



An animation film still from *Boomerang*

film stills provided

Black Maria Film Festival Is Next Saturday

Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) will host the Black Maria Film Festival for its 36th anniversary tour on Saturday, October 14. The festival begins at 7:30 p.m. in the FSW Thomas Edison Campus Rush Library Auditorium, Building J, Room 103.

Tickets are \$10 for the general public, \$8 for members of the Edison/Ford Estates, \$5 for FSW staff and faculty, and no charge for FSW students with an FSW student ID. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Edison/Ford Winter Estates or at the door. Tickets purchased at the door must be paid for in cash.

Founded in New Jersey in 1981 to honor Thomas Edison's pioneering spirit in cinema, the festival celebrates the creative vision of contemporary independent directors by showcasing an eclectic variety of



A narrative film still from *Ja Passou (Everything's OK)*

bold short films. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences recognizes the Black Maria as an Academy Award qualifying festival. Its annual collection of cutting-edge films travels across the nation to universities, museums and other venues. Festival organizers work directly with the host institution to select a variety of short narrative, experimental, animation and documentary films that are tailored to their particular audience.

FSW has partnered with the Edison/Ford Estates to bring the Black Maria for eight years. In the past, the estates hosted an outdoor screening on the river one night while the college hosted a screening of different films on campus the following night. However, due to damage caused by

Hurricane Irma, this year's screening at the estates has been postponed until the spring. They will be showing a selection of films from the 2018 Black Maria collection.

"The films we will screen at the college this year were chosen by students in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars," said Dr. Wendy Chase, coordinator, FSW Honors Scholar Program. "They selected these particular films in hopes that they will provide a platform to engage in meaningful and civil conversations about pressing issues of social justice. The students will facilitate a discussion following the screening."

Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the RCMA Immokalee Community School to aid low-income families who lost wages

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Wilder Sons

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Naples-Based Band And Brews At Davis Art Center

The Noteworthy Concert Series brings two Naples favorites to Fort Myers. On Saturday, October 14, alt-rock band Wilder Sons and Naples Beach Brewery team up for the second concert in the Noteworthy Series. Enjoy original music paired with handcrafted beers for a memorable night.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each.

Wilder Sons is a Naples-based beachy alt-rock band that is stimulating the senses of alternative progressive fans. Transcendent guitar riffs weave effortlessly between catchy melodies, upbeat bass lines and complex drum progressions.

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The Art Of Coping With Devastation



Work from the Hurricane Andrew exhibit by photographer Rene Miville

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In late August of 1992, Hurricane Andrew hit Homestead Florida as a category 5 Atlantic hurricane. Three days after the storm, photographer and gallerist René Miville travelled to Homestead, capturing the devastation the historic storm had left behind.

The exhibit Hurricane Andrew, which opens at the René Miville Gallery during Art Walk on Friday, October 6 from 6 to 10 p.m., is a presentation of

this historic event via Miville's photo art: Expressing the trauma, the desperation and also the resilience in the aftermath of Andrew.

"To my amazement, I saw yachts swept into people's stately mansions and trailer parks completely obliterated," Miville recalls. "My focus was on the people's reaction as they walked around trying to salvage what was left, figuring

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

First And Jackson, Circa 1938



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

Circa 1938, high-school student Billy Nalle stepped into the busy intersection of First and Jackson, aimed his movie camera westward and recorded the everyday bustle of a thriving downtown.

This film still shows the Bradford and Earnhardt blocks looking essentially as they do about 80 years later, right down to the street lights.

All these buildings on First between Jackson and Hendry were completed by the mid-19-teens. The Heitman, or Theatre, Arcade is the “youngest” structure.

It’s no wonder the streets were busy in 1938, for the blocks contained a wide array of stores, offices and businesses. The block contained no less than three national chain stores.

Most prominent of the major stores was Sears Roebuck, located in the Heitman Building, whose sign is visible upper right.

Sears Roebuck had moved to that corner in the 1930s and would remain there until the mid-1960s, when it relocated to the Edison Mall.

In the 1930s, street-level businesses along that side of First included Sidney Davis Men’s Shop, M. Flossie Hill’s women’s shop, the Bradford Coffee Shop and Hunter Drug Store at the Hendry corner.

However, since 1938, notable changes have been made to the block, such as the removal of the Arcade Theatre’s vertical sign (mid-block). The theater underwent a huge refurbishment in 1938, and sometime after that the current neon-lit iconic mar-



Billy Nalle filmed this westward scene at First and Jackson around 1938. Note the curious parking – angled on the south side and parallel on the north

Film still courtesy Southwest Florida Historical Society, Billy Nalle Collection



The structures in the Bradford and Earnhardt Blocks look essentially as they did around 80 years ago. Big changes, however, are the royal palms along the street and the condo towers on the horizon.

photo by Gerri Reaves

quee was installed.

Gone too is the Bradford Hotel’s second-floor balcony.

Meanwhile, across the street, the 1915 Earnhardt Building fills most of the historic image.

Among the 193-foot building’s tenants were McCrory, Royal Palm Pharmacy and the Hotel Barber Shop. (Out-of-frame and in the Bank of Fort Myers building was another national chain store, JC Penney.)

Down at the Hendry Street corner (center left) is the 1914 First National Bank, and across Hendry, the Leon Building, which looks much as it does today.

Way down in the hazy distance stands the three-story 1927 Kress Building at Broadway.

Overall, two of the most striking changes in this westward view since 1938 aren’t the structures themselves, but the general scene: the rows of royal palms and the condo towers on the horizon.

If you’d like to see this historic image – and many others – come to life, you can. Films that Nalle made in Fort Myers in the 1930s and the 1940s will be shown on October 18 at the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center.

Walk down to First and Jackson and see downtown through the eyes of a young artist. While Nalle went on to a stellar career as a musician, composer and, primarily, a theatre organist, in these films of his youth, he captured his hometown for the ages.

Learn more about local history at the following two research centers.

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

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

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

Hours for the all-volunteer, non-profit organization are 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.

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The James E. Hendry Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society will be holding a hybrid hibiscus plant sale on Saturday, October 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. (or until they are all sold) at the Salvation Army Building, 10291 McGregor Boulevard, in Fort Myers.

Flower out of Sarasota. Expert growing advice will be available during the sale from the chapter members who are experts on growing hibiscus referred to as “Queen of the Tropics.” These hibiscus are grown on their own roots and are easy to maintain. Some of these plants will grow blooms over eight inches and are in just about every color of the rainbow.

Plants available are African Safari, Bayou Rose, Big Easy, Blackberry Jam, Black Dragon, Bodacious Burgundy, Bold Idea, Bon Temps, Cajun Gold, Cajun Rising Moon, Candid Camera, Cherry Blue, Chiffon Pink, Cross Fire, Gator Pride, High Definition, Johnny Re, Kilimanjaro, Lemon Kisses, Magnifique, Marianne Charlton, Maui Artist, Moonlight Madness, Orange Cappuccino, Pink on the Mountain, Queen of Dreams, Red Bird, So Fine, Space Oddity, Sparkly Water, Sweet Pink, T. Solar Wind, T. Spotted Sun, Thunder Egg, Tiger Lily, Tsunami, Sgt. Seth Trahan, Sweetie and TveDve.

