new shoes at the front office of Varsity Lakes Middle School.

All donated shoes will be redistributed throughout Funds2Orgs network of small business partners. Funds2Orgs

works with micro-entrepreneurs in helping them create, maintain and grow small businesses in developing countries where economic opportunity and jobs are limited.

"We are excited about our shoe drive," said Dr. Johnnie Mae Hawkins, instructional coach. "We know that most people have extra shoes in their closets they would like to donate to us. By doing so, we raise money for our students at Varsity Lakes Middle School, and we have the chance to help families in developing nations who need economic opportunities. It's a win-win for everyone."

At the completion of the fundraiser, Funds2Orgs will issue a check to the school for the collected shoes. Varsity Lakes Middle School is located at 801 Gunnery Road North in Lehigh Acres.✱

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## Professional Muralist Featured At Gallery

DAAS Co-op Art Gallery & Gifts is hosting a special guest artist, current member of The Union Artist Studios and professional muralist Erik Schlake, at a reception on Saturday, August 12. An artist talk is scheduled for 7 p.m. followed by a question-and-answer session with the artist.

The opening reception coincides with the SoCo Second Saturday event, held within the SoCo Cultural District.

"The entire process of creating a mural or decorative panel is beautiful. From the initial sketches to the final installation, I have come to recognize each step as a work of art," said Schlake. "This (new) series will showcase aspects of trompe l'oeil, grotesca and other techniques used for centuries throughout Europe."

Schlake is also an expert in decorative arts and was recently selected and attended the highly competitive Salon conference for muralists in New York City.

DAAS Co-op is also hosting an open call for new artists to join as members of the cooperative. During the month of August, the gallery will waive the membership application fee. New applications must be received by the gallery no later than Saturday, August 26 for the waiver to apply.

With more than 20 member artists, DAAS Co-op is one of the largest cooperative art galleries in all of



Erik Schlake working on a mural commission photo provided

Southwest Florida. The majority of the member-artists work in a variety of mediums, ranging from paintings to sculptures and pottery to jewelry.

For more information about the gallery or to find out how to become a member, visit [www.daascoop.com](http://www.daascoop.com) or call 590-8645. In-person inquiries are also welcomed. The gallery is located within the Royal Palm Square at 1400 Colonial Boulevard, Suite 84 in Fort Myers.✱

## Book Awards Call For Entries

The Florida Book Awards kicks off its 12th annual competition with a call for entries in 11 categories.

Established in 2006 and now the most comprehensive state book awards program in the nation, the contest recognizes and celebrates the year's best books written by Sunshine State residents with the exception of submissions in the Florida Nonfiction and Visual Arts categories, whose authors may live elsewhere.

This year, three new categories have been created – Younger Children's Literature (approximately age 6 or younger), Older Children's Literature (approximately ages 7 to 12) and a Cookbook category. Prior to this year there was only one Children's category ages 12 and younger. The range and volume of children's books necessitated the change.

The Florida Book Awards competition is coordinated through the Florida State University Libraries, with the support of partner organizations from across the state.

"The Florida Book Awards showcase the best of Florida's literary talent as well spotlight the state's fascinating history and rich natural assets," said Florida State University (FSU) Libraries Dean Julia Zimmerman.

Other contest categories include Florida Nonfiction, General Fiction, General Nonfiction, Poetry, Popular Fiction, Spanish Language, Visual Arts and Young Adult Literature.

In 2014, the Gwen P. Reichert Gold Medal for Young Children's Literature was introduced, which provides a cash prize for the gold winner in the Younger Children's Literature category. This award is in memory of Gwen P. Reichert and serves as a lasting tribute to honor her accomplishments as a rare book collector, nurturer of authors and their audience, and her commitment to children's education.

Two prizes were introduced in 2016. The Richard E. Rice Gold Medal Prize for Visual Arts will support a \$500 prize for the Visual Arts Gold Medal Winner of the Florida Book Awards. This award serves as tribute to Richard E. Rice, who was afflicted with life-altering arthritis since childhood and spent a large amount of his growing up in the hospital. From his hospital room, he discovered his artistic talent at the early age of four and became a lifelong artist. Creating artwork offered Rice

comfort, strength and joy, and this prize is to honor his talent and his commitment to art and to celebrate art and artists.

The Phillip and Dana Zimmerman Gold Medal Prize for Florida Nonfiction will provide a \$500 prize for the Gold Medal Winner of this category. This award serves as a tribute to the donor's parents, Phillip and Dana Zimmerman, recognizing their deep roots in Florida and their love of Florida's rich history and culture.

An applicant is encouraged to submit his or her book into the competition any time after it is launched, and as soon as possible after the book is officially published. Entries, which can be submitted by anyone, must be published between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017, and have an International Standard Book Number (ISBN). All entries must be received no later than 5 p.m. Friday, January 13, 2018 (this is not a postmark deadline).

Three-person juries – including members of co-sponsoring organizations, subject experts from the faculties of Florida colleges and universities, and previous Florida Book Award winners – will choose up to three finalists in each of 11 categories. In each category, the jury may award one Gold, Silver and Bronze medal.

Co-sponsors of the competition include humanities organizations from across the state such as the Florida Center for the Book; the State Library and Archives of Florida; the Florida Historical Society; the Florida Humanities Council; the Florida Literary Arts Coalition; the Florida Library Association; the Florida Association for Media in Education; the Center for Literature and Theatre at Miami Dade College; the Florida Chapter of the Mystery Writers of America; Friends of FSU Libraries; the Florida Writers Association; the Florida Literacy Coalition; and "Just Read, Florida!"


The 2017 winners will be announced in early March 2018 and recognized at several events around the state including an awards banquet in April.

Winning books and their authors will be showcased in the summer 2018 issue of *Forum*, the statewide magazine of the Florida Humanities Council, and will be featured at book festivals and association conferences throughout the year. In addition, copies of all award-winning books will be put on permanent public display in the Florida Governor's Mansion library and in Florida State University's Strozier Library.

For more information, visit [www.floridabookawards.lib.fsu.edu](http://www.floridabookawards.lib.fsu.edu).✱

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Fort Myers Art:

# Revisting Fort Myers' 1880 Italian Marble Sculpture

by Tom Hall



A rt Southwest Florida has profiled Fort Myers' 1880 Italian marble sculpture, *Lorelei*, which resides in the Hibiscus Garden at the Fort Myers Lee County Garden Council on Virginia Street in downtown Fort Myers. When *Lorelei* arrived at the Garden Council, she was in dire need of significant conservation. The surface of the sculpture was covered with dirt, grime, mold,

mildew, fungus and lichen, largely because the sculpture had been surrounded for more than 50 years by firebush hedge, which served to hold moisture against the surface of the stone. The marble had suffered spalling in several areas, most notably on the siren's right elbow, and "portions of the surface were slightly friable to the touch, particularly areas that were exposed to constant direct sunlight."

In furtherance of its agreement with the City of Fort Myers Public Art Committee, the Garden Council engaged Rosa Lowinger & Associates (RLA) to perform the work necessary to clean and stabilize the stone. A full-service conservation firm specializing in the preservation of sculpture, architectural elements, three-dimensional artwork and contemporary art, RLA is considered a national leader in preservation and conservation of art in the public sector.

The first step in the sculpture's conservation consisted of washing the marble with filtered water and a conservation grade detergent to remove dirt, grime and soluble salts. Poultices were applied to remove staining, and a fungicide was used to mitigate discoloration from

*Lorelei*

photo courtesy www.artswfl.com

mold and fungus and provide residual protection to the surface. But the most intricate and important part of the process involved injecting epoxy into the marble to stabilize and repair the spalling that had occurred over time.

The difference in *Lorelei*'s outward appearance following these measures is stunning. Today, the marble virtually gleams in the sunlight, showing off Boston-born creator Emma Elisabeth Phinney's intricate and well-executed craftsmanship. Details that had been lost in the

grime and mold, like the comb at the siren's right hand and the flowers carved into the stacked shale plinth, jump out and – from a distance – the body and flowing shift are infused with a fluid, languid movement.

The foregoing work was performed on January 6 and 7, 2015 at a cost of more than \$6,000. But *Lorelei* is not out of danger yet.

The white marble sculpture dates back to circa 1880, when Phinney carved her in Italy from a single block of stone measuring 60 to 68 inches high. She was moved to the Hibiscus Garden in downtown Fort Myers on January 6, 2014 after the public library on Central Avenue moved to its new 40,000-square-foot home at the corner of First Street and Royal Palm Avenue.

What remains of *Lorelei* is enchanting, from the folds of her sleeveless shift to the long braid of hair cascading down her back. Unfortunately, the head, left elbow and two toes of her left foot are missing. The damage was perpetrated by one or more nameless vandals in 1997. The missing parts have never been recovered.

Conservators Rosa Lowinger and Lauren Hall don't think a new body parts should be fabricated for the sculpture.

"From a conservation standpoint, these elements can be recreated; however it is [our] opinion that the piece could be equally exhibited without those portions added," they stated in a May 15, 2013 conservation report commissioned by the Fort Myers Public Art Committee.

"It is possible to refabricate elements that could be put in place to simulate the original components. It is our opinion, however, that the extensive invention, cost, and simulacra that this would constitute would leave the piece heavily restored."

The Public Art Committee accepted the conservators' recommendation, and *Lorelei* will continue to be exhibited without her head and other missing body parts.

*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.✴*

## Call For Artists

ArtFest Fort Myers is accepting applications from professional artists for participation in the 2018 juried show. The application deadline is Tuesday, September 12.

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.

Creating an artwork-selling festival for artists is the focus of the year-round professional staff, with 18 years of consistent management. It targets art buyers

throughout Southwest Florida and beyond, including Marco Island to Sarasota and east to West Palm Beach. The promotional campaign includes all forms of media.

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.

For artist application information, call 768-3602, email [info@ArtFestFortMyers.com](mailto:info@ArtFestFortMyers.com) or visit [www.ArtFestFortMyers.com](http://www.ArtFestFortMyers.com).✴

## Celebrity Chef Night August 16

The 14th annual Rumrunners' Celebrity Chef Night will take place in the Cape Harbour restaurant on Wednesday, August 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. The night will feature cocktails and culinary creations from Chef Todd Johnson and Chef Ralph Centalanza of Rumrunners, Chef Brian Roland of Crave Culinaire, Chef Harold Balink of Harold's, Chef Andy Hunter of The Bay House, Chefs Norman and Ryan Love of Norman Love Confections and other local celebrity chefs from across Southwest Florida.

There will be live and silent auctions. Prizes include two tickets to a Kenny Chesney's concert at Gillette Stadium in Boston, Massachusetts featuring Thomas Rhett and Old Dominion on Saturday,

August 26 and a three day, two night hotel stay and \$500 Visa gift card to use towards airfare. Once again, a champagne toast drawing to win a custom-designed Mark Loren piece valued over \$2,000 will also be featured. The silent auction will feature hand-signed sports and entertainment memorabilia as well as trips and travel to destinations and events in the country.

Since 2003, the Celebrity Chef Night event has raised more than \$1 million for Barbara's Friends - Golisano Children's Hospital Cancer Fund.

Major sponsors include Century 21 Sunbelt, Siesta Pebble, Texas Roadhouse, Custom Packaging and Products, Private Client Insurance Services, Cheney Brothers, Jason's Deli and The Comrie Cancer Foundation.

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## Collection Event Raises \$9,200

The River District Collection Event, hosted by the Goodwill Boutique on First and Red Door Photography's studio on July 20, raised \$9,200 and collected 150 dresses to benefit PACE Center for Girls and Love That Dress!9. A crowd of more than 75 guests attended the final Love That Dress!9 collection event of the season to enjoy an evening of fashion, photography and philanthropy.

The fashion-forward event began with a Sip and Shop at the Goodwill Boutique on First and concluded with photobooth fun and a grand raffle at Red Door Photography's studio. Throughout the evening, guests indulged in a selection of refreshments from Moe's Southwest Grill, Millennial Brewing and the Java House, while entering raffles for unique prizes, and shopping for an array of clothing and accessories. A silent auction was held, offering one-of-a-kind packages to explore and enjoy the finest of Southwest Florida. Nine lucky attendees won raffle prizes, including the grand raffle prize: a fully stocked 36-bottle Danby Wine Cooler valued at \$1,500.

"Together with our attendees, everyone involved with this event made it a night to remember," said Meg M. Geltner, PACE executive director.

"We greatly value our longstanding partnership with Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida and Red Door Photography, and cannot thank them enough for hosting our season finale for Love That Dress!."

This year's Love That Dress!9 will take place on Wednesday, August 23 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Estero, located at 10450 Corkscrew Commons Drive. This year's event will also feature a raffle to win a two-year lease on a 2018 QX30 from Fort Myers Infiniti. Only 150 tickets will be sold for \$100 each. All proceeds raised at the main event and through the raffle benefit the PACE Center in Lee County. For more information and a copy of the official rules and regulations, visit [www.pacecenter.org/locations/lee](http://www.pacecenter.org/locations/lee).

This year's goal is to generate an inventory of more than 4,000 dresses and raise \$125,000. For more information about the event, call 470-7548 or visit [www.lovethatdress.org](http://www.lovethatdress.org). Anyone interested in donating silent auction items, purchasing tickets, or supporting Love That Dress!9 in another way may contact Allyson Ross, development manager of special projects for PACE Lee, at [Allyson.Ross@PACECenter.org](mailto:Allyson.Ross@PACECenter.org).

Collection event sponsors include GCG Construction, HONC Industries, Newton Supply, Campo Felice, Joe Pavich, Jr., City Tavern and Stora Marble & Tile.✽



Volunteers can help spruce up homes with new landscaping

photo provided

## Volunteers Needed For Habitat Project

Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties is partnering with 13 Harlem Heights families for the largest A Brush with Kindness project to date. The project will take

place on Saturday, August 19 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Local families can donate to the \$8,000 project fundraising goal and reserve their spot to volunteer by visiting <https://habitat4humanity.donorpages.com/abrushwithkindness/>

Families can help improve Habitat homes by pressure washing, painting or adding new landscaping.

For more information, call 652-0434.✽



Former students at the goodbye ceremony received a commemorative brick

photo by Gerri Reaves

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## Historic Downtown

in Edison Park opened and the school on Thompson was sold. It became the Masonic Temple, and the Masons were located in the building for decades.

In 1951, the early stages of the Lee County Health Department began in three remodeled classrooms.

Today, the Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex stands on the site.

Walk down to the lightheartedly nicknamed "Darth Vader Building" and contemplate how things have changed since students walked to and from a sturdy modern school.

Then learn more about the beautiful boom-time schools that have fallen to what many people deem progress.

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

Wednesday 4 to 7 p.m.

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

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

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

For information, call 332-8778 or visit [www.leecountyblackhistorysociety.org](http://www.leecountyblackhistorysociety.org).

Sources: Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society; *The First 100 Years: Lee County Public Schools, 1887-1987* by Donald O. Stone; *Fort Myers News-Press; The Fort Myers Plan* by Herbert S. Swan; *Pages from the Past* by Prudy Taylor Board and Esther B. Colcord; and *The Story of Fort Myers* by Karl H. Grismer.✽

## Commercial Opportunity



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# Along The River

**Bell Tower Shops** along with Gulf Coast Humane Society will host a **Back to School Block Party-themed Yappy Hour** this Friday, August 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. The dog-friendly event will feature live music in center court, a bounce house, sidewalk chalk station and more. Bring the whole family, including your four-legged friends.

Cru and Omaha Steaks will donate all beer and hotdog sales to the Gulf Coast Humane Society, which will have adoptable dogs available. Barks and Bubbles will be donating a special prize that will be awarded to the most spirited pup. Owners and dogs are encouraged to show their school spirit by sporting their favorite school, college or university.

Bell Tower Shops is located at 13499 South Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers.

**Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium (CNCP)** will host an extremely rare opportunity to not only see a piece of the “Red Planet,” Mars, but also to touch it. This opportunity kicks off with the **Heitz Mars Meteorite Unveiling Reception** this Friday, August 11 at 6 p.m. The reception, which requires a ticket, includes light fare, a short fulldome planetarium show on Mars, and a meet-and-greet photo opportunity with the rare rock’s owner, Tim Heitz, who will talk about his 20 years of adventures in meteorite hunting as guest speaker.

Tickets for the Heitz Mars Meteorite Unveiling Reception are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. On Saturday, August 12, the exhibit will be opened to the public, with all-day space-related activities for all ages from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the CNCP special event entrance fees of \$15 for adults and \$10 for children ages 3 to 12.

Visit the Calusa Nature Center website at [www.calusanature.org](http://www.calusanature.org) or call 275-3435 for tickets or additional information.

Jazz musicians Danny Sinoff and Morgan Marie will bring their sultry songs to downtown Fort Myers for the **Sounds of Summer concert** series at the **Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center** this Friday, August 11. Doors



Dress your dog up in school gear for Yappy Hour

photo by Bob Petcher

open at 7:30 p.m. Morgan Marie will perform at 8 p.m., followed by Danny Sinoff at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each.

Sinoff is a pianist that sings graceful melodies. For more information about him, visit [www.dannysinoffmusic.com](http://www.dannysinoffmusic.com).

Marie is a jazz singer from Southwest Florida, best known for her throwback sound. Her musical companion,

Alec Prorock, is a musician and multi-instrumentalist residing in Fort Myers. Learn more about them online at [www.morganmariemusic.com](http://www.morganmariemusic.com).

Visit [www.sbdac.com](http://www.sbdac.com) to purchase tickets or for more information. The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in the historic downtown Fort Myers River District.

**IMAG History & Science Center** is celebrating its facility’s **22nd birthday** this Saturday, August 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Festivities include food trucks, interactive STEM and history stations, buy-one-get-one admissions, a gift for the first 250 children, a preview of a one-of-a-kind virtual reality (VR) exhibit and special giveaways.

Guests will have the opportunity to preview a new, highly immersive VR experience – Virtual Fort Myers: The Past Meets the Present. Scheduled to fully open on Saturday, August 19, this experience is the ultimate STEM and history combination and is indicative of the innovative approach IMAG is taking to implement its new mission.

For more information, visit [www.theIMAG.org](http://www.theIMAG.org) or drop by 2000 Cranford Avenue in Fort Myers.

Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. (ACT) will hold a **benefit Motorcycle Run and Brunch**, which will start at Six Bends Harley-Davidson and conclude at Keylime Bistro, this Sunday, August 13. All proceeds from this event will go towards ACT’s safe, free and confidential programs for victims of domestic violence and their children, survivors of sexual assault and human trafficking in Lee, Hendry and Glades counties.

The annual David Barbur Biker Brunch kicks off at 8:30 a.m. with registration. Kickstands go up at 9:30 a.m., with the brunch starting at 11 a.m. and continuing until 1 p.m. The event will be held rain or shine. Cost is \$20 per person, including riders. Attendees will receive a buffet-style brunch catered by Keylime Bistro, an opportunity to win raffle prizes and more.

For more information or to register for the event, contact Jennifer L. Benton at 939-2553 or visit [www.actabuse.com/event/motorcycle-run-the-annual-david-barbur-bikers-brunch](http://www.actabuse.com/event/motorcycle-run-the-annual-david-barbur-bikers-brunch).✴

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## Homeless Animals Day August 19

Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS) will be shedding light on the tragedy of pet overpopulation and the spay/neuter solution during International Homeless Animals Day on Saturday, August 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in downtown Fort Myers on Hendry Street between Bay Street and Edwards Drive.

The International Society for Animal Rights (ISAR) conceived and

commemorated International Homeless Animals’ Day (IHAD) in 1992. IHAD is a worldwide recognized event observed annually on the third Saturday of August.

GCHS’ Spay and Neuter Clinic staff will be on hand to answer any questions about the importance of fixing pets. Spay or neutering a pet is the most effective tool against the battle of pet overpopulation.

Attendees of the International Homeless Animals Day can decorate a luminary bag and light it in remembrance of the countless animals euthanized due to pet overpopulation.✴

## Registration Open For Bowl-A-Thon

Team registration is now available for Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida’s sixth annual Bowl-A-Thon fundraising event at HeadPinz Entertainment Center, set for Wednesday, August 30 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The benefit will support Junior Achievement’s local efforts to provide educational programs on financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship throughout Southwest Florida schools.

Bowl-A-Thon provides a fun-filled opportunity for businesses, colleagues, neighbors and friends to come together for team building and friendly competition. Teams of six are challenged to meet a team fundraising goal of \$750, and each

member will receive a team shirt, food, beverage, two adult beverages, shoes and lane rental.

Registration for the Bowl-A-Thon event is available at [www.JASWFL.org/junior-achievement-bowl-a-thon](http://www.JASWFL.org/junior-achievement-bowl-a-thon).

Sanibel Captiva Community Bank is the presenting sponsor for the 2017 Bowl-A-Thon. Additional sponsorship opportunities are still available, including beverage, T-shirt and food sponsorships. Each level includes signage at the event, logo recognition on all event print materials and email distributions, team entry and recognition on Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida’s website and event press releases, as well as during the event.

HeadPinz Entertainment Center is located at 14513 Global Parkway in Fort Myers. For more information, contact Stephanie Hoffman by emailing [shoffman@jaswfl.org](mailto:shoffman@jaswfl.org) or calling 225-2590.✴



## A Dark Comedy At Lab Theater



Tera Nicole Miller, Lucy Sundby and Jessica Walck

by Di Saggau

Lab Theater's new season continues with another "must see" production. *The Smell of the Kill* is a dark comedy about three wives who have gotten together for years once a month for dinner while their husbands play golf in the dining room. That alone is a little strange. Nicky (Lucy Sundby) reveals that her husband Jay has been indicted for embezzlement. Molly (Jessica Walck) has a husband who is stalking her. Debra (Tera Nicole Miller) confesses that her husband is leaving her for another woman. These three actors have their roles down pat. Nicky is strong, Molly is a lovable ditz, and Debra hides her fragile personality behind a confident facade. What fun to watch their interaction and listen to their well-written banter.

The husbands are never seen, only portrayed as menacing characters by voices we hear offstage. As the women converse and share confidences about their marriages, we hear a pounding coming from below. The wives realize that their husbands are locked inside Jay's new meat locker. Instead of rushing to their rescue, the wives consider leaving them there to cool off, maybe permanently.

The title refers to the animals hunted by Nicky's husband and stored in a meat locker in the basement of their home. Nicky says, "Every Saturday morning he goes down there, kill or no kill, just to take a smell. Then he comes upstairs and throws me on the bed." Playwright

Michelle Lowe seems to know that comedy is funniest when it's rooted in truth, and these gals tell it all. There are some great comic moments and yet there are poignant moments of truth that are bound to resonate with some. These wives are trapped in their marriages as much as any deer hanging on the hook of the meat locker. As they clean up the remains of dinner, each reveals their different ways of dealing with relationships.

The spunky, outspoken Nicky is the only working member of the trio. She's a book editor who considers giving up her job so her pension plan can help with their financial and legal troubles. Unfortunately everything else is in her husband's name. Debra has given up her real estate career to stay at home but her husband wants her to move out so he can move in with his mistress. Molly, seems to adore her sweet talking husband, but their's is a sexless relationship so she has a few affairs. One by one the women make their decisions and there are many laugh-out-loud moments as they do so.

Under the direction of Carmen Crussard the characters bring plenty of nervous comic tension to the situation at hand. *The Smell off the Kill* runs one hour and 15 minutes without an intermission and plays through August 26 at The Laboratory Theater of Florida. It's located in the River District at 1634 Woodford Avenue in Fort Myers. Tickets are available at [www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com](http://www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com) or by calling the box office at 218-0481.✱

## Journal Writings Turned Into Songs Of Inspiration

Lee County Human & Veteran Services is hosting a free musical performance with the group Hope by Song on Monday, August 14 from 6 to 7 p.m.

As a nonprofit organization, Hope by Song coordinates volunteer musicians with victims of abuse, PTSD, addiction and homelessness. Their journal entries are turned into songs to inspire and educate. The musicians will perform a selection of those songs at this event.

For more information about Hope by Song's mission, the music and the singer songwriters, visit [www.hopebysong.com](http://www.hopebysong.com).

Lee County Human & Veteran Services serves as a hub for government, private and nonprofit resources designated to aid individuals and families. Specific program areas include family self-sufficiency, housing services, neighborhood building, contract management and veteran services.

Lee County Human & Veteran Services is located at 2440 Thompson Street in downtown Fort Myers. For more information, call 533-7930 or visit [www.leegov.com/dhs](http://www.leegov.com/dhs).✱



Artists are being sought for the plein air painting competition

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## Plein Air Festival Returns To Beach

The 8th annual Paint the Beach plein air painting competition returns to Fort Myers Beach on November 6 to 12. Artists will again be invited to paint throughout the island town during the three days of competition.

On Wednesday, November 8, there will be a Sundowner painting event in front of Junkanoo as the sun is setting.

The awards reception will be held on Friday, November 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. under the tent at Santini Marina Plaza at 7205 Estero Boulevard. Tickets are \$10 and available at [www.paintthebeach.com](http://www.paintthebeach.com). The art will be on display at the

reception, and prizes will be awarded. The art will be on display until Sunday, November 12 at 2 p.m.

The Quick Draw competition will be held at Times Square on Saturday, November 11. Adult artists and local high school artists will have from 9 to 11 a.m. to create a painting. Both groups will be awarded prizes immediately afterwards. Art will be for sale. Students need to register through their art teachers.

Paint the Beach officials are now accepting artist registrations. Visit [www.paintthebeach.com](http://www.paintthebeach.com) to register, call 463-3909 or look it up on Facebook. The deadline to enter is September 30. The competition is open to all artists over age 18 and will have two divisions with over \$6,000 in prizes.✱



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## OBITUARY



RICHARD S. GRANT

Richard S. Grant passed away at the age of 95 on July 31, 2017 in Fort Myers, Florida. Richard was born to Glenn and Ella (Wilson) Grant in Fairfield, Iowa on September 23, 1921.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Iowa State University, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served for three years during World War II. While a first lieutenant in the corps of engineers, stationed in Okinawa, he met his future wife, Army

second lieutenant, Betty R. Pixley, who was serving as an emergency room registered nurse.

After his discharge from the Army, he joined Owens Corning Fiberglas in Kansas City, Kansas and became plant engineer in 1951. Later, he transferred to corporate headquarters in Toledo, Ohio where he held numerous positions, becoming vice president building materials manufacturing in 1969. He was named to the position of vice president manufacturing technology in 1982, before retiring to Sanibel, Florida in 1984.

Richard and Betty were big supporters of Iowa State University where they were named Parents of the Year in 1972. In 1974, he was elected to the Iowa State University Foundation Board of Governors and named to the Order of the Knoll. In 1978, he was awarded the Alumni Recognition Medal and, in 1980, was named to the Marston Club. He was also elected to the Iowa State University Achievement Foundation Board of Directors. He was named as Cy's Favorite Alum in 1986.

Richard and Betty lived on Sanibel for 43 years. He served as president of Beachview Men's Golf Association, president of Beachcomber Condo Association, and member of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club.

Richard is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 69 years, Betty, and sister, Helen Hill. Richard is survived by his daughter Sharon (Dave) LeMoine of Rio Verde, Arizona; Stu (Pat) Grant of Silver Lake, Ohio; and Steve

(Sandy) Grant of Alpharetta, Georgia; grandchildren Doug (Mara) LeMoine Brian (Heather) LeMoine, JR (Emily) Grant, Megan (Ric) Chura, Jenny (Rodney) Grant, Kristen (John) Swartz; and great grandchildren Max, Leo, Fairlee, Connor, Patrick, Ella, Olivia, Emma and Steven.

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## SoCo Saturday

in this riotous comedy about trading in wine glasses for spy glasses when the mid-life crisis just isn't your speed. Attempting to get to the bottom of a murder mystery, these ladies' imaginations run wild as they try to discover the truth and save their friend in this hilarious adventure.

The production is sponsored in part by Susan Ion Hogan, DDS. Individual tickets to each show are \$25, \$11 for students or \$22 for Alliance members.

The Elevation: The Next Level exhibit, which opens Friday, August 4 at the Alliance, will be featured from 6 to 10 p.m. during Second Saturday. Admission to the gallery is free, but a \$5 suggested donation is encouraged to support affordable programming. Extended gallery hours apply only on the second Saturday of each month.

To purchase tickets to *Women in Jeopardy* or to learn more about this event, visit [www.ArtInLee.or/SoCo](http://www.ArtInLee.or/SoCo) or call 939-2787.

A memorial service was held at Harvey-Engelhardt Funeral Home in Fort Myers on August 5. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Iowa State University Foundation, Richard S. Grant Scholarship, Fund #1006631, 2505 University Boulevard, P.O. Box 2230, Ames, IA 50010-2230.✱

SoCo Second Saturday Art Crawl recently pushed its start time forward to 6 p.m. This month's participating SoCo Cultural Venues are Alliance for the Arts; DAAS CO-OP Art Gallery & Gifts; Ocasiocasa; The Union Artist Studios and Crafted; Catch 22; A Swedish Affair; Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre; Suzanne's Dance Fitness; Studio Os Urbanos; and City of Palms Studio.

SoCo Second Saturday is a rain or shine monthly event. The SoCo Cultural District location encompasses the block south of Colonial Boulevard, from the corner of McGregor Boulevard to Summerlin Road, to Royal Palm Square Boulevard and back to McGregor Boulevard.

The SoCo cultural district is a burgeoning partnership of arts, cultural and business organizations bordered by Colonial and McGregor boulevards. SoCo, which is short for "south of Colonial," was originally introduced in the 1990s as a bohemian village of upcoming artists. Today, SoCo is being reestablished as the southwest Florida's newest arts and cultural district.✱

## 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.

## BIBLESHARE

10 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Tuesday, 7050 Winkler Rd, Suite 121, [www.simplysimpleworship.com](http://www.simplysimpleworship.com), 437-8835.

## 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, [revtedalhouse@aol.com](mailto:revtedalhouse@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.

## FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Sunday 10:30 a.m. 2390 West First Street, [christiansciencefortmyers.net](http://christiansciencefortmyers.net), [christianscience.com](http://christianscience.com).

## FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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

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Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. 2466 First Street, [www.fumcftmyers.org](http://www.fumcftmyers.org), 332-1152.

## FORT MYERS CHRISTIAN

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

## FORT MYERS CONGREGATIONAL

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

## 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

Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday 8, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. 881 Nuna Avenue, 481-1143.

## 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

Monthly 9 a.m. 1900 Park Meadows Drive, [newcovenanteyes.com](http://newcovenanteyes.com), 220-8519.

## NEW HOPE BAPTIST

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

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Sunday 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. 10051 Plantation Road, [www.newhopefortmyers.org](http://www.newhopefortmyers.org), 274-1230.

## PEACE COMMUNITY

Sunday 10:30 a.m. [www.17671PineRidgeRoad.com](http://www.17671PineRidgeRoad.com), 267-7400.

## PEACE LUTHERAN

Sunday 9:30 a.m. 15840 McGregor Boulevard, [www.peaceftmyers.com](http://www.peaceftmyers.com), [peace@peaceftmyers.com](mailto:peace@peaceftmyers.com), 437-2599.

## REDEEMER LUTHERAN

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

## RIVER OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

8, 9:45 and 11:30 a.m. 21580 River Ranch Road, 495-0400.

## SAMUDRABADRA BUDDHIST CENTER

Meditation classes. [MeditationInFortMyers.org](http://MeditationInFortMyers.org), 567-9739.