Members of this hibiscus chapter will be available for any questions. There will be information available on how to care for hibiscus, plus books, pruning shears and fertilizer for sale. Admission and parking are free. This is a good opportunity Southwest Floridians have to add to their hybrid hibiscus collection and to replace the ones you may have lost during Hurricane Irma.

This plant sale will be the fourth of its kind for this chapter. The society meets at Berne Davis Gardens, 2166 Virginia Avenue, in Fort Myers on the

For more information, visit www.hendrychapterahs.com or call 848-7090. ❄️

Learn how fun math can be at Family Math Night on Thursday, October 19 from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m., in Building U, Room 102, at the Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) Thomas Edison Campus, located at 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers.

This free, family-oriented event for students in pre-kindergarten to fifth grade features fun math games created by teacher candidates in FSW's School of Education, demonstrating how mathematics doesn't only need to be something you use at school.

"Learning mathematics can often be intimidating to students," said JoAnne Devine, professor of Elementary Education at FSW. "We are happy to show young students and their families that math can be fun!"

While the event is open to anyone interested in exploring mathematics, students are encouraged to register. To register or for more information, contact JoAnne Devine at jdevine1@fsw.edu. **

For many students, continuing their education beyond high school would not be possible without financial aid. There are a number of ways students can get the financial help they need to make their college or university dreams a reality.

To assist students and families, Lee County Public Schools, with the help of a local financial aid expert, will be hosting several Financial Aid Nights. The events, which will run from 6 to 8 p.m., will be held in the school's auditorium at Dunbar High School (3800 Edison Avenue, Fort Myers) on Thursday, October 10 and at South Fort Myers High School (14020 Plantation Road, Fort Myers) on Thursday, October 12.

While the events are scheduled at high schools in all three attendance zones, parents are invited to attend whichever event is convenient for them.

Those attending the meetings will learn about the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form and steps they need to take to help their children receive financial aid from postsecondary institutions (colleges, community colleges, high tech centers, etc.) College financial aid experts will cover the definition of financial aid, how to apply, deadlines, step-by-step instructions for completing the FAFSA, Bright Futures and state aid versus federal aid and more. The financial aid process can be very intimidating and these workshops help parents and students feel more comfortable in going through the steps.✱✱

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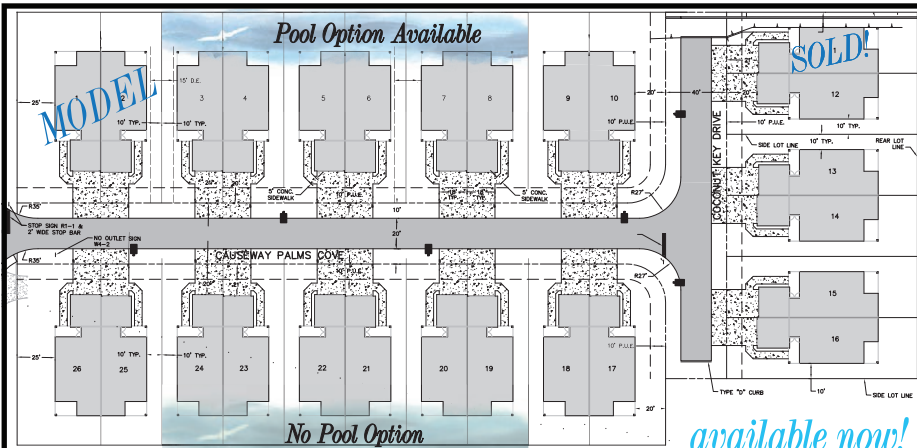
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Fort Myers Art:

One-Woman Show Returns In January



by Tom Hall

Last year's splash hit one-woman show, *My Studio*, returns to the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre for five thrilling performances in January 2018. Join Matlacha Island

phenom Leoma Lovegrove as she shares stories of her artistic adventures and the scores of interesting people, places and motifs she's painted while she creates masterpieces on stage live to a medley of nostalgic tunes.

"During the shows, I will not only invite you into my studio, but my life as well – as I share stories and paint live on stage to my favorite music," Lovegrove proclaimed.

Dinner performances of *My Studio* will take place on Thursday, January 4; Friday, January 5; Saturday, January 6; and Sunday, January 7. There is also a lunch/matinee option on Saturday, January 6. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m., with the show beginning promptly at 7:30 p.m.. Lunch on Saturday is served at 11:45 a.m., with the show beginning at 1:15 p.m.



Artist Leoma Lovegrove lounges near her trailer

photo courtesy www.artswfl.com

The buffet and show cost \$45 per person, although you can come for the show only for just \$25.

If you've ever wondered what a day in the life of a famous artist is like or if you've never seen Lovegrove create a painting live right before your very eyes, then make plans to attend *My Studio*. You'll have the time of your life. There will be lots of surprises to delight your senses and engage your imagination. But beware of flying saucers, splattered paint and Lovegrove's infamous confetti bazooka.

Lovegrove is an impressionist painter known worldwide for her vibrant color palette and exuberant strokes – which

she applies via brushes, squirt bottles and even her fingers and hands. Among her many subjects are former President Jimmy Carter (who hung his portrait in his presidential library in Atlanta) and Sir Richard Branson (whose portrait was commissioned for Virgin Airlines' headquarters in London). The presidential library of George W. Bush, the private collections of actress Sharon Stone and actor Jesse Metcalfe, and the permanent collections of Fort Myers, Lakeland, Florida Gulf Coast University and the Marietta Museum of Art & Whimsy in Sarasota proudly contain examples of her work.

Because her paintings uniquely capture Southwest Florida's active, healthy, water-based lifestyle, Bradenton-based Bealls Department Store made Lovegrove their Florida artist in residence several years ago. Today, millions of products ranging from designer casual wear to household goods, Tervis drinkware and beach towels and chairs bear Lovegrove's signature style and trademark sunburst eyeglasses. And scores of consumers make painting pilgrimages to Lovegrove Gallery & Gardens on Matlacha Island to purchase Lovegrove originals and prints and have her sign their tees, tops and visors. As they enter the island from Cape Coral, they are greeted by Lovegrove's building-sized mural, *The Catch of Matlacha Island*.

Up at 4 a.m. and to bed late each night, the artist recharges her artistic batteries twice a year by painting in Claude Monet's gardens in Giverny, France. Not only does she teach workshops there, her work is so esteemed that she became the first American to be invited to paint on board a replica of Monet's floating art studio as well as the very first American to exhibit her compositions in Pierre Bonnard's home in Vernon, France.

Broadway Palm is located in the Royal Palm Square at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

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

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Travel to Fort Myers of the 1930s & 1940s in 8-millimeter films shot by Billy Nalle, legendary musician, composer and Fort Myers native.

The films, edited and narrated by local historian Gerri Reaves, will be shown at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on Wednesday, October 18 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. with a cash bar.

Film highlights include Berne Barfield Davis, 1939 Queen of Edisonia, in the Edison Festival Parade; the dedication of the Fort Myers Yacht Basin; Fort Myers Beach's coral arches and swinging bridge; downtown street scenes; socializing with the Fort Myers High School class of 1939; boat races on the Caloosahatchee; and a 1947



Berne Barfield Davis and Jack McDowell, 1939 Queen and King of Edisonia

film still provided

commemorative VJ-Day celebration.