## SAINT COLUMBKILLE CATHOLIC

Monday through Saturday 8 a.m.; Saturday 3 and 5 p.m.; Sunday 7, 9 and 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m. 12171 Iona Road, 489-3973.

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC

Monday through Thursday 6:45 a.m.; Friday 6:45 and 11 a.m.; Saturday 4 p.m.; Sunday 6:45, 9:30 and 11 a.m. 2157 Cleveland Avenue, 334-2161.

## SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE METROPOLITAN

Sunday 10 a.m. 3049 McGregor Boulevard,

344-0012.

## SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN

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.

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Sunday 10:30 a.m. 13411 Shire Lane, [uucfm.org](http://uucfm.org), 561-2700.

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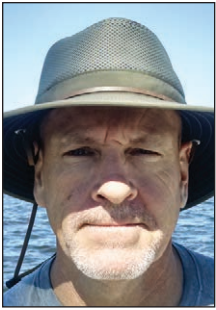
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## CROW Case Of The Week:

## Black Vulture



by Bob Petcher

The black vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) has a strange way of defending itself. It is known to regurgitate when approached or disturbed. This measure helps since the bird is then lighter for flight takeoff.

The large raptor has an oily black plumage, a featherless head and a small hooked beak. The bird's domestic range extends into South America.

Many confuse the black vulture, called a New World vulture, with the turkey vulture, referred as an Old World vulture. They both are scavengers that feed on carrion and at garbage dumps. The black vulture will also eat eggs and newborn animals it slays.

The two birds of prey do differ in appearance. One way to tell the two species apart is the color of their respective heads. While both have featherless heads – ones that are proportionately small for their bodies – the black vulture's dome is black, while the noggin of the turkey vulture is red.

The black vulture may have sharp eyesight, yet it lacks the keen sense of smell inherited by the turkey vulture.

While the black vulture is said to be relatively small for a vulture, it does have

a wingspan reaching nearly five feet long. Unlike many songbirds, though, the black vulture lacks a syrinx – a bird's vocal organs – so it grunts or hisses to vocalize.

The term "vulture" is derived from a similar Latin word that means "tearer," describing the way it goes about ripping at its food.

At CROW, a black vulture was admitted on August 1 after it was hit by a car on Bayshore Road in North Fort Myers. Upon intake, the bird was mildly dehydrated and was found to have a fractured ulna in its left wing along with some bruising of its right ulna and radius, said CROW officials. The patient was given pain medication and fluids, and then placed in a figure 8 wrap to help stabilize the fractured bone.

"The figure 8 wrap is a type of bandage placed to temporarily stabilize the wing so the fracture can heal, specifically used for fractures below the elbow (distal wing)," said Dr. Robin Bast, CROW veterinary intern. "The figure 8 wrap is in place for the first three days, then it can be changed to a body bandage, so the wing is kept tucked close to the bird's body in a resting position. These temporary bandages help stabilize the joints above and below the bone that is fractured, reducing motion so the bone can heal in alignment."

Dr. Bast did confirm the patient's wrap was removed, and it was placed in a body bandage to help in the healing process.

"The amount of time it takes to heal the bone depends on the size of the bird and how debilitated they are," she said. "Typically, it takes a few weeks until it is healed to the point where the bandage can be left off."



Patient #17-2752 sporting a figure 8 wrap shortly after a fractured ulna was detected

photo by Brian Bohlman

"Once the bandage comes off in a few weeks, the vulture will receive a week of strict cage rest, and then it will go outside to a flight enclosure to build up strength in his flight muscles again."

Dr. Bast said the whole rehabilitation process can take up to three months before the bird is ready for release.

"The vulture received physical therapy (Monday) and has a stable callus at the fracture site, so he is healing well so far,"

she said.

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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## Cooler Water For Better Action



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Summer water temperatures have been hovering right around 88 degrees for a few weeks now. During the blazing afternoon heat, the water temperature in the

shallows on the outgoing tide can get well over 90 degrees. Fish, like people, get much less active during the hottest part of the day and seek cooler water by either going to deeper water or in the shade of mangroves and docks. Extreme heat has the same effect on fish that extreme cold has slowing the action. Afternoon thunderstorms are a welcomed event as they cool off the surface temperature of shallow water.

During the outgoing tide, we spent some time this week enjoying a great shark bite. Anchored up just inside any of the deeper passes with half a fresh-cut mullet, we had the rods bent and the drags screaming. Many of this crazy shark action was blacktip sharks up to five feet long. These blacktips are one of the more sporty sharks to catch as they jump, make lightening-fast runs and can change direction on a dime.

Often these battles required dropping the anchor ball and chasing the sharks down before they dump the spool.

Other species of sharks we caught just inside the passes included Atlantic sharp-nose, spinners, bonnet heads, bull sharks and giant nurse sharks. Each time we did this, we hooked into a few real monsters that, after a few minutes of drag screaming-fun, broke off by either tail-whipping the line or getting a sideways bite on the heavy mono leader. The best action on these sharks has come during the first hour of the falling tide before the current gets moving too fast.

One area that always seems to produce fish during the summer heat is Captiva Pass. The outer sandbars are a great place to sit and chum with small live shiners to catch Spanish mackerel, ladyfish, pompano and trout. The deeper water in the pass once you locate rocky bottom holds gag grouper and mangrove snapper. The docks and down trees on either side of the pass is great for snook. Tarpon come through this pass, and sharks are always around. Captiva Pass is just one of those places that offers lots of options and seems to always produce some type of good fishing action.

*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).*



Mary Laser with a tarpon caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell

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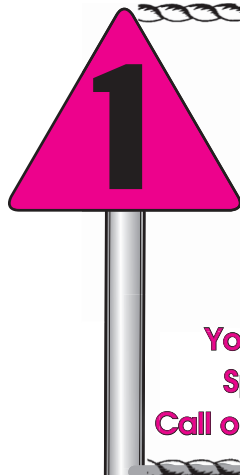
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## Collins Appointed Luncheon Chair

Executive Director for Hope Clubhouse of Southwest Florida James Wineinger announced that Christin Collins of Lee Health has signed on as the event chair for the organization's annual Mental Health Luncheon. Hope Clubhouse of Southwest Florida will roll out its new Faces of Hope campaign at the luncheon, as well as feature a surprise public figure who will share his personal journey of mental health. The event takes place from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Monday, October 30 at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

At Lee Health, Collins aligns the system's vision for health, wellness and prevention internally and within the community. Collins was also co-chair for the 2017 Southwest Florida Wine & Fest, one of the top-grossing wine festivals in the country. This year, that event raised \$3.16 million for Golisano Children's Hospital, with \$1 million in collective bids earmarked for pediatric mental health services, which has



Christin Collins photo provided

become a personal crusade for Collins.

Last year, Collins was shocked to learn of Florida's status as the least-funded state in the nation for mental and behavioral health programming,

with Lee County being the least-funded county.

"It is all of our responsibility to help others on their journey," said Collins. "Hope Clubhouse members connect with one another and with employees who truly care, who help them find meaningful ways to contribute, learn how to cook, eat healthy food, grow a garden, hold down a job, smile and be inspired. I have been involved with a number of amazing organizations who do incredible work in this community, but I have never been so thankful and proud as I am for the opportunity to thank Hope Clubhouse for rolling up their sleeves and making a difference with this crisis."

In addition to Collins, Kathrynne "Kappy" King has been named honorary chair of the annual Mental Health Luncheon. She and husband John King received the inaugural Hands of Hope Award earlier this year in recognition of the couple's generous contributions to Hope Clubhouse's community of support for adults living with mental illness in Southwest Florida.

Hope Clubhouse's host committee for the October event also includes the following Southwest Florida community

leaders Kellie Burns, David Collins, Meghan Collins, Kelly Fayer, Dorothy Fitzgerald, Michelle Graham, Scott Kashman, Bill Martin, Dottie Pacharis, Cole Peacock, Carey Ralston, Connie Ramos-Williams, Dr. Omar Rieche, Sawyer Smith, Sandy Stilwell, Dawn Sullivan, Michael Sullivan, Debbie Toler, Boots Tolles and Scott White.

For annual Mental Health Luncheon sponsorship information, visit [www.HopeClubhouse.org](http://www.HopeClubhouse.org).

## Gulf Coast Writers To Meet

The Gulf Coast Writers Association will hold a meeting at Zion Lutheran Church, 7401 Winkler Road in Fort Myers on Saturday, August 19 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Want to see your book in print without spending years looking for a publisher? Tired of using extra space for inventory? Guest speaker Judy Loose will take you through the steps required to bring your book to life.

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Eastern sweetshrub, a member of the strawberry-shrub family, is listed as endangered in Florida

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## Eastern Sweetshrub

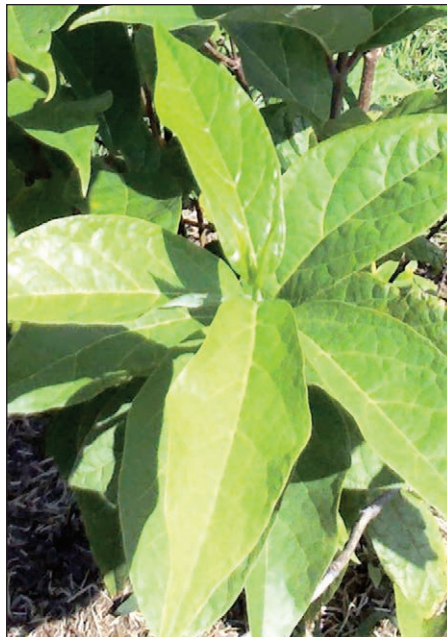
by Gerri Reaves

Eastern sweetshrub (*Calycanthus floridus*) is native to most of the eastern U.S., but in Florida, its southernmost range extends only as far south as Lee County.

Its habitat includes river banks, flood plains, and woods with rich soil.

It is the only member of the strawberry-shrub family native to Florida and is on the state's endangered list.

This species is also called Carolina allspice, sweet Betsy, pineapple shrub and strawberry-bush, the latter two



The leaves, as well as other parts of the plant, are aromatic

names referring to the flower's fruity odor that resembles that of strawberry, pineapple, banana, or grapefruit.

The leaves, bark, flowers and fruit are all aromatic.

Multi-branched and deciduous, with reddish brown bark, it reaches four to nine feet tall. The form is rounded, and the breadth usually exceeds the height.

The crushed stems emit a camphor odor. The camphor can be used as an insect repellent, perfume, or disinfectant.

Adaptable and resistant to pests and diseases, the shrub is valued as an ornamental. It grows in sun or shade and tolerates a variety of soils, but prefers organic material.

It must have moisture, however, so don't plant it in a dry spot. It is not salt tolerant.

Slow-growing and long-lived, it requires no maintenance other than optional pruning and shaping.

The opposite leaves measure up to eight inches long. They are elliptic or oval with pointed tips and upper surfaces that are darker green than the undersides.

The dense foliage provides food and cover for wildlife.

The red or purple-brown flowers measure about two inches across and bloom in spring. Like other members of the strawberry-shrub family, this species has numerous slender tepals, petals and sepals that are so similar as to be indistinguishable except by position. The dried petals are used as potpourri.

The fruit, which ripens in summer or fall, comprises several smaller

one-seeded fruits. Those seeds are poisonous.

Propagate this rare shrub with seeds or cuttings. Also, the numerous suckers can be transplanted.

Medicinally, it is used as an antispasmodic and disinfectant.

Avoid ingesting the plant, for it is poisonous to humans and livestock in sufficient amount.

Sources: *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio, *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell, *The Shrubs and Woody Vines of Florida* by Gil Nelson, [edis.ifas.ufl.edu](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu), [floridata.com](http://floridata.com), [faf.org](http://faf.org), and [wildflower.org](http://wildflower.org).

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## Nature Calendar Now Available

The 30th edition of The Sanibel-Captiva Nature Calendar by Jim Fowler has been published. The cover of the 2018 calendar features a pod of American white pelicans photographed by Al Hoffacker, one of Florida's most renowned wildlife photographers.

This edition of the calendar spotlights 11 of Sanibel's often observed birds in their photographic splendor. March, June and October photos show green herons, black skimmers and yellow-crowned night herons nesting

with young. May, August, November and December depict a black-bellied plover, snowy egrets, a semipalmated plover and a sanderling foraging on the beach. February shows a beautiful pair of courting wood storks photographed in the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Also photographed in the refuge is the centerfold shot of a roseate spoonbill. Rounding out the calendar are photos of dolphins off Point Ybel, spotfin butterflyfish off Upper Captiva and a Punta Rassa sunrise.

Fowler said, "This edition not only shows the amazing talent of the contributing photographers but depicts the different and interrelated habitats of the islands and surrounding marine environments. The concise and in-depth narratives by the contributing writers are enlightening and fascinating."

Photographers featured in this edition are Theresa Baldwin, Marianne Bargiotti, Cliff Beittell, Angela Brain, Dick Fortune, Al Hoffacker, Robert Kimbrell, Sara Lopez, Lorraine Sommer and Don Thompson.

There are informative photo narratives by islander Betty Anholt and former islander Charles LeBuff. Each month features a shell sketch by the late islander Sue Stephens and a turtle graphic during the sea turtle nesting months.

Fowler said, "Created from an idea that took seed during my island experiences since I first came to Sanibel in the early '70s, I have tried every year to put together a calendar that truly shows the natural beauty of the islands. It continues to be my goal each year to publish a calendar that not only is beautiful and useful, but also promotes wildlife conservation through interest, information, and education."

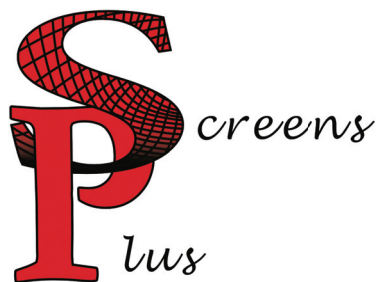
The calendar retails for \$14.95 and is sold throughout Southwest Florida in book stores and gift shops. For mail orders, send \$14.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling to: Sanibel-Captiva Nature Calendar, P.O. Box 356, Sanibel, FL 33957. For the custom Blind Pass Tide edition, send \$17.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. Mailing envelopes are made from recycled paper.✧

### The 2018 Sanibel-Captiva Nature Calendar



American white pelicans are featured on the cover of the 2018 calendar

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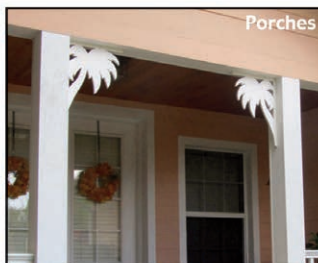
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## Prepare Your Property For Storm Season

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**Pre-storm maintenance:**

Cut back any trees or branches that contact your house, pool cage, shed or

other buildings.

Thin foliage so wind can blow freely through branches, decreasing chances the plant will become uprooted during a storm.

Place trimmings at the curb on your regular collection day. Yard waste must be containerized or securely tied into bundles not heavier than 50 pounds and no longer than six feet in length.

Up to 50 pounds of unbundled palm fronds may be placed at the curb.

Clean your property of any items that could become a projectile during a storm and place them at the curb on your regular waste collection day.

Once a storm has been named or a hurricane watch or warning has been issued:

Do not cut down trees and do not do any major yard work. Mass cutting produces a burden on the normal collection process.

Do not begin construction projects that produce debris unless absolutely necessary to protect life and property.

Secure all debris and do not place materials of any kind at the curb during a watch or warning period.

Services may be suspended and facilities closed early to prepare for the storm. For information on the status of collection services and disposal facilities, residents should check [www.leegov.com/solidwaste](http://www.leegov.com/solidwaste) or monitor local media.

After the storm has passed:

Most important – keep storm debris separate from your regular household

garbage and recycling.

Storm debris should be sorted into separate piles for garbage, yard waste, appliances and construction debris.