The event is sponsored by the Southwest Florida Historical Society, an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization celebrating its 54th year.

Tickets are \$15. Visit www.sbdac.com, call 333-1933, or stop by the box office. The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in historic downtown Fort Myers.✴

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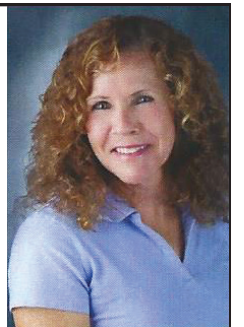
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Boat Trips Stop At Calusa Sites

Reservations are being taken for boat tours to Mound House and Mound Key. The pontoon boat Estero Bay Express II will leave Fish-Tale Marina at Fort Myers Beach for the Calusa sites. The boat trips are being offered through April 3, 2018.

The boat trips are an enlightening way to experience the unspoiled nature of Southwest Florida today and imagine the Calusa people walking, fishing and simply living in this same area more than 2,000 years ago.

Passengers will board the 40-foot Sunsetter boat for a 90-minute adventure. The first stop is Mound House and its three-acre grounds and museum. The second stop is Mound Key, known as the capital of the Calusa. At both sites, guests will learn about the rich history of the Calusa as well as new findings that scientists are discovering about this ancient society. Passengers will leave the boat to tour both sites. While the bayfront landscaped grounds and museum of Mound House are easy to walk, the hiking trails of Mound Key are rougher terrain.

Guests should bring their own beverages. A cooler full of ice will be provided. The Estero Bay Express II is equipped with a restroom, and 35 people can fit comfortably aboard.

Reservations are required. The cost is \$55 per person, or \$50 for Mound House members. Call the Mound House at 765-0865 for more information and to secure reservations.

Trips are scheduled on the following dates and times:

Sunday, October 15, 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Friday, November 3, 12:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Monday, November 13, 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday, January 30, 1:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, February 13, 12:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27, 11:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13, 12:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28, noon to 3:15 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3, 2 to 5:30 p.m.

Mound House is the oldest structure on Estero Island. It sits atop a 2,000-year-old shell mound left by the Calusa Indians. A museum on the grounds contains artifacts of these people as well as the later settlers, including Cuban fishermen.

Mound House is currently open Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and located at 451 Connecticut Street on Fort Myers Beach. Parking is on-site; overflow parking is at 216 Connecticut Street. Museum admission is \$10 for adults; \$8 for students with college ID; \$5 for ages 6 to 12; and free for children 5 and under. is

For more information, including programs about art of the Calusa, guided tours of the museum, and family kayak trips, sunset kayak trips and others, visit www.moundhouse.org or call 765-0865.

Fish-Tale Marina is located at 7225 Estero Boulevard on Fort Myers Beach. Call 463-3600 for more information.✱

Bucks For Ducks Fundraiser

The Bucks for Ducks fundraiser is back for its seventh year. You can honor your breast cancer hero while helping save lives by purchasing a rubber duck for \$3 each or two for \$5. Each Bucks for Ducks donor is given their own pink rubber ducky to adorn with a personal message or to name in honor of a loved one.

Your donation supports Lee Health's Breast Health Centers' mammography fund to assist less fortunate patients with breast cancer detection.

As the ducks are purchased, they are placed in the reflection pond at the Regional Cancer Center. The flock will gather throughout October in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Breast Health Center staff is more than happy to place a duck in the reflection pond for donors who are unable to come to one of the donation sites.

The ducks are available at Regional Cancer Center, 8931 Colonial Center Drive suite 200, in Fort Myers; Outpatient Center at the Sanctuary Breast Center, 8960 Colonial Center Drive, in Fort Myers; Outpatient Center at HealthPark Commons Breast Center, 16281 Bass Road, suite 204, in Fort



Rubber duckies in the Regional Cancer Center reflection pond photo provided

Myers; Outpatient Center at Surfside, 2441 Surfside Boulevard, in Cape Coral.

A memorial and blessing of the ducks will take place on October 31 at noon. All are welcome to attend.

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Fourteen galleries invite visitors and residents to meet the artists and enjoy live art demonstrations and exhibitions along the river district.

Each Friday evening, the free, self-guided tours of visual arts galleries will also involve accompanying live entertainment. Many venues also feature additional attractions and specials. There are also opening receptions for exhibits at galleries. Saturdays are more laid back.

For more information, visit www.fortmyersriverdistrictalliance.com.

Square One Improv returns to The **Laboratory Theater of Florida** with a night of hilarious antics, musical comedy and on-the-spot jokes on Friday, October 6 at 8 p.m.

Performing a unique mixture of both short and long form improv, the Square One team provides an entertaining evening of family-friendly laughter that is fast-paced, musical and completely improvised. While no two shows are the same, they are always packed with hysterically funny songs, sketches and jokes created instantaneously based on your suggestions. For the more adventurous, there are occasional opportunities to join the cast on stage.

Tickets are \$15 per person for adults and \$12 for senior/military/students. There are applicable online service fees. Visit www.LaboratoryTheaterFlorida.com or call 218-0481. The Lab Theater is



Square One Improv

located at 1634 Woodford Avenue in Fort Myers.

The 12th annual **Fort Myers Beach Pirate Festival** will be held with a modified format and schedule during Columbus Day weekend from Friday, October 6 to Sunday, October 8.

Due to lingering effects from Hurricane Irma, the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce event will have no admission charge and will be spaced out along **Old San Carlos Boulevard** only.

For more information, contact the chamber at events@fmbchamber.com or visit www.fmbpiratefest.com. For entertainer and vendor questions, contact

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Belinda Hadcock at admiralbelinda@gmail.com.

The **Ranch Concert Hall & Saloon** will host a **benefit dance-a-thon** on Wednesday, October 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. The fundraising event will benefit Abuse Counseling and Treatment. Cost is \$5 cash to attend. All ages are welcome; children age 12 and younger will be admitted free. If you have it, wear purple the night of the

Arts On Tap Fundraiser October 20

The Alliance for the Arts will host its fundraiser Arts On Tap on its campus on Friday, October 20. Arts On Tap is an indoor pub crawl featuring the craft of local brewers and distillers.

General admission tickets are \$50 and include unlimited tastings from participating breweries and distilleries. Event proceeds provide support for the Alliance's robust arts education program for children, adults and families.

Participating crafters include Bury Me Brewing, List Distillery, Momentum Brewhouse, Old Soul Brewing, Point Ybel Brewing, Webster's Catering and Wicked Dolphin Rum.

Backyard Family Bash October 22

Hometown pride is the theme of the inaugural Backyard Family Bash, presented by Rotary Club of Fort Myers, at the Alliance for the Arts on Sunday, October 22 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bring your kids, neighbors, dog, chair and blankets, and enjoy hometown food, music and fun. Proceeds benefit local nonprofits through the Fort Myers Rotary Trust Fund.

Donations will be accepted at the gate, and parking is free. Food trucks will serve up an eclectic array of dishes to feast on. Beer and wine will be served for the adults while local bands take a turn on stage. Kids of all

event to support the cause.