Pick up will generally be done with a mechanized claw truck so it's important that you not set debris over buried electric/phone lines, water meters, hydrants or mailboxes. Inspectors will tour each part of the county to determine where collection needs are greatest.

Be patient. Following a storm, the No. 1 priority is collecting household garbage. Uncollected garbage attracts pest and can spread disease. Vegetative waste can wait.

Debris collection guidance and recovery process updates are available at [www.leegov.com/solidwaste](http://www.leegov.com/solidwaste).✱

## Seminar On Gender Diverse Workforce

**T**he Office of Continuing Education & Off-Campus Programs at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) presents a seminar for HR professionals, entrepreneurs and other business and organization leaders: Building a Gender Diverse Workforce. The seminar will be held Tuesday, August 29 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Cohen Center Room 162 on the FGCU campus. Coffee and pastries will be available at 8 a.m. The seminar registration fee is \$100.

During this two-hour presentation, there will be insights as to how women's needs are different from their male counterparts. From a certified Gallup coach, participants will learn data and recommendations based on Gallup's 50 years of research on women in the workforce. The seminar will teach how to better understand and implement changes, some surprisingly minor, in a business or organization to attract and retain engaged female employees.

Mary LaRocque, founder and owner of Level Up Mentoring and a Gallup certified coach, presents the Gallup research findings in an engaging format. She delivers a powerful message that draws upon 20 years of experience in business, including 13 years at Apple Computer, and her firsthand knowledge of business and organizational leaders' difficulties instituting employment practices that effectively attract and retain female talent.

The seminar is guaranteed to keep your attention and equip you with recommendations to implement meaningful changes in your organization necessary to avoid the disruptions that can result from failure to maximize the contributions of women in the workplace due to ineffective business practices.

For registration information, call 425-3270, email [continuinged@fgcu.edu](mailto:continuinged@fgcu.edu) or visit Upcoming FGCU Professional Development Programs at [www.fgcu.edu/CEd/professional\\_development\\_programs.html](http://www.fgcu.edu/CEd/professional_development_programs.html).✱



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## Design Firm Earns Top Honors

Linda and Dana Coin, owners of the Decorating Den Interiors (DDI) franchise serving Sanibel and Captiva and the surrounding Fort Myers area, were recognized for their 2016 accomplishments by Jim Bugg, Jr., president and chief executive of the company, which is North America's largest interior design and home furnishings franchise company. "This award recognizes Linda and Dana's significant sales achievement and exemplary customer service during their inaugural months," said Bugg as he presented the award recently at the company's 48th annual conference and supplier market held in St. Louis, Missouri.

"The Coins acquired the Sanibel Island studio from the previous owners in late 2014 and led their design team to significant growth in quick fashion," Bugg added.

Their sales achievements also earned



From left, Marcia Feeney and Barb Cacchione, Sanibel designers; Jim Bugg, Jr., corporate president and CEO; Linda and Dana Coin, Sanibel franchise co-owners; Jeanie Tinch and Trinette Nelson, Sanibel designers photo provided

them a Platinum Award for being in the top 3% company-wide, and a President's Club Award for reaching the first company milestone for cumulative sales.

In addition to the Coins, the team includes interior decorators Marcia Feeney, Jeanie Tinch, Barb Cacchione, Trinette Nelson and Katie Frederic.

"We've returned from conference with an extensive library of before and after high resolution digital photographs featuring room makeovers from our company's latest book, *Love Your Home*, which was introduced at conference," Linda Coin said. "It has fabulous designs and the stories behind them, and it makes for an ideal workshop or seminar program for organizations looking for a speaker for their meetings."

"We represent over 150 home furnishings suppliers and offer our customers furniture, case goods, accessories, lighting, floor and wall coverings, draperies and other hard and soft window treatments," Coin said. "We bring samples directly to the client's home or office and provide complimentary design services and personally see projects through to installation."

Decorating Den Interiors, located on Tarpon Bay Road, has been serving Sanibel, Captiva and nearby communities for 27 years.✴

## United Way Names Chairs Of \$10M Campaign

The United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee has announced its 2017-18 campaign goal of \$10 million and named Beth Hendry and John Clinger as this year's campaign chairs. This is the first United Way Campaign with a goal of \$10 million and the campaign chairs have launched the campaign with the theme of The Power of 10.

Chico's FAS, Inc. kicked off the new campaign by making the first contribution immediately following the United Way Allocations Wrap-Up event, which was held at the Chico's FAS Metro Parkway headquarters. United Way Allocations members were invited to shop at Chico's FAS Company Store, where a portion of proceeds, totaling \$6,800, were then donated.

"We had a record number of Chico's FAS associates participate in allocations this year. The allocations process illustrates the needs of this community and demonstrates the impact of United Way. This will be our 20th year contributing to United Way and we want to express our enthusiasm and support of the The Power of 10 campaign," said Jessica Wells, vice president of public relations and corporate communications for Chico's FAS, Inc.

Hendry is a member of the United Way board of directors and senior vice-president of Iberiabank's commercial group in Fort Myers. She has been in the area's banking industry since 1992, including work with the Fort Myers-based Florida Gulf Bank which was acquired by Iberiabank. Hendry has been a Fort Myers resident for 26 years. She has been active with United Way for many years, including 13 years participating in United Way's



John Clinger and Beth Hendry

photo provided

allocations teams that make funding recommendations for United Way partner agencies.

Clinger is the immediate past chair of the United Way board of directors, a current board member and was the 2013-14 United Way campaign chair. He is senior vice president of Merrill Lynch Wealth Management and senior financial advisor of Clinger, Sizemore and Associates. Clinger has been a Southwest Florida resident for nearly 30 years. He began his professional career in banking and joined Merrill Lynch in 2000. He has been actively involved in the community, coaching little league baseball and volunteering for many organizations.

Regarding this year's campaign, Hendry said, "The United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee has a strong history of successful campaigns and continuing to support the growing needs of the people of our community. This campaign will be the largest ever,

exceeding \$10 million. A campaign supporting 93 agencies and over 250 programs right here, now that is the power of 10. I am excited to be a part of this paramount campaign and hope that the community will embrace the challenge and support the needs of our community."

"Being asked to chair the United Way Campaign a second time is an

honor and a challenge," said Clinger.

"It is a huge responsibility to raise over \$10 million for our United Way, and I will pursue the goal with passion and enthusiasm. When people ask me why I support our United Way, I answer that it is one of the best ways to give back to the community I love."

For more information about United Way, visit [www.UnitedWayLee.org](http://www.UnitedWayLee.org).✴

## Business Climate Survey Released

After last quarter's slight decrease, the Executive Business Climate Index for Lee County remained the same score of 67, according to a report released today by the Horizon Council and Florida Gulf Coast University's Regional Economic Research Institute (RERI).

Over the previous five quarters, the index peaked in the first quarter of 2015 at 68, before leveling off at 67 in the second and third quarters that followed. The third quarter 2017 measure still significantly exceeded last year's measure of 61.

"Local business optimism surely increased following last November's elections," RERI Director Christopher Westley said. "But I wonder now whether there's a sense that our eight-year expansion is close to a correction."

The index results from calculations made to survey responses of Lee County business executives and is measured on a scale of 0 to 100.

The remainder of the survey queried executives on their level of business optimism as well as on perceptions of the effects and importance of health and wellness programs in their businesses. The results are compared with responses from these same questions asked in the fourth quarter of 2013.

Fifty-two percent of business executives indicated that reduced productivity due to health issues was the most prevalent issue.

This was an increase from 39 percent in the fourth quarter of 2013.

The full report can be viewed at [www.fgcu.edu](http://www.fgcu.edu). For more information, contact Chris Westley at 590-7090 or [cwestley@fgcu.edu](mailto:cwestley@fgcu.edu).✴

## Blue Chip Award Deadline Nears

The 23rd annual Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award application deadline is fast approaching. Coordinated and sponsored by BB&T- Oswald Trippe and Company and BB&T Bank, the Blue Chip Community Business Award recognizes successful, small businesses in Lee, Collier or Charlotte County that have overcome adversity to achieve success. Applications must be submitted by September 6.

Independent judges will pick the winning entry once all applications have been collected. Businesses can nominate themselves or be nominated by a third party. To qualify, the for-profit business must have been in operation for at least three years under the same ownership with principal office located in Lee, Collier or Charlotte county, employ five to 400 people and have overcome adversity to achieve success.

The award ceremony will take place Thursday, November 2 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa, 5001 Coconut Road, in Bonita Springs.

To submit an application, contact Stacey Mercado at 433-7189 or [SMercado@BBandT.com](mailto:SMercado@BBandT.com).✴



## Financial Focus

# Stay Calm On The Investment Roller Coaster



by Jennifer Basey

Unless you live near an amusement park that does a lot of advertising, you probably didn't know that August 6 is National Roller Coaster Day. Actual roller coasters provide people with

thrills. But as an investor, how can you stay calm on the "roller coaster" of the financial markets?

Here are some suggestions:

Know what's in front of you. If you've ever ridden a roller coaster in the dark, you may find it scarier than if you boarded it in daylight – after all, it can be unsettling not to know where you're going. The same can be said about investing. If you have no idea what's in front of you, you might find the journey unnerving – and if that happens, you could make panicky decisions, which are usually bad ones. So prepare for the inevitable market volatility – it's a normal part of the investment landscape.

Buckle up. When you're on a roller coaster, you need to buckle your seat belt or use a restraint. You want to have the excitement of the ride, but you certainly don't want to take unnecessary risks. And you can enjoy some of the excitement of investing without incurring more risk than you are comfortable with, too. One way to lower your risk level is to diversify across a range of investments – stocks, bonds, government securities, and so on. That way, if a market downturn primarily affects just one type of investment, you'll have

some protection. However, although diversification can reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio, it can't protect against all losses or guarantee a profit.

Choose a strategy for the journey. Different people have different ways of handling a roller coaster ride. Some like to throw their hands up, enjoying the feeling of abandon, while others hold on tightly to the bar in front of them. When you invest, you also need a strategy that works for you, and the best one may be the simplest: Buy quality investments and hold them for the long term. How long is "long term?" It could be 10, 20, 30 years or more. Famed investor Warren Buffet says his favorite holding period is "forever." If you've chosen a mix of quality investments appropriate for your risk tolerance, you may be able to hold them until either your goals change or the investments themselves undergo some transformation.

Stay for the whole "ride." When you hop on a roller coaster, you've got no choice – you're staying until the ride is over. As an investor, though, you can exit the investment world whenever you like. But if you take a "time out" from investing every time the market drops, you risk still being out of the market when it rallies – and the early stages of a rally are often when the biggest gains occur. Furthermore, if you keep investing during a "down" market, you'll be buying shares when their price has dropped, which means your dollars can go further – and you'll be following one of the basic rules of investing: "Buy low."

You can't take out all the twists and turns of the investment road, but by following the above suggestions, you can help make the ride less stressful – and possibly more rewarding.

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Calendar Girls surround John Ammons at Edison National Bank

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## Birthday Surprise

The Calendar Girls surprised Edison National Bank Vice President John Ammons at the Cleveland Avenue

branch with a birthday dance and song.

For more information on how the Calendar Girls can add a little sizzle to your special event, call Katherine at 850-6010 or visit [www.calendargirlsflorida.com](http://www.calendargirlsflorida.com).

## VCB Earns Designation

Destinations International recently re-accredited Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (Lee VCB) for its commitment to industry excellence.

The Lee VCB received its Destination Marketing Accreditation Program (DMAP) rating at the Destinations International 2017 annual convention in Montreal, Canada on July 11 to 14. The eight-year reaccreditation signifies a process that involved providing information in 95 different categories, allowing the DMAP board to evaluate the operations of the Lee VCB.

"Having this accreditation is a distinction that indicates we perform our duties with great quality, utilizing the latest performance standards in destination marketing and management," said Tamara Pigott, executive director of the Lee VCB. "We are being held to the highest possible standard. This benefits residents, guests and the tourism industry of Lee County."

DMAP requires a destination organization to comply with mandatory and voluntary standards to gain this momentous achievement. The standards cover nearly all aspects related to the management and marketing of destinations, including governance, finance, human resources, sales, communications, development and research.

## Beach Bird Patrol

Experience the beautiful birds of Bunche Beach with a bird patrol guide on Thursday, August 17 at 5:30 p.m. Expect 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 view waterfowl, raptors and warblers.

The event, provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation, is free with a parking fee of \$2 per hour. Tour is approximately two hours long. Restrooms are located in the building at the first parking lot.

Bring binoculars, sun protection, shoes that can get wet, a bottle of drinking water, your curiosity and a love of nature.

Bunche Beach is located in South Fort Myers off of Summerlin Rd at the west end of John Morris Road. For more information, call 707-3015 or visit [www.birdpatrol.org](http://www.birdpatrol.org).

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From left, Past President Gerry Poppe, Matt Muller and Rotary District Governor Bobbi Bird  
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## Rotary Club Board And Officers

**R**otary Club of Fort Myers South recently inducted its new officers and board of directors for 2017-2018, with Greg Blurton of Lee County School District stepping up to serve as president. The roster also includes President-Elect Tracie Bagans of Florida Power & Light; President-Elect Nominee Kerri Goldsmith of HBKS Wealth Advisors; Treasurer John Kozak of Finemark Bank; Assistant Treasurer Mark Rupolo of Hagen Palen & Co. CPAs; Secretary Steve Wassman of RBK Consulting; Past President Gerry Poppe of Waterman Broadcasting; and Sergeant at Arms Scott Gregory of BB&T- Oswald Trippe and Company.

The new board for Rotary Club of Fort Myers South is composed of art dealer Jim Butler; retired Iona McGregor Fire Chief Bud Elliott; pharmaceutical sales expert Suzi Ward; retired fire protection services expert Michael Dunn; Pam Morrison of the Eventful Company; and Read Sawczyn of Finemark Bank.

Certified Public Accountant Matthew Muller was named 2017 Rotarian of



Gerry Poppe and Greg Blurton

the Year by Rotary Club of Fort Myers South. Past President Gerry Poppe said, "Matt can always be counted on to pitch in or take ownership of any of our community service projects. He really goes above and beyond, inspiring all of our members to embrace our 'Service Above Self' motto. His enthusiasm is contagious!" ❄️

## Housing Authority Gains High Marks

**T**he U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently awarded the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers a high performer rating with a final score of 100 percent for its Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP).

The SEMAP assessment process enables HUD to better manage the Section 8 tenant-based program by identifying public housing authorities capabilities and deficiencies related to administration of the Section 8 program. As a result, HUD is able to provide more effective program assistance to public housing authorities.

"We are proud to once again be

named a high performer by HUD and to receive the highest score possible," said Marcus D. Goodson, executive director. "We work diligently for the families we provide for, and this score is indicative of that hard work."

SEMAP indicators used for the scoring include selection from waiting list, reasonable rent, determination of adjustment income, utility allowance schedule, expanding housing opportunities, payment standards, timely annual reexamination, correct tenant rent calculations, lease-up, family self-sufficiency and more.

In 2015, the HACFM was named Outstanding Agency of the Year by the Florida Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (FAHRO).

For more information, call 344-3220 or visit [www.hacfm.org](http://www.hacfm.org). ❄️

## Marketing Firm Named Best In Public Relations



From left, Kelsie Goodrich, EJ Andrews, Samantha Scott APR, Vanessa Fernandez and Cherline Louissaint of Pushing the Envelope, Inc.  
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**P**ushing the Envelope, Inc. (PTE) has been named 'Best PR Firm' in the fourth annual *Gulfshore Business* Best of Business Awards, where recipients are chosen by the votes.

"We're honored to achieve the title

of 'Best PR Firm,'" said PTE President Samantha Scott, APR, "and we will continue working hard to provide service that lives up to the title."

To learn more about PTE's services and view work examples, visit [www.GetPushing.com](http://www.GetPushing.com). ❄️

### Superior Interiors

## It's Not Easy Being Green

by Jeanie Tinch



**S**o says world famous Muppet, Kermit the Frog. But, actually in today's environment, with so many products and design options available, being "green" can be

a relatively easy and environmentally beautiful design option.

From paint, lighting, accessories, fabrics, furniture and wall coverings, becoming eco-friendly has become an extremely high priority for many home furnishing manufacturers.

Let's take a look at a few of these exciting options.

**Furniture.** Natural fibers, found in rattan and plantation grown woods (rather than depleting forest grown woods) give home owners a wide variety of styles, textures and designs. And how about materials such as bamboo, abaca and government-certified hardwoods. If purchasing eco-friendly furniture for your home is a priority, you might check to see if your furniture manufacturer is a member of the Sustainable Furniture Council (SFC), which was established in 2007.

**Lighting.** Not only have halogen lamps

been all the rage for the past few years, they are a boon to energy savings, as are the wide variety of energy-saving light bulbs available in the marketplace. In addition, many of today's decorative lamps have been designed in wrought iron, allowing for a more intricate detailing and design variety.

**Fabrics.** Believe it or not, gorgeous decorative fabrics are being made from recycled plastic water bottles, recycled polyester and recycled paper. And, often times, these eco-friendly fabrics are treated and finished with only water-based or environmentally approved dyes.

**Wall Finishes.** Paints now feature low odors, faster drying times and stronger durability, all by maintaining environmental codes. If repainting is in your future, be sure to ask if the paint you're considering has a low VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) rating, so that you can continue your environmental stewardship. Natural grass cloth wall covering is another way to add warmth, beauty and texture to your wall décor, while maintaining your green focus.

And let's not forget the importance in design of the color green. Yes, it may not be easy being green, but this long-desired shade can be found in almost every design scheme. Whether you incorporate green in plant foliage displayed in your room's design, or you make this shade predominate, usually any green shade will add a bit of the splendor of the great outdoors to any décor.

Jeanie Tinch is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at [jeanie@coindeden.com](mailto:jeanie@coindeden.com). ❄️



## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

**D**ear Shelley, Your kids are back at school, and the workload is already challenging. Parents generally take on some of the school responsibility by helping

their children with their studying and homework. Here are some suggestions for facilitating effective study habits.

If you are a parent of a struggling or resistant learner, you've probably heard more than one person suggest, "She just needs to study more." Most kids think this means filling in a study guide or rereading a chapter. But many students don't learn through writing or reading. Their strengths lie in the visual, kinesthetic, musical, or social realm. How, then, are we to help our children develop their studying skills? Here are some unique methods for students who learn differently.

### Study Strategies:

1. Flashcards – Use the comprehension questions from the text or ask your child to create a set of questions on the material she/he is studying, and then turn those questions and answers into flashcards and have your student quiz herself/himself. The simple act of flipping the cards around and putting them into piles of "mastered" and "needs practice" may be enough to keep an active kid moving. Some kids are often motivated by timing themselves. Flip those flashcards around, have her read the answer, and try to reproduce the question for a bigger challenge.

2. Categorizing – Use the flashcards to organize the information by categories, put them in some kind of order, or match them up in pairs. The idea is to organize them differently each time so that your student can make more than one connection in his brain for the information.

3. Word combining – Language lovers won't mind creating sentences with vocabulary. If the test is vocabulary-heavy, start by either writing or speaking the sentences with one word in each and then moving to two words, then three, etc.

4. Song lyrics – Ask a musical or rhythmic student to take the lyrics of her favorite song and rewrite it to include as much of the required information she can. This may take multiple sessions to accomplish, but once it's done, she can sing it over and over again.

5. Picture notes – During the study session, have a more visual student draw pictures of his notes on flashcards, paper, or a whiteboard, and then describe them.

6. Talk-through – Many kids are highly social. If yours is, too, have her go through flashcards or a study guide and explain each aspect in as much detail as possible without reading from the printed information.

7. Picture walk – Have him use the visuals provided in the textbook, online text, worksheets, notes, etc. to explain information either out loud or in writing, depending on his preference.

8. Mnemonic devices – Have her rhyme or create sayings to help her remember information. Creating acronyms or sentences with the first letters of words can also be fun for students who like to play with language.

9. Oral visualization – Read a portion of the notes or worksheet and have your student describe what comes to mind visually.

10. Perspective talk – Talk or write about the material, pretending to be somebody or something else.

11. Superhero letter – Have a word-smart student write a letter to a superhero explaining the material and why the information should be important.

Ultimately, effective study techniques come in many forms, and it's important to help your child figure out what's going to work for him or her. Whatever her strengths, whatever his level of comfort, start there. Keep it short. Keep it simple. Keep it painless. And watch what happens when studying becomes a familiar routine so that students will see some success.

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## University Named Best In Florida

The University of Florida (UF) has been ranked the No. 1 four-year college in the state after being thoroughly evaluated against 13 different criteria by [www.schools.com](http://www.schools.com).

UF not only made an impression on the state rankings, but nationwide. The university earned the No. 5 spot against more than 1,600 colleges and universities.

Each school was scored on a 100 point scale using the most recent data available from government sources and based on metrics such as tuition and fees, number of degrees and certificates offered, flexibility,

student services and rates of student graduation, retention and transfer.

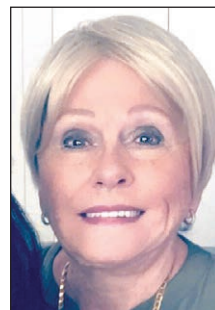
The following are the best four-year colleges in Florida:

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7. Florida Atlantic University
8. University of North Florida
9. Florida State University
10. University of South Florida - St. Petersburg

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## Book Review

### III Will



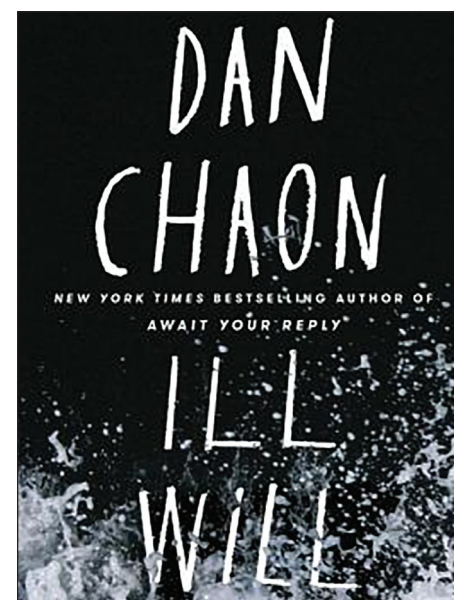
by Di Saggau

In Dan Chaon's latest novel, there are two sets of unsolved murders haunting a middle-aged therapist named Dustin Tillman. His brother, Rusty, has been exonerated after almost 30 years in prison. He had been convicted of killing their parents along with an aunt and uncle. Young Dustin's testimony at the trial pretty much sealed the case. Reuniting with his brother is the last thing Dustin wants right now.

Thirty years later, Dustin is devastated by his wife's death and his memories of his parents' deaths feel hazy. *III Will* is told through various narrators and none of them has the full story of what happened. Sometimes the pages break into three columns of text allowing the reader to experience things from different perspectives.

As Dustin tries to maintain his psychology practice, he becomes concerned as to what his brother might do for spending all those years in prison. He also becomes involved with an unstable patient who wants him to help solve a series of drowning deaths that he feels are not accidental.

The book jumps back and forth in time from childhood scenes of Dustin and his brother, to present day scenes of Dustin's



investigation where he doesn't know if he will catch a serial killer or lose his own mind. His imagination runs wild, and he puts his own family in harm's way.

Some reviewers say the novel has the same feel as one by Edgar Allan Poe and Alfred Hitchcock. Author Megan Abbott writes, "Dan Chaon's darkly stunning *III Will* ensnares you from its very first pages. It's both a bone-chilling literary thriller and a complicated tale of family secrets and the strange and dangerous paths grief and guilt can take us on - and it is not to be missed."

I enjoyed the many viewpoints, and memories that are formed within this intimate thriller about the failures of memory and the perils of self-deception.\*

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# The Only Active Major Leaguer That Played For The Montreal Expos



by Ed Frank

Here is this week's trivia question: Can you name the only Major League baseball player who, incidentally, is today's oldest player in the Majors, and is the last active Major Leaguer that played for the now-defunct Montreal Expos?

The answer, of course, is Bartolo Colon. The 44-year old made baseball history last week when he pitched a complete game for the Minnesota Twins in an 8-4 win over the Texas Rangers. In doing so, Colon, at 44

years, 37 days, became the oldest American League starter to toss a complete game and win since Nolan Ryan accomplished the feat in 1992 at the age of 45.

Volumes could be written about the ageless Colon, known as "Big Sexy," who has played for 10 different teams in a career spanning more than 20 years.

Here are just a few of the amazing accomplishments of the 285-pound Colon: He has made four All-Star games: Cleveland, 1998; California Angels, 2005; Oakland, 2013; and the New York Mets, 2016. He won the American League Cy Young Award in 2005 with the Angels when he led the American League in wins with 21.

Early in 2016, at 42 years old, he became the oldest Major League player to hit his first career home run playing for the Mets.

The well-traveled Colon, with a lifetime record of 236 wins against 171 losses, has tossed a total of 3,259.2 innings for an ERA of 4.03

The Twins picked up Colon earlier in the season from Atlanta. How long he will remain with Minnesota, which is undergoing a rebuilding program, is difficult to say.

He proved last week he remains competitive, so don't be surprised if Colon packs what must be a worn-out suitcase for another club next season.

## Dodgers Setting Another Baseball Record

The Los Angeles Dodgers are smokin' hot with the best record over the recent 51-game stretch since the 1912 New York Giants.

The Dodgers began the week with a season record of 79-32 having won 13 of their last 14 games, 24 of 27 and 44 of 51. As of Monday, they had a 15-1/2-game lead over second-place Colorado and were 47 games over .500 for the first time since 1962.

## Miracle Back In First-Place

The Fort Myers Miracle baseball team began the month of August with a 5-1 record, moving back into first-place in the Florida State League South Division.

As the 2017 season moves towards its final weeks, the Miracle began the week with a second-half season record of 27-17.

The team begins an important eight-game home stand this week facing Dunedin Thursday through Sunday and Lakeland Monday through Thursday. Upon the completion of the home stand, the Miracle will have only 16 games remaining in the regular season.

Fort Myers needs to win the second-half division title to qualify for post-season play.\*



Bartolo Colon



Beach resident Jesse Loudermilk (second from left on couch) celebrated his 41st birthday with friends at the CenturyLink Sports Complex last Thursday. They watched the Fort Myers Miracle win via a walk-off homer over the Jupiter Hammerheads in Advanced-A minor league baseball action. photo by Bob Petcher

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the last Tigers rookie before Michael Fulmer in 2016 to toss at least 28 2/3 shutout innings?
2. Of George Brett, Lou Brock, Willie Mays and Pete Rose, who hit the most triples in his career?
3. When was the last time that the University of Texas El Paso won a bowl game?
4. Seven Orlando Magic players have tallied 45 or more points in an NBA game. Name five of them.
5. In 2017, the Nashville Predators became the first team since 2001 to start the NHL playoffs by notching consecutive road shutouts. What was the last team to do it?
6. Which Major League Soccer team was the first to make the CONCACAF Champions League final?
7. How many consecutive wins by knockout or TKO has current heavyweight boxing champion Anthony Joshua had?

## ANSWERS

1. John Hiller, in 1967. 2. Brock had 141; Mays, 140; Brett, 137; and Rose, 135. 3. It was 1967, when UTEP defeated Ole Miss in the Sun Bowl. 4. Nick Anderson, Vince Carter, Terry Catledge, Dwight Howard, Tracy McGrady. 5. Toronto, in 2001. 6. Real Salt Lake, in 2010-11. 7. Nineteen.

## Scholarship Winner

Eleven students were recently selected to be 2017 Florida State League/Miami Marlins Scholarship Award winners. Mason

Wilbanks is the scholarship winner for the the Fort Myers Miracle, Advanced-A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins.

This is the 18th straight year for the program that is funded by the Miami Marlins and the Florida State League. Each scholarship has a monetary value of \$1,500 and is presented to a student employee, child or grandchild of an

employee. A total of 216 scholarships have been awarded to qualified applicants since the inception of the program.

"This program is intended to encourage and reward our college summer interns by reinforcing to them that education is key to success in life with or without baseball," stated Miracle Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer Ben Hemmen. "We thank the Miami Marlins for providing a generous contribution to the Florida State League scholarship program and hope to see this partnership continued for many years to come."

A rising senior at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU), Wilbanks came to Hammond Stadium each day with a smile on his face and a willingness to help the team in every way possible throughout the summer. He has been a part of the intern team since 2015 when he worked during the Twins' Spring Training season. The native of Fleming Beach, Florida and graduate of Fleming Beach High School is expected to graduate from FGCU in the spring of 2018 with a degree in

business management with a sports concentration.

"I am blessed and grateful for the opportunities the Fort Myers Miracle have given me," said Wilbanks. "I would like to thank the Florida State League and the Miracle for selecting me for such a prestigious award. It has truly been a beneficial experience that will be useful as I pursue future endeavors."

All winners were guests at Marlins Park on July 30, and were recognized in an on-field pregame introduction before the Miami Marlins took on the Cincinnati Reds. Wilbanks was joined by the following 2017 winners from around the Florida State League: Joseph Schneider of Bradenton Marauders; Mackenna Stella Radunz of Charlotte Stone Crabs; Cameron Soltau of Clearwater Threshers; Cameron Wood/Anderson Rathbun of Daytona Tortugas; Kelsey McIntosh of Dunedin Blue Jays; Feliciano Grimaldo of Jupiter Hammerheads; Lexi Hicks of Lakeland Flying Tigers; Kyle Nagy of Palm Beach Cardinals; Mario Pietroluongo of St. Lucie Mets; and Lyndsay Kane of Tampa Yankees.\*

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## Panther Fishing Tournament Set For August 19

The Panther Baseball Alumni Club is hosting its 6th annual fishing tournament on Saturday, August 19. It will be held out of Salty Sam's Marina with an honor start at 7 a.m.

Scales will open at 2 p.m. and close at 4 p.m. with a live weigh-in followed by dinner, raffles and a ceremony at Parrot Key Caribbean Grill.

The Panther Baseball Alumni Club raises funds to support the Cypress Lake High School baseball team through the purchase of equipment and supplies as well as awarding scholarships to student athletes that exemplify leadership within their community.

The tournament begins with a



Team AWA Insurance took third place in 2016

photo provided

mandatory captains meeting at Parrot Key Caribbean Grill on Friday, August 18 at 6 p.m.

There will also be a celebratory dinner and drinks, which all anglers receive with registration. More than \$5,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded.

"This was such a great event last year. Everyone had a lot of fun, and we raised much needed funds for this worthy cause," said Chris Davison, president of the Panther Baseball Alumni Club. "We are urging all our local fishermen and women to join us for this fun event on August 19."

Teams must be registered by the captain's meeting. At least one team member must attend the captain's meeting. For more information and registration, visit [www.PantherBaseballAlumni.org](http://www.PantherBaseballAlumni.org).

Salty Sam's Marina and Parrot Key Caribbean Grill are located at 2500 Main Street on San Carlos Island.✪

## Local Navy Man Serves At Missile Defense Site

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A South Fort Myers High School graduate and Fort Myers native is part of a new and unique U.S. Navy command providing critical missile defense to a large part of Europe.

Seaman Robert Hampton is a master-at-arms serving at Naval Support Facility (NSF) Deveselu, one of the Navy's newest commands defending against the threat of ballistic missiles. A Navy master-at-arms is responsible for safety and security of the base.

"The best part about my job is the people," said Hampton. "They relate to me. We are all in this together."