Prizes go to the top two dancers in two categories: the most dollars raised and most dances completed. First place will receive a concert package of 10 tickets, a table for 10 and two meet-and-greet passes for William Michael Morgan on Friday, October 27. Second place will receive a package of four tickets to the concert.

The Ranch is located at 2158 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, contact Julie Noble by calling or texting 246-3608.

The **March of Dimes Signature Chefs Auction** will return for its 28th year on Wednesday, October 11. The event, presented this year by the Higdon Group, begins at 6 p.m. at the **Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa**.

A who's who of prominent area chefs will prepare their signature dishes created exclusively for the evening. Following the dinner and silent auction, guests will be seated for dessert and a spirited live auction. Funds raised help support pre-natal wellness programs, research grants, neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) family support programs and advocacy efforts for moms and babies.

Tables of 10 for the event are \$2,000, and individual tickets for the event are \$200 per person. To order tickets and for more information, visit www.signaturechefs.org/SWFlorida or contact the March of Dimes office at 271-2562.✪

"Since we are devoted to being a champion for artists, we have decided to celebrate the artistry of craft beer and distilling," said development director Jessica Clark Wisdom. "Our vision for Arts On Tap is to celebrate the local artisans and businesses redefining southwest Florida."

Support Local pint glasses are available for purchase with ticket order for an additional \$10. The Alliance will donate a portion of proceeds to the Hurricane Irma Relief Fund at the Southwest Florida Community Foundation.

The event is sponsored by Custom Packaging and Products and EnSite.

Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, sponsorships and visibility opportunities, call 939-2787 or visit www.ArtInLee.org/OnTap.✪

ages will enjoy a close-up look at Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s Nationwide stock car and simulator. Try your luck at games and a pie-eating contest.

HONC Industries is the title sponsor for this year's event. Other sponsors include TriCircle Pavers; Lee Memorial Health Systems; Keith Insurance; *Florida Weekly*; CONRIC PR & Marketing; Cement Industries; WildCat Renovations; Suncoast Beverages; Progressive Builders; Seminole Casino; Vantage Construction Services; Stultz Inc.; and Stouten-Cramer/King Engineering Associates, Inc.

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Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida

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Girl Scouts Scholarships

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida is working to ensure local girls can still become a part of the premier leadership development program for girls, in spite of family financial hardships.

Through the council's Promise Fund, girls may receive program scholarships to cover the cost of membership registration and program essentials.

"Whether a family is struggling with unexpected expenses as a result of Hurricane Irma, or was already experiencing financial difficulties, we want to ensure that all girls in grades K through 12 can participate in girl scouting," said Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida CEO Mary Anne Servian. "We recognize there is a need, now more than ever, for financial

assistance, and we want everyone to know about this valuable opportunity."

Girl Scouting offers a variety of different experiences in which girls get to try new things and develop specific skills, from camping and first aid to financial literacy and STEM, while earning program awards and badges. Because the Girl Scout curriculum is correlated to national and state learning standards, educators and parents can be confident that girls have fun, active experiences that reinforce what they are learning during the school day.

Scholarships are available to both new and returning members. For more information about scholarships or general membership inquiries, call 800-232-4475, or email customercare@gsgcf.org. To help support program scholarships for girls, visit www.gsgcf.org, click on "donate" and designate your gift for Hurricane Irma Scholarships.✽

Lake Kennedy Senior Center

Casino Trip To Pompano Beach

The Kennedy Cruisers are planning a trip to Isle of Capri Casino on Pompano Beach on Wednesday, October 11 for a day of gaming fun. The casino trip will leave the Lake Kennedy Senior Center at 7:45 a.m. with the return trip slated to begin at 4 p.m. and return at 6:30 p.m. If interested, meet at the center at 7:30 a.m.

The casino has more than 1,500 slot machines and 38 poker tables as well as an all-you-can-eat buffet. Each participant will receive a \$15 free play and a \$4 off buffet coupon.

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

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

Volunteers Sought

Volunteers are needed for Neighborhood Accountability Boards. A free training session is planned at the Lee County Human and Veteran Services Building, 2440 Thompson Street, in Fort Myers on October 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A Neighborhood Accountability Board (NAB) is a voluntary diversion program for youth who committed a crime. Volunteers attend a NAB

conference with the youth, youth's parent/guardian, victim and other NAB volunteers to develop a case plan for the youth. Volunteers represent the community in this process, addressing the harm caused to the community and determining how to repair the harm.

Volunteers are asked to complete an application, attend a free, one-day training session and observe two conferences. A background check is conducted on all potential volunteers. Volunteers are not required to commit to a set amount of hours; any amount of time given to the program is appreciated.

For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Nora Donato-Hitchcock at 533-7947 or NDonato-Hitchcock@leegov.com. Visit www.leegov.com/dhs/neighborhood/youth to learn more.✽

Author To Speak And Sign Books

The Friends of Lakes Regional Library will host author WC Highfield on Friday, October 13 at 1 p.m. Highfield's latest book is a memoir titled *Liberated*.

Highfield shares the story of his father, a World War II pilot, and his experiences in the North African campaign. A book signing follows the discussion.

The program is free and open to the public. No registration is required. Lakes Regional Library is located at 15290 Bass Road in Fort Myers.✽

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

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

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Friday 8 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. 15675 McGregor Boulevard, 437-3171.

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10 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Tuesday, 7050 Winkler Rd, Suite 121, www.simplysimpleworship.com, 437-8835.

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Sunday 10:30 a.m. 16581 McGregor Boulevard, 267-3166.

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

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Sunday 10:30 a.m. 1619 Llewellyn Drive, taecc.com, 334-4978.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CROW Case Of The Week:

Mangrove
Fox Squirrel

by Bob Petcher

The mangrove fox squirrel is also known as the Big Cypress fox squirrel (*Sciurus niger avicennia*) due to its largest protected population known to be residing in Big Cypress

National Preserve in Ochopee, Florida. In fact, the native squirrel has a limited range of habitat that is mainly southwest of Lake Okeechobee and south of the Caloosahatchee.

Prior to the 1970s, the fox squirrel was once hunted as a game species in Florida. Due to the old philosophy of game hunting and an increase in development in the state, this particular mammal has faced threats of extinction. It has been protected in Florida as a threatened species since the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission banned Big Cypress fox squirrel hunting in 1972.

The mangrove fox squirrel is sometimes referred to as a large tree squirrel that can grow up to 27 inches in length and three pounds in weight. But, unlike a tree squirrel, the mangrove fox squirrel is mainly a

ground dweller. Its habitat is forest land, and it is not known to hibernate, but instead stays rather active year-round.

Interestingly, the mangrove fox squirrel is known for its long tail that is nearly the length of its head and torso combined.

At CROW, an adult mangrove fox squirrel was admitted from Fort Myers last week. It had reportedly been chased and cornered in a barn by dogs. The only injury it sustained through its ordeal was a fractured tail.

Unfortunately, due to the severity of the fracture, CROW medical staff had to amputate approximately one third of the patient's tail just above the fracture site. The injury appears to be related to the dog chase.

"Based on the history provided to us, and the nature of the tail fracture (with one vertebrae crushed and a puncture wound associated with the fracture site, the injury was likely secondary to a dog bite," said Dr. Robin Bast, CROW veterinary intern, who performed the surgery. "If the tail had been caught on something while trying to escape, there likely would have been a different type of injury to the tail – a degloving wound where skin is pulled away."