NSF Deveselu is the first Aegis Ashore Missile Defense Facility placed into operations, providing support to NATO's overall ballistic missile defense system. Commissioned in October 2014, the installation is home to U.S. Navy sailors who work with their Romanian partners to defend against the threat of a ballistic missile attack.

"The importance of our sailors' mission in Romania can't be overstated," said Capt. Jon Grant, commander NSF Deveselu. "Because we are here, our combatant commanders have a lot of flexibility to position their sea-based missile defense assets where they'll have the largest strategic impact, and that wouldn't be possible without our sailors stepping up to the plate and



Robert Hampton

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knocking it out of the park 24/7, 365 days a year."

Assigned to U.S. 6th Fleet, sailors are on watch throughout the European region and are important assets supporting the European Phased Adaptive Approach to enhance the security of that area of the world from ballistic missile, according to Navy officials.

Navy personnel at NSF Deveselu are supported in their efforts by forward deployed units in Rota, Spain, such as the Arleigh-Burke class guided-missile destroyers USS Ross (DDG 71), USS Porter (DDG 78), USS Carney (DDG 64) and USS Donald Cook (DDG 75). Having four destroyers based in Rota gives the U.S. 6th Fleet flexibility to

send these ships to a variety of locations for a range of missions, while at the same time providing a large umbrella of protection for European allies.

Approximately 200 officers and enlisted men and women are stationed in Deveselu. Their highly specialized jobs are critical to mission success, according to Navy officials.

"I like that our base here is remote," said Hampton. "How many people get to serve in Romania?"

Living abroad is challenging, Navy

officials explained. The young men and women are highly motivated and quickly adapt. The sacrifices are worthwhile to ensure the safety of our allies and loved ones back home.

Supporting this important mission, Hampton explained that he and fellow service members know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes.

"Everyone in my family served," said Hampton. "Serving in the Navy was a stepping stone for me being in the family."✪

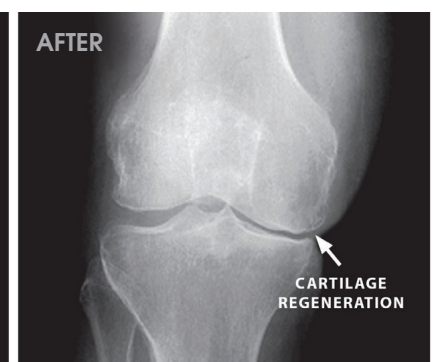
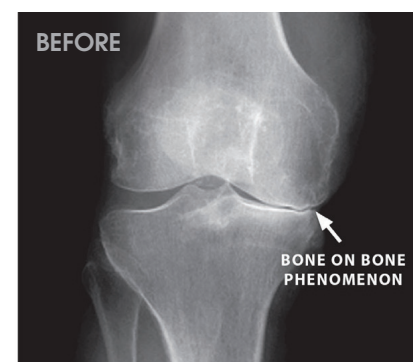
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## Coffee Table Book

a book signing and presentation with Mayor Henderson, photographer Ilene Safron and author Amy Bennett Williams.

The estates is featured in the book

and is the first location to offer the book for sale. Copies are available for purchase in the Edison Ford Museum Store, Ford Cottage Shoppe and the Edison Ford Shoppe at Bell Tower Shops.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 334-7419.✪



## Grief Specialists Speak At National Symposium

Valerie's House Founder and CEO Angela Melvin recently presented at the 2017 National Alliance for Grieving Children Symposium on Children's Grief in Richmond, Virginia, paving the way for other communities around the country to build their own grief center. Melvin along with Valerie's House Program Director Danielle Visone led a presentation titled How to Build a Grief Center – Grassroots and from the Ground Up. The presentation documented the Valerie's House journey and discussed strategies and lessons learned with other communities who want to help children in grief. More than 300 grief organizations were in attendance at the annual conference.

"Two years ago, I attended this conference not knowing a soul and wanting to learn from as many people as I could," Melvin said. "This time Valerie's House was being looked to as an up-and-coming leader in the grief movement. It was a true honor to be there."

Melvin and Visone spent three days learning from other trailblazers in the field of children's grief, including meeting the founder of the first grief center in the country, Donna Schuurman. Valerie's House is designed around the model that Donna created, The Dougy Center, located in Portland, Oregon.



Angela Melvin and Danielle Visone  
photo provided

Valerie's House is enrolling children for its fall 2017 grief groups, beginning Monday, August 14. The organization has three meeting locations: 1618 Avalon Place in Fort Myers; Cape Christian Church, 2110 Chiquita Boulevard South in Cape Coral; and at The Village School at 6000 Goodlette-Frank Road in Naples.

Interested families or mental health professionals who would like to volunteer can contact [info@valereshouseswfl.org](mailto:info@valereshouseswfl.org). Valerie's House is fully supported through generous donations from the community. For more information, go to [www.valereshouseswfl.org](http://www.valereshouseswfl.org).

the two devices, the prevention of needle contamination using the guarded device, despite documented video contact with an eyelid, suggests it has a protective effect.

"The guarded injection device addresses an unmet need by providing a simple way of reducing injection times and theoretically reducing risk of injection from direct contact with eyelids, aerosolized saliva and other environmental contaminants during injection," said Retina Health Center Director Dr. Alexander Eaton. "For patients with wet age related macular degeneration and other retinal disorders who undergo injections up to every four weeks, this device should improve the patient care experience by reducing the injection time."

An estimated 10 million people worldwide receive eye injections every year. This number has increased considerably over the last few years and is expected to continue to increase in the foreseeable future. The most serious complication of intravitreal injections (IVIs) is endophthalmitis, with incidences of infection rates being reported between 0.02 percent and 0.87 percent. While the incidence of endophthalmitis following IVIs is low, the outcome tends to be poor.

This is the first of a number of products being developed by I-Tech JV Development Company which address issues with preventing infections following insertion of a needle or catheter. By combining a team of retinal thought leaders and experienced device designers, the I-Tech JV Development Company is able to rapidly assess and develop products to meet evolving retina and overall health needs.

## Guide Dog Partnership

The Calendar Girls' 16th sponsored Paws for Patriots puppy, Ranger, has been matched with her veteran, Kenneth Angelini of Louisville, Kentucky. Ranger was raised here in Fort Myers with her puppy raisers Dave and Kim Gade.

Since 2006, the Calendar Girls have been sponsoring guide dog/service dogs for veterans through the Paws for Patriots program of Southeastern Guide Dogs, and have currently sponsored 18 world class guide dog puppies.

For more information, visit [www.calendargirlsflorida.com](http://www.calendargirlsflorida.com) or [www.guidedogs.org](http://www.guidedogs.org).



Ken Angelini and Ranger photo provided

## Grief Sessions For Fathers

Hope Healthcare is offering an eight-week series for fathers facing the loss of a child.

Dad's Grief Toolkit will address topics including Grief 101, Talking to Your Children and Defining a New Normal. Participants will be asked to complete a one-on-one counseling session with a Hope bereavement counselor prior to attending the group sessions.

The series begins on September 6 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and is scheduled

for the first and third Wednesday of each month in the Community Room in Hope's HealthPark Office at 9470 HealthPark Circle in Fort Myers.

To attend, contact Lorrie McCann at 985-7716 or [Lorrie.McCann@HopeHCS.org](mailto:Lorrie.McCann@HopeHCS.org).

With generous community support, Hope is able to offer grief counseling programs designed for adults, teens and children; LGBT; bereaved mothers; those who have experienced the suicide of a loved one; crisis support for community schools and businesses; and a group for Spanish speaking adults. To learn more, visit [www.HopeHCS.org/counseling](http://www.HopeHCS.org/counseling).

## Health Center Awarded Patent

Dr. Alexander M. Eaton and his research colleagues have been awarded a patent for a new guarded injection device used for targeted application of medication for retinal disorders. Developed by Dr. Eaton and the Retina Health Center in collaboration with other researchers, the guarded injection device incorporates a small gauge needle covered by a thin protective sleeve designed to protect the needle from contamination risks before and during the injection, such as aerosolized saliva droplets from speech or breathing, as well as from the eyelashes or other external contaminants.

In July 2012, Retina Health Center conducted clinical trials involving 70 consenting patients to evaluate the delivery time and comfort using the guarded injection device, compared to existing techniques that use a lid speculum.

According to the study, use of the guarded injection device without a lid speculum (a device that is inserted into the eye to hold the eyelids open and prevent blinking) reduces the injection time by one-third, and saves considerable staff time that would be needed to process the lid speculum. However, in reviewing pain scores of participating patients, there was no significant difference in patient pain levels when comparing injections with a lid speculum versus those without a lid speculum, though the results show a trend toward greater comfort using the guarded injection device. Similarly, while there was no difference in rates of infections using

## DCF Encourages Parental Engagement

As summer break transitions back into the school routine, the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) encourages parents to be engaged in the attention and time given to children by taking a few steps to maximize your time.

Being vigilant and intentional in parenting young children promotes effective habits and trust within the family dynamic. One of the most important daily decisions a parent or caregiver can make for their children is a commitment to building strong and well-functioning family relationships. The more time spent with a child, the more meaningful the relationship can become.

"Our lives can often be filled with deadlines and distractions that sometimes leave us feeling overwhelmed," said DCF Secretary Mike Carroll. "However, we are never too busy to close our laptop, put down our phones, and make time for our children. This precious time spent with them not only validates a parent's unconditional love and support, but also teaches children important principles they can carry with them throughout their lives."

There are a variety of simple and easy tools parents can use to become more purposeful, including:

- Engage with your child. Make time to play with them, help with homework, and stimulate their minds. Your presence alone

is beneficial to their development.

- Create a safe environment. Talk to your child about strangers, drugs and alcohol, peer pressure, and other influencers they may encounter in their lives and how to appropriately react in these situations.

- Establish consistency. Children, like many of us, handle change best if it is expected and becomes part of the context of a familiar routine. Structure and routines teach children how to constructively control themselves and their environment.

- Create and share traditions. Teach your child about their family history. Have a family dinner night at least once a week so your child will know what to expect on this night.

- Provide support. Tell your child how proud you are of him/her. Embrace their uniqueness. Attend school events and extracurricular activities. Teach them trust.

- Screen time can be useful to the parent-child dynamic if utilized properly. Talk to your child about the show or movie you are watching to gauge their reactions, opinions, and thoughts, as well as relate the show to real-life lessons for your child to learn.

Focused parenting provides the foundation from which children grow. Once school begins, remember to ask children how their day at school was, engage in their take-home assignments, and let them know when they have accomplished a task to be proud of.

For more information on parenting resources, visit [www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/childwelfare/caregivers](http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/childwelfare/caregivers) and [www.ounce.org/parent\\_tips.html](http://www.ounce.org/parent_tips.html).





Dede D'Arcy and Joanne Heroy-Giller  
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## Over The Edge Kickoff Held At Bahama Breeze

The Heights Foundation hosted an Over The Edge kickoff happy hour at Bahama Breeze Island Grille in Fort Myers on July 27. Guests enjoyed live music, a complimentary cocktail, appetizers, had opportunities to win prizes and learned how they can go over the edge of the 19-story Westin



Jan-Erik Hustrulid and Mary Beth Ebenger

Cape Coral Resort at Marina Village to benefit The Heights Foundation and The Heights Center.

The Over The Edge fundraiser will take place Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22. Participants are asked to raise a minimum of \$1,200 to support The Heights Center's School Success program for at risk children in the Harlem Heights neighborhood.

To learn more about Over The Edge for The Heights Foundation, visit [www.heights-overtheedge.com](http://www.heights-overtheedge.com) or call 482-7706.\*



Janet and David Weinstein



Walter Weglarz and Teresa Diedrick



From left, George May, Bro D'Arcy, Dede D'Arcy and Rich Heinrich



From left, Karin Winter, Keith Durling, Elly Hagen and Kevin Winter



From left, Karen Lesza, Tracie Bagans and Suzanne Croce



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## Your Skin Reveals Your True State Of Health



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**D**ear Readers: Your skin reveals a secret about your health. It will expose you, even if you say you're feeling "okay" to everyone. I'm not referring to a tan, I'm referring to skin tone, texture and color.

If you are pale, you may be anemic and deficient in iron. It shows up on your skin even if you mask the accompanying fatigue with NoDoz or coffee. Pale skin that is also dry may be a clue to your hypothyroidism, which also causes fatigue and hair loss.

Healthy folks have a good supply of blood flow and oxygen throughout their body, so skin appears rosy and pink, as opposed to people with heart disease, high cholesterol or circulatory disorder.

People with cancer sometimes have grey or blue-tinged skin or lips due to the lack of oxygenated blood.

Asthma requires the use of steroids (ie prednisone) which can cause easy bruising; this problem also occurs from aspirin, ginkgo, fish oil and prescription anticoagulants to prevent a stroke or heart attack.

If you are alcohol or nicotine-dependent, you will look older than you should, and have saggy skin because these lifestyle factors attack your collagen and elastin. Drinking and smoking age you inside and out.

Sun worshippers and smokers often have age spots and an uneven skin tone, which is from the ultraviolet light. But this oxidation isn't happening on your skin surface, it's also happening to every single organ of your body, including your brain, heart, blood vessels and reproductive organs.

People who suddenly take on a yellow tone may have liver compromise from a drug they're taking, or from alcohol use. If severe, it's called jaundice and requires medical attention.

Perhaps you think beauty is only skin deep, but as I've shown you, it clearly isn't. It is a reflection of your body's general physical health. Radiant youthful-looking skin, hair and nails is actually an inside job.

Reducing your exposure to free radicals can help you obtain gorgeous skin, but of course you need to make sure that you eat right and drink enough water to nourish your body. You'll also want to minimize the amount of synthetic chemicals (including prescriptions) that you take.

There are a only a handful of supplements that I recommend to help with cell protection, collagen formation and general good health. Among the best we have biotin, collagen (but only high quality), silica, hyaluronic acid and/or lipoic acid. What you're going for is a healthy glow to your skin, which – at the end of day – translates to a healthy body. I have a more comprehensive version of this article available at my website. To receive it, sign up for my free newsletter at [www.suzycohen.com](http://www.suzycohen.com) and I will email it.

*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).* ✨

Doctor and Dietician

## Healing Qualities Of Inflammation



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

**M**any people hear the word "inflammation" and wrongfully assume it is a bad thing. The body depends on the inflammatory cascade to heal itself. In fact, inflammation is the key to healing. Upon injury, inflammatory cells arrive at the area, via blood, to start the repair process. Thus, when blood supply is poor, healing is poor, since the immune cells cannot reach the injury.

Muscles are very vascular structures, they are beefy and red, and therefore heal quickly on their own after an injury. But the white structures of the body, including the tendons, ligaments, menisci, labrum and cartilage, have little or no blood supply. These structures can weaken due to inadequate repair following an injury, such as a sprain or tear. In an initial attempt to heal injuries, the body

produces an inflammatory response designed to bring blood flow and nutrients to the weakened area. Unfortunately, many common treatments actually halt the inflammatory process, including nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), corticosteroid injections and ice. These treatments decrease the blood flow and hamper the body's ability to heal the injured tissue, often leading to chronic pain from unresolved injuries.

Systemic inflammation is different, such as in cases of rheumatoid arthritis. When left uncontrolled, it causes painful damage throughout the body. This "bad" inflammation indicates that there is an underlying trigger causing the body to remain in this inflammatory state. The body is continuously on high alert, trying to heal itself. Common triggers can include food or chemical sensitivities or underlying infections. A healthcare provider may determine the triggers with special blood tests. Systemic inflammation aside, understanding the role of inflammation in the healing of injuries is important. It indicates that the body is trying to repair and stopping it can be detrimental to the long-term health of the joint.

*This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Caring Medical Regenerative Medicine Clinics 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).* ✨

## Free Autism Screening For Young Children

**G**olisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, in partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, offers a free monthly autism spectrum disorder screening for toddlers 18 months to 5 years of age.

The next screening on the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile will be held on Friday, August 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the North Fort Myers Recreation Center, 2000 North Recreation Parkway in North Fort Myers.

It is estimated that one in every 68 children is diagnosed with some form of Autism Spectrum Disorder, making it more common than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes and pediatric AIDS combined.

Medical consultants for the project stress that an early diagnosis can make a vast difference for toddlers and their families. They say early intensive behavioral intervention can make an

immense difference not just in the development of the child, but in their families as well.

The ASD screening is conducted by the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. The screenings are administered by an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner, who has extensive training and experience in typical child development and developmental disorders.

A physician referral is not required. To schedule a screening, call 343-6838. ✨

## Hospital Adds Parking Garage

**F**inding a parking space is much easier at Gulf Coast Medical Center today with the official opening of a new parking garage. The six-level facility, located on the southwest corner of the hospital campus, adds 1,300 new parking spots.

Safety and security of visitors, employees and volunteers are top priorities at all Lee Health locations, and the new parking garage incorporates many advances in safety

design and technology. One hundred twenty-four digital cameras are incorporated into the facility providing comprehensive surveillance of all levels, stairwells and elevator lobbies, and provide time-stamped, automated entry to the facility by scanning license plates (requires prior registration). Each camera is capable of delivering high resolution live and recorded video regardless of lighting and weather conditions. These cameras utilize some of the most advanced video analytics available to alert security personnel to activity as it occurs.

In addition to the numerous cameras, each of the six floors has two strategically located and highly visible call-for-assistance boxes. These are the same call-for-assistance boxes utilized by some of the largest hospitals, malls and amusement parks in the nation. A simple press of a button will create an alarm in security control that will open a two-way audio link. With the aid of the superior video coverage, campus security officers can visually verify activity in real time and respond appropriately. Regular physical patrols of the garage are planned by security, as well.

"Especially during peak times of high

census in the hospital, parking has been challenging on the campus for visitors as well as staff. We are grateful to have the additional parking spaces in a safe and secure environment," said Chief Administrative Officer Josh DeTillio. ✨

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## Solar Eclipse

can be found on the NASA website at [eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety](http://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety).

"Even if people can't make it to the observatory, they should try to see what's happening," Hanson said. "The view is the same from anywhere in the state, but proper safety filters are required wherever you are located."

Beginning this September, the James & Barbara Moore Observatory will be open to the public the third Friday of each month. Observation sessions typically begin about 30 to 45 minutes after dark.

The James & Barbara Moore Observatory is located on the Florida SouthWestern State College Charlotte Campus, 26300 Airport Road in Punta Gorda. For more information or for a schedule of observatory events, call 941-637-5652 or visit [www.fsw.edu/charlotte/observatory](http://www.fsw.edu/charlotte/observatory). ✨





Mucho Mango Bread Pudding

photo courtesy Fresh From Florida

**Mucho Mango Bread Pudding**

6 slices bread or pound cake, torn into small pieces  
 2 mangos, peeled, seeded and diced into medium-sized pieces  
 ¼ cup natural sugar  
 3 eggs, lightly beaten  
 2 cups low-fat milk  
 1½ teaspoons natural vanilla extract  
 1½ teaspoons ground cardamom  
 2 tablespoons butter  
 ¼ cup natural sugar

**Rum Sauce**

2 tablespoons butter  
 1 tablespoon cornstarch

½ cup natural sugar  
 1 cup low-fat milk  
 3 tablespoons rum

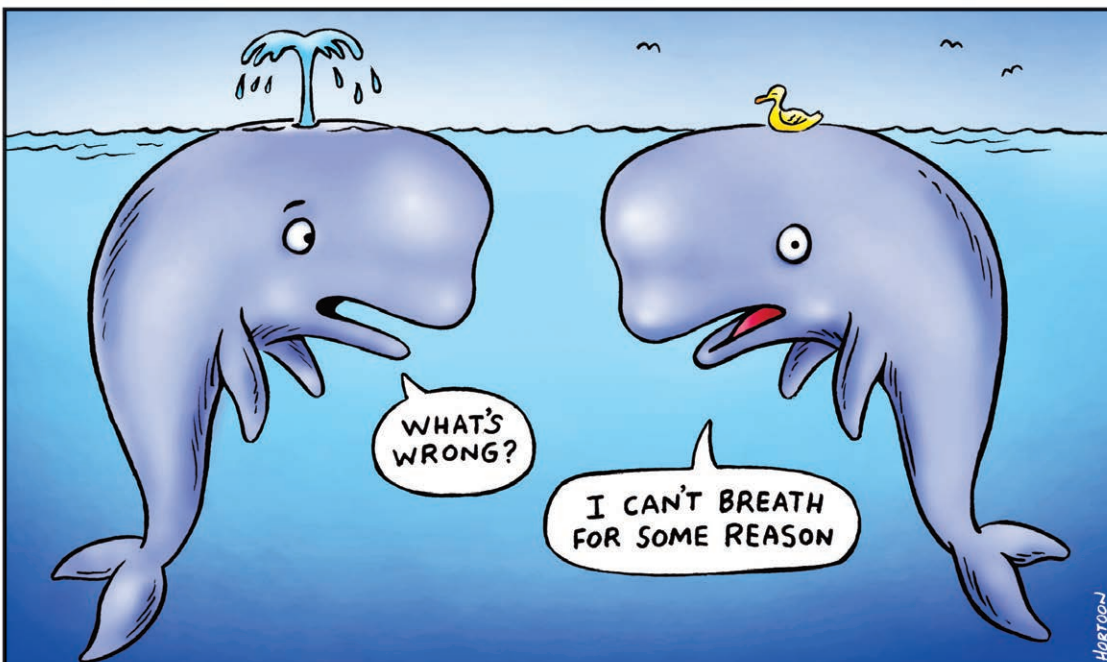
**Preparation**

**Pudding:** Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly butter a 9x11-inch glass baking dish. Toss together the pieces of bread and mango; pour into buttered baking dish. In a medium bowl, whisk together the sugar, eggs, milk, vanilla and cardamom. Pour over the bread and mango mixture. Place small dollops of butter on top of the pudding (approximately ¼ stick of butter total). Bake for 45 to 50 minutes in the preheated oven, or until slightly puffed and golden brown. Serve warm with ice cream and fresh, sliced mangoes. Drizzle Rum Sauce over the top.

**Rum Sauce:** Melt butter in a small saucepan over medium heat. Mix together the sugar and cornstarch; stir into the melted butter. Slowly pour in milk, stirring frequently until the mixture begins to lightly boil. Continue cooking until thick, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in rum. Serve warm.

Yield 8 servings.✱

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PUZZLES

Answers on page 29

Super Crossword

DIRECTION FINDING

- ACROSS
- 1 Use for target practice, say

8 They're littler than mediums

14 Mongol invaders

20 See 125-Across

21 Dine at a restaurant

22 Lucky charm

23 BB rifles

24 One going from station to station

26 Bohemian dance

28 Ickle sites

29 DVR giant

30 Oscar-nominated actress in "Victor/Victoria"

36 Censored-word sound

37 "I haven't —" ("Beats me")

38 Very old boys' school

39 Eye

40 Mother of Zeus

41 Rue Morgue creator

43 Grow up and move away from home

51 Getting the airborne matter from, perhaps

54 Sly

55 Art Deco lithographer

56 Kind of engine fuel

57 Opening opera part

58 — -Cherry (Ocean Spray flavor)

59 Hulk of pro wrestling

62 Flee with a flame

64 Residents of Japan's third-largest city

66 "Am — blame?"

67 Eight three-letter ones are found in appropriate places in this puzzle

72 Staff sgt., e.g.

73 Small mosaic tile

75 Revved thing

76 Western flick

78 French "she"

79 Befuddles

82 City partition planners

85 — -buster (certain drug)

86 Track vehicle

87 One of 100 on the Hill

91 Hit song subtitled "To Be Loved by You"

94 — daily basis

95 High, elegant hairstyle

96 Voguish thing

97 Polaris, e.g.

99 Weirdo

100 Arizona tribe members

103 American slices, e.g.

109 Budget Rent —

110 "A Bell for —" (Hersey novel)

111 Japanese truck maker

112 1980s game show

116 Sir Walter Scott's title

121 River dividing Nebraska

122 Munchkin

123 Document repository

124 Placed in a farm tower

125 With 20-Across, epinephrine or cortisol

126 "Moby-Dick" narrator

33 Capital of Angola

34 Jackal's kin

35 Hex- ender

36 Flying stinger

39 Least bold

41 Pizzeria unit

42 Slip- — (pullover)

44 Say yes to

45 Winery tank

46 Vanity

47 It fits into a mortise

48 Wandering

49 Plate position

50 Tightening muscle

52 Finch

53 Paella pot

57 Lhasa — (little dogs)

59 Like e-devices

60 Verdi work

61 Inch along

63 Actor Haley Joel —

65 Hit — spot

68 Pontificated

69 Mother, in Mexicali

70 Be seepy

71 Smelted materials

74 Ignites

77 Promise

80 "True —" ("Indeedy")

81 Cato's 52

83 Flatbread of India

84 LAX abbr.

87 Former jets to the U.K.

88 Sword variety

89 Juice drinks

90 Booze up

92 Is no more

93 Expert finish?

98 Whispers in stage acting

99 Place to pray

100 Lock parts

101 Eyelike windows

102 Of pontiffs

103 iPod Touch, e.g.

104 Grates on

105 Initial stage

106 Flinch

107 Persian Gulf sheikdom

108 Old autocrats

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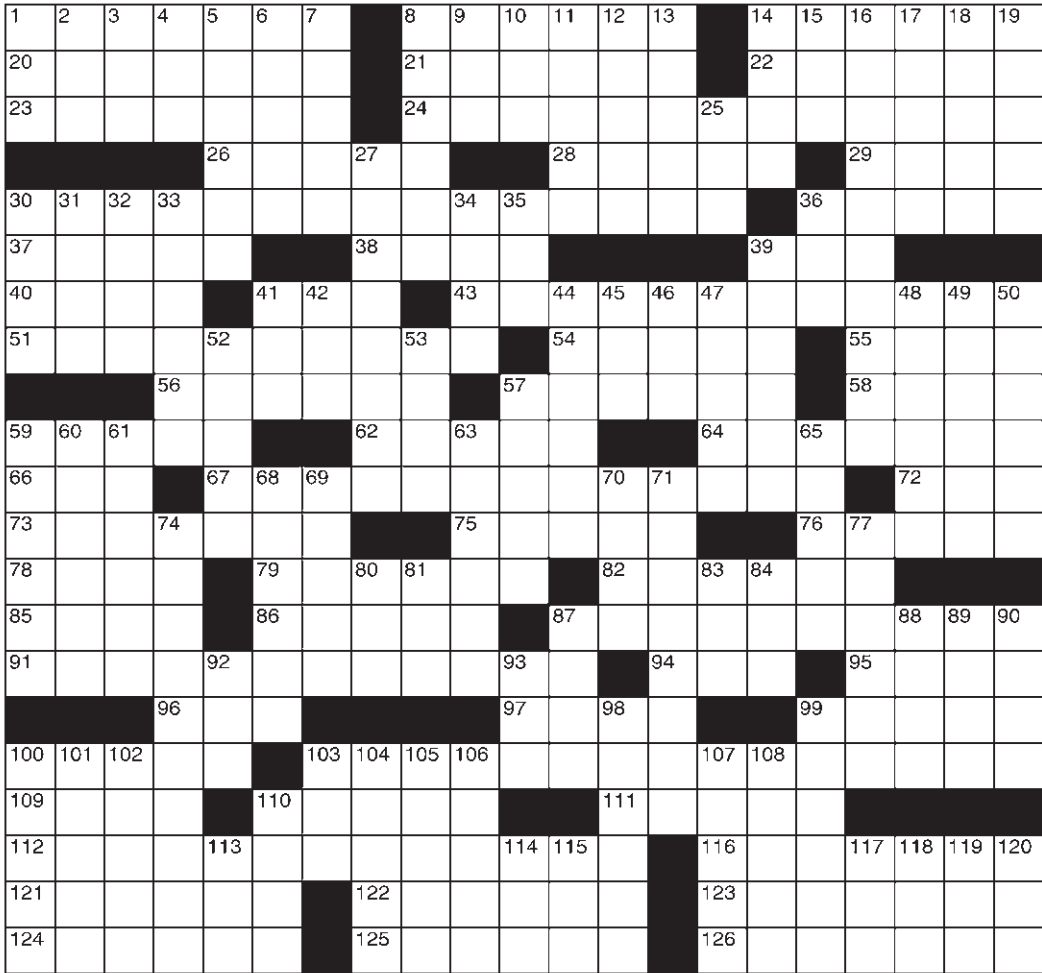
115 Domicile: Abbr.

117 Unit of resistance

118 Actress Vardalos

119 12/24, e.g.

120 — Aviv



King Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Atomizer output

5 Annoy

8 Picnic invaders

12 Pub

14 Old Italian coin

15 Poisonous evergreen

16 Alternative to Windows

17 Greek consonants

18 Electrical resistance

20 Some silverware

23 Soon, in verse

24 Individuals

25 "Hamlet" Oscar winner

28 Schedule abbr.

29 "Once upon — ..."

30 Periodical, for short

32 Semisweet sherry

34 Location

35 Study of the past (Abbr.)

36 Wild

37 Craze one

40 Silent

41 Sandwich cookie

42 Quadrennial games

47 Elvis' " — Las Vegas"

48 Fatherly

49 Paradise

50 Ordinal suffix

51 Catch sight of

8 Graduates

9 1492 vessel

10 Advanced math

11 Old German duchy name

13 Responsibility

19 Hoisted, at sea

20 Enemy

21 Aware of

22 Authentic

23 Preferred invitees

25 Ear doctor's device

26 Eastern potentate

27 — -tat-tat

29 Operatic solo

31 Toothpaste style

33 Buckeye

34 Always, in music

36 Show anger

37 Relocate

38 Desert-like

39 Actress

40 Legend

43 Long, crosser

44 — and outs

45 Baseball hat

46 Crafty
- DOWN
- 1 Chinese chairman

2 Ailing

3 Witness

4 "Much obliged"

5 Unopened roses

6 Exploit

7 Apache leader

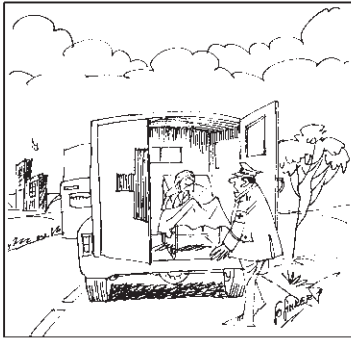
MAGIC MAZE ● PUT IN ITS PLACE

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

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- Berthed
- Filed
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- Moored
- Parked
- Planted
- Shelved
- Stashed
- Stored
- Stowed
- Tabled
- Tethered
- Tied up





"Know anything about  
\_\_\_\_\_?"  
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!