The fox squirrel received pain and anti-inflammatory medication as well as antibiotics. Its amputation site is being closely monitored on a daily basis to ensure it is healing properly. CROW staff reports the patient remains very bright, alert and aggressive. It is expected to make a full recovery.

"The squirrel should still be able



Patient #17-3355 is in the healing process after approximately one third of its tail had to be amputated photo by Brian Bohlman

to function normally, since he is only missing a few inches off the tip of his tail (and) two-thirds of his tail still remains," said Dr. Bast. She explained that a fox squirrel's tail can be used for communication with other animals, while its bushy fur along the tail helps provide warmth.

CROW medical staff stated that the amputation site is expected to be healed within two weeks.

"We anticipate the patient will be

released within 10 to 14 days, as soon as the amputation site is fully healed," said Dr. Bast.

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The Beginning Of Fall Fishing Is Here



by Capt.
Matt Mitchell

Mornings on the water over the past two weeks have finally began to feel a little bit cooler as we slowly move closer towards fall. Although we rarely ever see a

major cool down living in south Florida until at least late November, this little change is just enough to let the fish know fall is coming.

Our inshore waters are still extremely brown due to the never-ending hurricane Irma run off. The water color around the mouth of the river can only be described as black. What's amazing to me is that in this dark water the bait and wildlife is plentiful. The amount of life around the causeway bridges in this black water at first morning light is as good as we've ever seen it in even the spring or fall. I can't explain the acres of baitfish flipping all over the surface along with diving birds and rolling tarpon that are the last thing you would expect to see in this nasty stained water.

Snook fishing was my go-to this week and brought us great action on fish of all sizes. Shiner fishing caught us the highest number of fish both on mangrove shorelines and around oyster bars. With snook slowly making that annual move

from the beaches and passes towards the back country, anywhere in the middle sound with good-moving current and structure will be holding this species of fish. For larger snook, use live pinfish either in the passes or on docks around the intercostal. The mouth of the river during the outgoing tide is also holding some much larger snook if you have large shiners or threadfin herring to free line to them on the deeper mangrove points with fast-moving current.

Redfish fishing also remained consistent with the most productive methods of fishing generally being done one of two ways: either looking for schools on open shallow flats or fishing up under the mangroves on the higher periods of the tide. Finding the roaming schools of redfish required running flats behind the barrier islands and covering lots of ground until they often just pop up as they shower bait fish while grazing. Fishing the schools takes a little more patience to find them, but once you do, it's only a matter of getting a bait out to the schools, and it's basically a guaranteed hook up.

Fishing the rips and tide lines on the outside of the passes brought a variety of species for anglers looking to catch lots of fish by simply throwing artificial baits including small spoons, jigs and plugs. Ladyfish, mackerel and jacks are out on these tide rips, gorging on all the little bait fish getting sucked in and out of the passes. Often this fishing is as easy as finding the feeding birds that will lead you right to the fish. This type of fishing, although not glamorous, is just plain fun and is awesome for anglers of all skill levels. From trolling spoons to casting



Mary Laser with a 32-inch snook she caught while out with Capt. Matt Mitchell

photo provided

a fly rod, the possibilities and different methods to catch these fish is unlimited. If you want to really get fish jumping out the water, throw out a few scoops of small live shiners for chum and watch the water boil.

Don't let that deceptively ugly-looking brown water fool you. It's full of life and, with fall in the air, the fishing possibilities

are endless.

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

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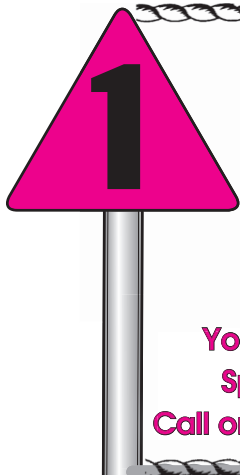
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'Ding' Days October 15 To 21



Family Fun Day is on Sunday, October 15
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Family, hiking, art, bees and butterflies, Calusa, beach and water. All are involved in this year's "Ding" Darling Days – slated for October 15 to 21 – which devotes one day each to topics relevant to the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island. The event honors National Wildlife Refuge Week and celebrates the 141st birthday of the refuge's namesake, father of the Duck Stamp, on Saturday, October 21.

Family Fun Day kicks off the weeklong birding and eco-festival with all free

activities including narrated refuge tram tours, live animal presentations, a butterfly house, fly-fishing demos, music, hot dogs and archery lessons. The Lee County VCB's Shell Love Bug will be on hand for photo opportunities. The estimated value of all the free activities exceeds \$75 for a family of four.

New this year, the refuge's Monofilament Busters will be exchanging environmentally friendly fishing gear for those who bring in lead weights and jigs. Florida WaterVentures Traveling Lab will be open for touring throughout the day.

The lab will also be open the next day, Monday, October 16, when Lee and Collier schools have the day off. Themed as Let's Go on a Hike Day, it includes scavenger hunts, Animal Olympics, ranger hike and storytime, and the showing of *The Lorax* to the calendar, all for free.

The Duck Stamp Artist presentation headlines Saturday's Conservation Art Day on October 21, which also includes cartooning, a photography tram tour, nature painting and free art supplies. Five-time Federal Duck Stamp winner Jim Hautman will be speaking and signing his 2017-18 stamps.

Throughout the week, festival-goers can take advantage of free biking and birding tours; discounted tram, kayaking and nature boat excursions; and sit in on free talks and films at the refuge. An exhibit of this year's Federal Duck Stamps will be on display in the Visitor & Education Center auditorium throughout the week, and guests can participate in the Dress-Up Photo Station.

Following is a schedule of highlights for the week. For a full "Ding" Darling Days schedule, visit www.dingdarlingdays.com or call 472-1100.✱

Morning Walk At Lakes Park

Lakes Regional Park will be the site of a nature walk with a bird patrol guide on Saturday, October 7 at 8 a.m.

The walk is along clear paths that offer an opportunity to see birds in native vegetation with experienced guides pointing out the many species in Lakes Park, a Lee County birding hot spot and crucial nesting area for many birds.

Those interested are asked to wear

comfortable shoes and dress to be outside. Bring water, sunscreen and binoculars.

This tour is provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation. It's free with paid parking.

For more information, call 533-7580 or 533-7576. Lakes Regional Park is located at 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers. Meet at Shelter A7. Enter Lakes Park gate from Gladiolus Drive. Turn right. Drive to end of road, continue through the parking lot. Shelter A7 is located near the train station.

To learn more about the tour, visit www.birdpatrol.org.✱

Free Garden Tours On Tuesdays

The public is invited to free open houses at The Berne Davis Botanical Garden on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning October 10 and running through May 27, 2018.

The garden is a project of the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council. Admission and parking are both free. The garden is the home of the Lorelei statue that was recently part of the old Fort Myers Library as well as the Mina Edison Botanical Library. Many of the displays in the garden have been provided through the talents and contributions of the 19 local garden clubs, nine plant societies and

other affiliates which comprise the Garden Council.

The Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council was formed in 1957 and now comprises various clubs, societies, and affiliate members in the area. Membership provides an opportunity to learn about floral design, growing plants suitable for our locale and conservation methods. The council is a member of the National Garden Clubs, the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and American Public Gardens Association.