Struggle  
**QURISM**

Dimple  
**VOTID**

Dismay  
**LAMAR**

Later  
**FRATE**

**TODAY'S WORD**

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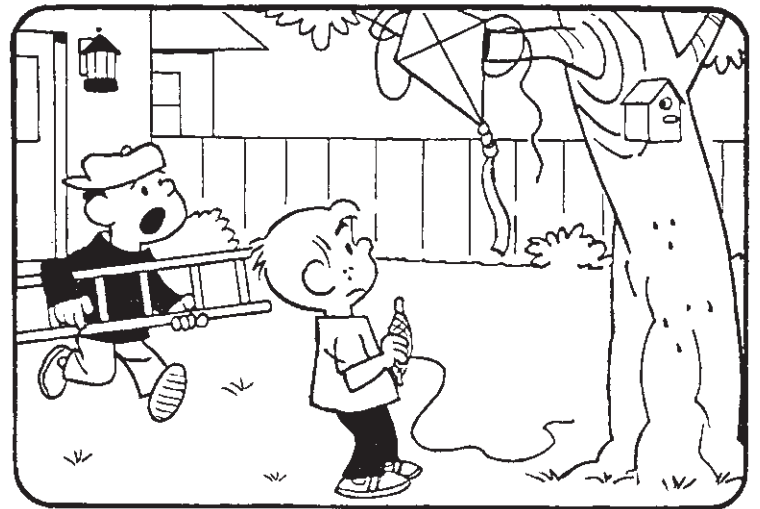
## SUDOKU

**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.

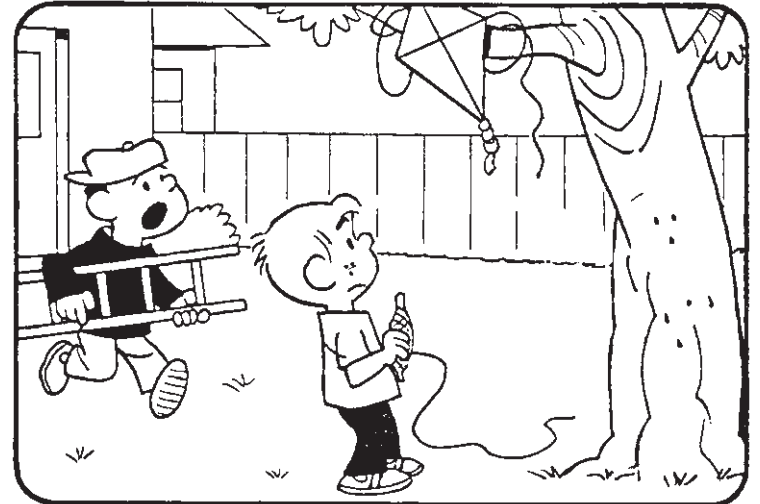
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Light fixture is missing. 2. Ladder is shorter. 3. Body is slimmer. 4. Kite tail is shorter. 5. Bush is missing. 6. Bird house is missing.



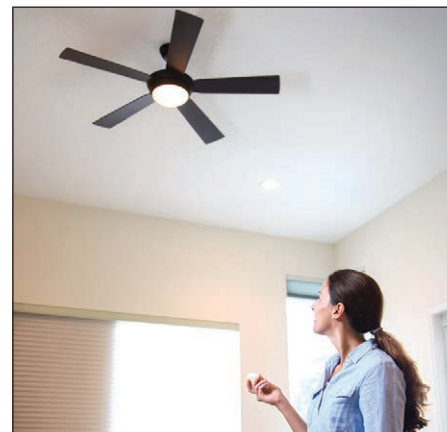
Help your central A/C unit work more efficiently by replacing the filter photos provided

## Expert Tips For Saving Energy

Summer's here, and for many families that means grilling outside, hopping in and out of the pool and welcoming out-of-town guests to soak up the Florida sunshine. Here are some top tips from Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) that will help you become an energy expert and beat the heat this summer.

"The number one thing I want our customers to remember is that summer bills are higher because it's hotter outside, so your A/C runs longer to keep you cool," said FPL Energy Expert Tiffany Spence. "We recommend cooling your house to 78 degrees, but we understand that can be a challenge for some customers."

"It's really up to you – for every degree you raise your thermostat, you can save five percent on your monthly cooling costs."



### Turn off ceiling fans when not in that room

When you're away from home, raise your thermostat to 82 degrees to save a little more."

### Hot Tips To Keep Your Bill Cool This Summer

Fire up the grill: Using an outdoor grill instead of the oven can help keep your kitchen cool.

Use smart technology: A smart thermostat can help you save approximately \$50 a year on your bill.

Upgrade your lights: Switch to LED lights, which use 90 percent less energy than traditional incandescent bulbs and can last up to 10 times longer.

Keep your A/C running smoothly: Change or clean your filter regularly,

usually about once a month. Visit [www.FPLblog.com/actips](http://www.FPLblog.com/actips) for more A/C tips and rebate information to help you save.

Use fans wisely: Your ceiling fan keeps you cool, but it doesn't cool your room. When you leave a room, turn off the fan to save about \$7 a month on your bill.

Consider a new pool pump: Installing a variable speed pool pump is an investment, but the savings can pay off in as little as eight months. Reducing your pump's run time by two hours or more a day can save you up to \$100 annually.

### Become An Energy Expert With FPL's Smart Tools

Download the new FPL mobile app: With the projected bill feature, you can see what your bill may be so you can do something about it. Get the app from the iOS app store or Google Play.

Create your custom energy-savings plan: Take the free Online Home Energy Survey ([FPL.com/OHES](http://FPL.com/OHES)) to create a plan to make your home more energy efficient and save up to \$300.

"At FPL, we're always working to keep customers' energy bills low and help them find ways to make their bills even lower," Spence said. "And, with FPL's smart tools and energy-savings tips customers can become energy experts and keep their bills cool all summer long."

For more tips to beat the heat this summer, save energy and lower your bill, visit [www.FPL.com/EasyToSave](http://www.FPL.com/EasyToSave).✱



**FRIDAY**  
Sunny  
High: 91 Low: 82

**SATURDAY**  
Sunny  
High: 91 Low: 82

**SUNDAY**  
Sunny  
High: 90 Low: 81

**MONDAY**  
Sunny  
High: 89 Low: 80

**TUESDAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 89 Low: 80

**WEDNESDAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 90 Low: 81

**THURSDAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 91 Low: 82

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Sat	4:49 am	10:33 am	4:58 pm	11:00 pm	Sat	3:54 am	10:35 am	4:03 pm	11:02 pm	Sat	5:22 am	11:17 am	5:32 pm	11:31 pm	Sat	6:59 am	1:42 am	7:08 pm	1:49 pm
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Mon	6:09 am	1:02 pm	7:36 pm	None	Mon	5:14 am	1:04 pm	6:41 pm	None	Mon	6:04 am	12:54 pm	7:10 pm	None	Mon	8:19 am	2:53 am	9:46 pm	4:18 pm
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Wed	8:03 am	1:06 am	11:31 pm	3:54 pm	Wed	7:08 am	1:08 am	10:36 pm	3:56 pm	Wed	7:02 am	12:58 am	9:06 pm	3:06 pm	Wed	10:13 am	4:22 am	None	7:10 pm
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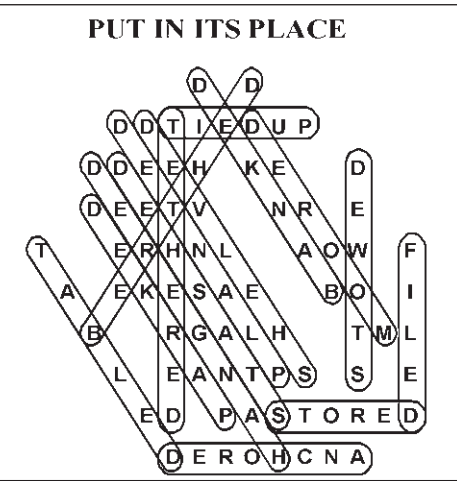
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MAGIC MAZE



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My Stars★★★★

FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2017

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You sometimes go to extremes to prove a point. But this time, you won't have to. Supporters are ready, falling over themselves to help you make your case.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Venus might be your ruling planet, but Mars is in the picture as well. So don't be surprised if your romantic relationships are a bit rocky at this time. But they'll soon smooth over.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Geminis might rush into romance and risk being wrong about someone rather than be left with no one. But this is one time when it's wiser to be wary of where your heart takes you.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) With all (or most) of those pesky problems behind you, take time for your family and friends. Travel aspects are favored, with long-distance journeys high on the list.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You might have started to question the wisdom of being open with someone you hoped you could trust. But be assured you won't be disappointed. You'll soon hear good news.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You have a reputation for honesty and integrity, and that will help turn around a situation that was not only disappointing but also quite unfair. Good luck.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A happy event creates a closer tie with a family member who seemed hopelessly estranged. Positive aspects also dominate in important career matters.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your ruling planet, Pluto, helps you adjust to change. So, stop putting off that long-delayed move, and make it with the assurance that you're doing the right thing.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You have a wonderful capacity to learn quickly and well. This will help you when you are faced with an opportunity to move on to a new path in life.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Good news: You suddenly find that you're not facing that new challenge alone. You now have someone at your side, ready to offer whatever support you might need.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Your versatility – which is just one of those aspects of yourself that make you so special – helps you adapt to the challenges of a new and exciting opportunity.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your sensitive nature picks up on the needs of others. But what about your desires? You need to take more time to assess what your goals are and, if necessary, redirect them.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You give your trust openly and easily. People find you easy to be with and enjoy your wit, your good sense, and your capacity to love and be loved.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Aug. 15, 1961, two days after sealing off free passage between East and West Berlin, East German authorities begin building the Berlin Wall to permanently close off access to the West. For the next 28 years, the heavily fortified Berlin Wall stood as the most tangible symbol of the Cold War.
- On Aug. 16, 1896, while salmon fishing in Canada's Yukon Territory, George Carmack reportedly spots nuggets of gold in a creek bed. His lucky discovery sparked Klondike Fever, the last great gold rush in the American West.
- On Aug. 17, 1915, Charles F. Kettering, co-founder of Dayton Engineering Laboratories Company (DELCO), is issued a U.S. patent for his "engine-starting device" – the first electric ignition mechanism for automobiles. Prior to his invention, drivers had to use iron hand cranks to start their engines.
- On Aug. 18, 1991, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev is placed under house arrest during a coup by high-ranking members of his own government, military and KGB secret police. The coup collapsed three days later, but Gorbachev's days in power were numbered. He resigned in December 1991.
- On Aug. 19, 1953, the Iranian military, with the support and financial assistance of the United States, overthrows the government of Premier Mosaddeq and reinstates the Shah of Iran. Iran remained a Cold War ally of the U.S. until a revolution ended the Shah's rule in 1979.
- On Aug. 20, 1920, seven men,

including legendary football star Jim Thorpe, meet in Canton, Ohio, to organize a professional football league, the forerunner to the National Football League.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was beloved English author and humorist P.G. Wodehouse, probably best known for his tales of Wooster and Jeeves, who made the following observation: "Judges, as a class, display, in the matter of arranging [divorce settlements] that reckless generosity which is found only in men who are giving away someone else's money."
- Brides in ancient Rome carried sheaves of wheat, not bouquets of flowers.
- Andrew Jackson, the seventh president of the United States, had a pet parrot with a questionable vocabulary. In fact, Poll (the pet in question) was so foul-mouthed (-beaked?) that it disrupted Jackson's funeral. According to Rev. William Menefee Norment, who presided at the service, "Before the sermon and while the crowd was gathering, a wicked parrot that was a household pet got excited and commenced swearing so loud and long as to disturb the people and had to be carried from the house."
- The reasons why aren't clearly understood, but it seems that people with high blood pressure rarely get cancer.
- Glass-bottom beer tankards were invented during medieval times. Evidently, some taverns were so rough that patrons felt the need to be able to see the other drinkers even when turning the mug bottoms-up.
- Those who study such things say that when you're sleeping, a quarter of all your blood is in your liver.
- It's pretty common knowledge that it's the male seahorse, not the female, that gives birth to the young. Not many people realize, though, that a male seahorse can deliver a brood of a thousand or more babies in the morning, and then be pregnant again that night.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"I get up every morning determined to both change the world and have one hell of a good time. Sometimes this makes planning my day difficult." – E.B. White

SCRAMBLERS

*solution*

1. Squirm; 2. Divot;  
3. Alarm; 4. After

*Today's Word*

**RADIATORS**

TRIVIA TEST

1. MOVIE: What 1980s movie had the tagline, "One man's struggle to take it easy"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which is the largest of the Great Lakes?
3. MUSIC: How many notes are in the military bugle call "Taps"?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the only American president born on July 4?
5. EXPLORERS: What European explorer discovered the Grand Canyon?
6. FLAGS: What kind of tree is featured on Lebanon's flag?
7. BUSINESS: What firm was originally known as the National Biscuit Company?
8. TELEVISION: Who starred as Kunta Kinte in the original miniseries "Roots"?
9. ANATOMY: What is the normal temperature of the human body in Celsius?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: At which school are Rhodes scholars invited to study?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" 2. Lake Superior 3. 24 4. Calvin Coolidge 5. Garcia Lopez de Cardenas 6. Cedar 7. Nabisco 8. LeVar Burton 9. 37 degrees 10. University of Oxford



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Newly remodeled units in quiet neighborhood on river, center of the island.  
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## ANNUAL RENTAL

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Property in Gated Community  
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Minutes to Sanibel, from this gated Riverfront Community in Iona.  
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Send application to:  
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sundialeast@aol.com  
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PETS OF THE WEEK



Riddick ID#706935 photos provided

Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Riddick And Fluffy

Riddick is a 4-year-old male terrier mix who is a wire-haired, gangly-legged goofball that can rock a Mohawk like nobody's business. He would love a home with kids to play with. He is a bundle of energy that will crash wherever he lands when he has burned off all of his crazy. If you are looking for a fun guy that also knows how to kick back and relax, come and check out Riddick.

My adoption fee is \$50. Fluffy is a 6-year-old female domestic medium hair cat who has a coat that lives up to her name. She is the pretty girl with the amber eyes. She loves to find a high spot to hide. Brush her coat and you will be her friend for life. This sassy senior is a bargain and you can get a friend for her at no charge to boot!

My adoption fee is \$25. Adopt me and get another cat for free.

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

The shelter is open for adoptions from



Fluffy ID# 706718

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

All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment,

worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Science Diet pet food. The adoption package is valued at \$500.✱

Haven on Earth Animal League Mo And Solar



Mo photos provided

Hi there, I'm Mo. I am such a sweet, mellow little girl just waiting for someone to take me home. I think someone thought I was a boy and that's why they named me Mo. I'm only 1 year



Solar

old and I have beautiful green eyes. I'm spayed and up-to-date on all vaccines. I'm currently residing at PetSmart on Six Mile Cypress Parkway. My adoption fee is \$100.

Hello, my name is Solar. I am a very loveable, male tabby with beautiful markings. I'm 1 year old, neutered and up-to-date on all vaccines. My adoption fee is \$100. I am currently residing at PetSmart on Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

We are being cared for by Haven on Earth Animal League. For more information, call Diane at 860-833-4472 or email havenonearthanimalleague@yahoo.com.✱

School Benefit

Midsummer Nights Rockin' Fundraiser will take place on Saturday, August 26, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Heights Center. The Rosada Project, an eight-piece local rock band, will perform hit songs from the 60s and 70s. The event will benefit the Heights Foundation School Success program. There will be a \$10 cover charge with food and beverage available at the event. The School Success program

provides after school care, academic tutoring, scholarships and support for those graduating and attending college. They also provide school supplies so all kids can have the dignity of having the supplies that other kids have on the first day of school.

Bring your friends, raise some funds and get ready to rock with one of the area's newest and hottest local bands

The Heights Center is located at 15570 Hagie Drive in Fort Myers. Call 482-7706 for more information.✱

Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Bonita Beach	Bonita Springs	1994	3,149	\$3,700,000	\$3,700,000	0
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1988	3,352	\$1,215,000	\$1,125,000	123
Fa Lanes Bayview	Captiva	1999	2,599	\$1,198,000	\$1,150,000	8
Town and River	Fort Myers	1986	2,627	\$889,000	\$840,000	171
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2007	3,116	\$888,000	\$850,000	156
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2017	2,365	\$869,900	\$857,600	40
Woodlake at Bonita Bay	Bonita Springs	1987	3,039	\$830,000	\$800,000	19
Lakewood	Fort Myers	2005	3,042	\$775,000	\$700,000	142
Mcgregor Reserve	Fort Myers	2015	3,946	\$770,000	\$750,000	119
Town And River	Fort Myers	1976	2,654	\$755,000	\$713,000	184





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