The Berne Davis Botanical Garden is located at 2166 Virginia Avenue in Fort Myers. For more information, contact Bernadette Hamera, council president, at 232-4942 or fmlcgardencouncil@gmail.com.✱

Plant Smart

Clues To A Storm-Resistant Landscape



This native cabbage palm, pictured the day before Hurricane Irma, had been allowed to grow to its naturally spherical form

photos by Gerri Reaves

by Gerri Reaves

With Hurricane Irma still fresh in our memories and evidence of her destruction spread across the landscape, what better time to consider the relative storm resistance of the trees in our yards?

Generally speaking, native species do much better than non-native ones. Species recommended for high wind include Geiger tree (*Cordia sebestena*), live oak (*Quercus virginiana*), tamarind (*Tamarindus indica*), gumbo limbo (*Bursera simaruba*) and the non-native mango (*Mangifera indica*).

Florida's state tree, the cabbage, or sabal, palm (*Sabal palmetto*), excels at weathering hurricane winds and flooding.

Conversely, non-native species such as queen palm (*Syagrus romanzoffiana*), Australian pine (*Casuarina equisetifolia*), melaleuca (*Melaleuca quinquenervia*), weeping banyan (*Ficus benjamina*) and Washington palm (*Washingtonia robusta*) are among those at risk of toppling in a storm.

The first three in that list are officially listed as invasive in the state – all the more reason to replace them.

Tree location and overall health help



Post-hurricane, the palm showed no ill effects

determine wind survivability too. Planting trees in groups rather than singly increases a tree's resilience, as do extensive and mature root systems.

Consider removing shallow-rooted risky trees and replacing them with storm-resistant ones.

Remove hazardous, decayed, or diseased trees before a storm. Falling trees not only damage structures and other trees but bring down power lines.

As for areas under power lines, plant only species that will grow lower than the lines.

Pruning can increase or decrease a tree's overall health and wind resistance, depending on whether it's done properly. Over-pruning is detrimental, but proper pruning or thinning can enhance the storm resistance of some species. Consult a professional.

A good general rule is to cultivate diversity in your landscape, including trees of various ages, heights and species, and then give them the space and resources to develop strong root systems.

And while you're at it, why not consider benefits to wildlife when choosing trees?

Finally, if you're dealing with a storm-ravaged yard, give trees a little time before getting out the chainsaw. They can experience shock, just as other organisms do.

Patience and time to recover might make the difference between life and death.

Sources: www.edis.ifas.ufl.edu.

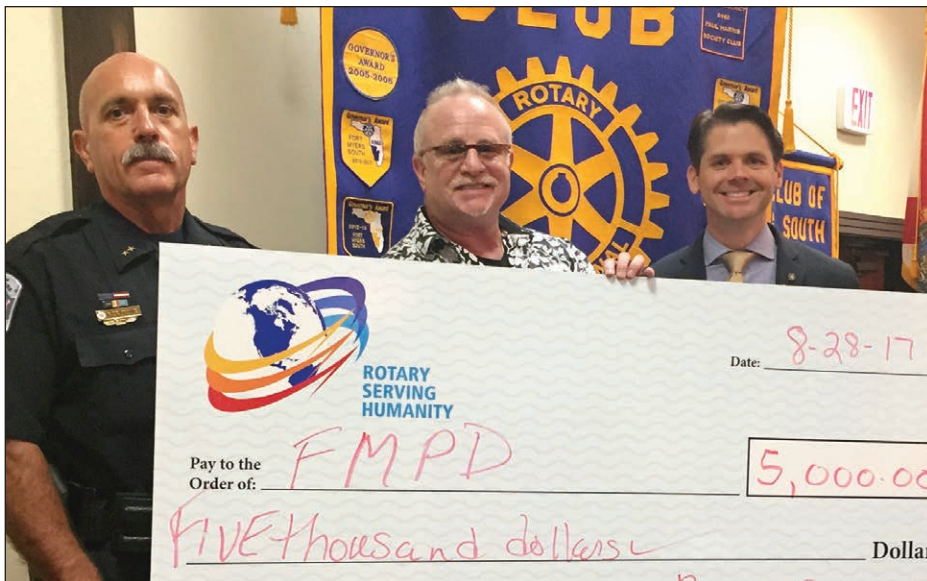
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From left, Deputy Chief Randall Pepitone, Mark Loren and Greg Blurton with a check for the Fort Myers Police Department Youth Program photo provided

Law Enforcement Youth Programs Gain Donations

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers South recently presented checks totaling \$60,000 to local law enforcement youth programs. The money was raised at the 2016 Law & Order Ball, which is hosted each fall by the club.

Seven local law enforcement agencies received checks, including: \$16,720 for the Lee County Sheriff's Office, \$6,000 for the Cape Coral Police Department,

\$5,000 for the Fort Myers Police Department, \$2,000 for the Lee County Port Authority, \$2,000 for the Sanibel Police Department, \$1,000 for the FGCU Police Department and \$1000 for the FSW Police Department.

The Law & Order Ball benefits the Rotary Club of Fort Myers South Foundation and Lee County law enforcement youth programs and underwrites the purchase of life-saving tactical trauma kits for officers' use in the field. Southwest Florida's finest are celebrated each year, including the five finalists for the Officer of the Year Award.

The 2017 Law & Order Ball was scheduled to take place on Saturday,

September 16 at Germain Arena. However, in the interest of safety and sensitivity to the men and women being honored at this event and their heroic work during and after Hurricane Irma, the event is being rescheduled and a date will be announced after our community has had the chance to recover.

For more information, contact Lori Cook North at lori@eventfulinc.com or Pam Morrison at pam@eventfulinc.com.

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers South Foundation established the Law and Order Ball to recognize and celebrate public safety's finest officers, who proudly represent local law enforcement agencies. It is the club's belief that selecting an "Officer of the Year" from the agency submissions serves to promote public trust and support for the officers and the law enforcement agencies involved.✱

Refuge Teacher Grants Deadline Extended



Students from Pelican Elementary School in Cape Coral worked on their granted "Celebrating Birds" project last school year photo provided

Due to Hurricane Irma's interruption of the school year, the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) and JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge recently announced a one-month extension to November 30 for its 12th annual teacher grant applications.

Up to \$10,000 in grant awards are available to teachers in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, and Hendry counties this school year for conservation education-related projects. Teachers in the five-county area may apply for grants up to \$1,000 each to purchase teaching aids, books and classroom materials; fund new classroom science projects; take field trips; or conduct work projects in the community.

All schools are invited to submit conservation-related proposals by November 30. The approved proposals will be awarded in December 2017 for projects to be completed by spring 2018.

"Our normal deadline is October 31 each year," said Wendy Kindig, DDWS environmental education committee chair. "But with the chaos in the wake of the September 10 hurricane, we want to give teachers more time to get their classroom routines renormalized so they can turn their full attention to the grant application process."

In the past 11 years, DDWS has granted more than \$73,000 to local schools for environmental projects. The teacher grants are funded by DDWS monies received from the DDWS Conservation Education Endowment Fund established by Jay "Ding" Darling's grandson, the late Kip Koss.

To make a tax-deductible donation in support of the fund, contact DDWS executive director Birgie Miller at 472-1100 ext. 4 or director@dingdarlingsociety.com.

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Frontier Airlines Adds Three New Destinations


Low-fare carrier Frontier Airlines announced new non-stop service from Fort Myers (RSW) to Grand Rapids, Michigan (GRR), Minneapolis-St. Paul (MSP) and Omaha, Nebraska (OMA). These additions mean that Frontier will now offer low fare flights to 20 cities, the most any airline offers from Fort Myers. To celebrate this announcement, Frontier is offering low fares on as low as \$49 and available only at www.FlyFrontier.com.

"No one flies to more destinations than us," said Daniel Shurz, senior vice president commercial, Frontier Airlines. "We are pleased to expand our service from Fort Myers with affordable flights to 20 destinations. With fares as low as \$49, we are looking forward to


introducing even more Southwest Florida residents and visitors to Low Fares Done Right."

These three new routes come just weeks after the carrier announced six new destinations from Fort Myers including Buffalo, New York (BUF); Colorado Springs, Colorado (COS); Islip, New York (ISP); Kansas City, Missouri (MCI); Nashville, Tennessee (BNA) and Providence, Rhode Island (PVD).

"We are extremely pleased that Frontier Airlines continues to increase service to Southwest Florida International Airport, with six cities announced in July, including new flights to Islip/Long Island and Colorado Springs," said Jeff Mulder, AAE, executive director of the Lee County Port Authority. "With this announcement of service to Grand Rapids, Michigan, Minneapolis/St. Paul and Omaha, Frontier will offer nonstop service between the Fort Myers market and a total of 20 cities, giving passengers many more convenient travel options this winter season."✱



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Hurricane Relief Funds Released To Help Residents



United Way volunteers distributing food and water at Harlem Heights

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As of September 29, United Way has distributed over \$400,000 in supplemental funding from the Southwest Florida Hurricane Relief Fund (in partnership with the Southwest Florida Community Foundation) to the local network of United Way direct assistance agencies. Those agencies include: Beacon of Hope, Bonita Springs Assistance Office, Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County, Child Care of Southwest Florida, Community Cooperative, FISH of Sanibel-Captiva, Good Wheels, Harry Chapin Food Bank, Interfaith Charities of South Lee, Lehigh Community Services, RCMA - Hendry & Glades, Eva's Closet and The Salvation Army - Lee & Hendry.

Cliff Smith, United Way President said, "We want to thank the generous donors

and the Southwest Florida Community Foundation for making this fund possible. Our network of United Way Partners are using this funding to supplement the critical services that are being offered to our residents in need in our community."

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation initiated the fund with the United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee Counties to create a giving fund to help in the aftermath of those affected by Hurricane Irma.

One hundred percent of the funds donated through the Southwest Florida Community Foundation will be used by the United Way to provide emergency funds to directly help people displaced from their homes and those suffering loss due to the hurricane and floods. The United Way works directly with Lee County Emergency Management and the network of nonprofit organizations in Southwest Florida to ensure the county has a coordinated response.

For more information on the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, call 274-5900 or visit www.floridacommunity.com.

In addition to raising funds for human service organizations in the community, the United Way promotes partnerships and collaborations among agencies and initiatives, helping them work together focusing on issues and solutions that continue to improve lives. For more information, call 433-2000 or visit www.UnitedWayLee.org.

The United Way Volunteer Center connects individuals and companies to volunteer opportunities throughout our community. If you are interested in helping with Hurricane Irma recovery, you can reach the United Way Volunteer Center by calling 433-2000 option 9, or by visiting www.UnitedWayLee.org/volunteer.

United Way 211 is a helpline for everyone and serves as a comprehensive information and referral service to health and human services in our community. If in need of assistance, dial 2-1-1 or 433-3900.*

New Date For Law & Order Ball

The 2017 Law & Order Ball has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 21. The ball will still take place at Germain Arena at 6 p.m. Proceeds from the evening are directed to the Rotary Club of Fort Myers South Foundation, which benefits law enforcement youth programs and many other community projects.

Taking into consideration local law enforcement's continued efforts to help restore the community post-Hurricane Irma, the new date was selected with careful consideration of previously scheduled community events, local law enforcement schedules and the host facility's availability. Rotary Club of Fort Myers South member Roger Mercado Jr. stated, "The law enforcement groups of Lee County took such great care of the community before, during and after the hurricane; we're even more excited to give back and celebrate them at this year's Law & Order Ball. We understand there may be conflicts with the new date, but hope the majority of supporters will still be able to attend."

Tickets are sold out, however, those who wish to donate to the Fund-A-Need Initiative can do so through the Law & Order Ball website (www.lawandorderball.org). The agencies have identified the need of funds for high risk and high liability training and items that would assist in keeping the public and officers safe. Items like tactical helmets, shields and body armor and vests, training mats, Driving Simulation training, Shooter Simulation training and AEDs (automated external defibrillator) were identified by the departments as areas of need.

The following Lee County Law Enforcement agencies are beneficiaries of Rotary's of Fort Myers South's fundraising through the Law & Order Ball: Lee County Sheriff's Office, Fort Myers Police Department, Cape Coral Police Department, Sanibel Police Department, Florida Gulf Coast University Police Department, Florida SouthWestern State College Police Department and Lee County Port Authority Police.

Germain Arena is located at 11000 Everblades Parkway in Estero. For more information, visit www.lawandorderball.org/ or contact Lori Cook North at lori@eventfulinc.com.*

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New Director At Port Authority



Laura Rhoad

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Laura Rhoad has joined the Lee County Port Authority as director of human resources. She will be responsible for overseeing all activities related to employee matters at Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field in Fort Myers. Her duties include working with members of the executive management team to build and manage organizational development, policies and programs, compensation, benefits, performance management, employee relations, recruiting, hiring and retention, as well as compliance with federal, state and local laws.

Rhoad has been in the human resources field for more than 25 years. Most recently, she served as the director of human resources at Shaw Development in Bonita Springs. Before that, Rhoad was the human resources manager for several manufacturing companies in Ohio, South Carolina and Florida, including Pall Corporation, General Electric, Whirlpool and Kitchen Aid.

Rhoad has been a member of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) for many years, serving in numerous leadership roles, including president of the local Fort Myers chapter. She has also been actively involved with HR Florida, serving as the legislative affairs director, and then as Gulf Coast district director, advising the three local SHRM chapters in Charlotte, Lee and Collier counties. Rhoad is a long-term member of the Employer Advisory Committee for Employ Florida and is involved with the STEM program for the Foundation of Lee County Public Schools.

She holds a bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and a master's degree in management/human resources from Hodges University in Fort Myers. Rhoad received her SPHR (Senior Professional in Human Resources) certification in 1999 and her SHRM-SCP in May 2015. In addition, she was given the 2016 Human Resources Professional of the Year award by the Society for Human Resource Management Southwest Florida Chapter.

The Lee County Port Authority operates Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.flylcpa.com.✱

Financial Focus

Here's Your Retirement Countdown



by Jennifer Basey

If you want to enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle, you don't need to have been born rich or even to have earned scads of money during your working years. But you do need to

make the right moves at the right time – which means you might want to start a “retirement countdown” well before you draw your final paycheck.

What might such a countdown look like? Here are a few ideas:

Ten years before retirement – At this stage of your career, you might be at, or at least near, your peak earning capacity. At the same time, your kids may have grown and left the home, and you might even have paid off your mortgage. All these factors, taken together, may mean that you can afford to “max out” on your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. And that's exactly what you should do, if you can, because these retirement accounts offer tax benefits and the opportunity to spread your dollars around a variety of investments.

Five years before retirement – Review your Social Security statement to see how much you can expect to receive each month at various ages. You can typically start collecting benefits as early as age 62, but your monthly checks will be significantly larger if you wait until your “full” retirement age, which will likely be age 66 (and a few months) or age 67. Your payments will be bigger still if you can afford to wait until age 70, at which point your benefits reach their

ceiling. In any case, you'll need to weigh several factors – your health, your family history of longevity, your other sources of retirement income – before deciding on when to start taking Social Security.

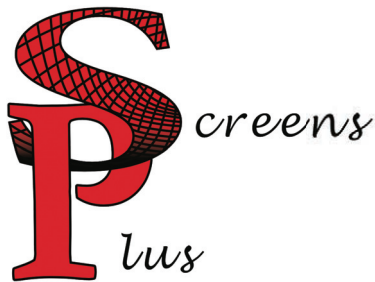
One to three years before retirement – To help increase your income stream during retirement, you may want to convert some – but likely not all – of your growth-oriented investments, such as stocks and stock-based vehicles, into income-producing ones, such as bonds. Keep in mind, though, that even during your retirement years, you'll still likely need your portfolio to provide you with some growth potential to help keep you ahead of inflation.

One year before retirement – Evaluate your retirement income and expenses. It's particularly important that you assess your health-care costs. Depending on your age at retirement, you may be eligible for Medicare, but you will likely need to pay for some supplemental coverage as well, so you will need to budget for this.

Also, as you get closer to your actual retirement date, you will need to determine an appropriate withdrawal rate for your investments. How much should you take each year from your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement accounts? The answer depends on many factors: the size of these accounts, your retirement lifestyle, your projected longevity, whether you've started taking Social Security, whether your spouse is still working, and so on. A financial professional can help you determine an appropriate withdrawal rate.

These aren't the only steps you need to take before retirement, nor do they need to be taken in the precise order described above. But they can be useful as guidelines for a retirement countdown that can help ease your transition to the next phase of your life.

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



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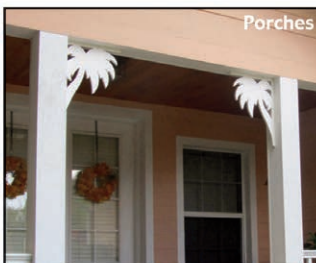
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Dunkin' Donuts and its Southwest Florida franchisees marked National Coffee Day by donating 1,000 pounds of coffee to the American Red Cross of Southwest Florida to support the organization's critical mission, including volunteer and biomedical services as well as disaster relief efforts. In total, Dunkin' Donuts franchisees from across the country donated 14 tons, which is 28,000 pounds, of coffee to the Red Cross.

“Dunkin' Donuts is proud to support the Red Cross mission and contribute to the major relief efforts currently underway by the American Red Cross nationwide,” said Melissa Goulette, local Dunkin' Donuts field manager. “Dunkin' Donuts is dedicated to helping all of our neighbors and guests in times of need, and we hope this donation provides support to the Red Cross and the people they serve.”

Together, Dunkin' Donuts and the Red Cross have also contributed to the

recent relief and recovery efforts in Texas and Florida. Dunkin' Donuts has pledged \$150,000 in-kind product donations, delivering coffee and donuts to shelters, and has deployed sampling trucks to bring water and food to these communities. Additionally, many Dunkin' Donuts restaurants provided free coffee to first responders.

“We would like to thank Dunkin' Donuts for this generous donation of coffee,” said Donna Morrissey, director of national partnerships for the American Red Cross. “The Red Cross relies on the generosity of the public to provide assistance. This donation of a warm cup of coffee will help provide comfort and help to power our volunteers through very long work days, helping people in need across the country.”

National Coffee Day is celebrated each year on September 29. To learn more about Dunkin' Donuts, visit www.DunkinDonuts.com or subscribe to the Dunkin' Donuts blog to receive notifications at <https://news.dunkindonuts.com/blog>.✱

Superior Interiors

Moving Back Outdoors



by Marcia Feeney

Our lanais have become an extension of our indoor living spaces, a concept that has become more realistic as many manufacturers of home products develop attractive furniture, lighting,

accessories and appliances for outdoor use.

Patio furniture has greatly evolved from the folding, vinyl strap versions of the past, to beautiful pieces made of teak, steel, rattan and stone, seamlessly making the transition from indoor spaces to outdoor. Many pieces look very similar to indoor furniture but are designed and constructed to stand up to our Florida elements, while providing a stylish level of comfort and functionality. No, it doesn't have to look 'outdoor' any more.

Outdoor fabrics have finally transitioned from the standard stripes of the past to more current styles and colors that blend with adjacent rooms in the home. Sunbrella features a soil and stain resistant finish and is easy to clean with soap and water. The solution dyed yarns are mildew resistant, but should mildew stains appear,

they can easily be removed with diluted bleach.

A charming addition to any lanai is the addition of outdoor draperies. Jumbo grommets and drapery hardware are now available in either brightly colored plastics or stainless steel to hold up to the elements. Defining the perimeter of the patio with outdoor drapery is another perfect application for the Sunbrella fabrics. With careful planning and installation, the fabric tie-backs can be loosened to provide a bit of protection from the strong Florida sun, and can also be easily removed for the summer stormy months, which is the perfect time to clean and store them for next year.

When creating an inviting backyard space, incorporate various types of lighting for ambience and safety. Landscape lighting will provide the perfect mood, while sconce and overhead lighting add light for Al Fresco dining.

Earth-friendly outdoor area rugs, now made of recycled soda bottles, add color and pattern while being maintenance friendly. Simply hose them off occasionally and the sun will do the rest. Brightly colored wall art completes the space where your friends and family will gather to enjoy our fabulous weather, leaving cold, blustery winter days far behind.

Expand your indoor living to the covered patio or lanai to enhance the Florida experience and don't be afraid to step outside your comfort level to add a little spice to your new entertainment area.

Marcia Feeney is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at marcia@coindceden.com.✧

Land Use Expert Joins Law Firm

The law firm of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., recently announced that Attorney Jeff Wright has joined the firm's Land Use & Environmental Law division. He will practice out of the firm's Bonita Springs office and will focus on land use matters in both Collier and Lee counties.

Wright is Florida Bar Board certified in city, county and local government law. His expertise includes Florida's Sunshine Law and Public Records Law, and all matters involving city, county and local governments, including towns, villages, special districts and community development districts. Wright represents private property owners, associations and investors in land use and permitting matters.

Wright is heavily involved in growth management and comprehensive planning issues throughout Florida. He served as committee counsel to the Collier County Rural Lands Stewardship Area Review Committee and as an assistant (Collier) county attorney. As a member of the Florida Association of County Attorneys' Growth Management Committee, Wright provided critical input on growth management legislation, referenda and reform.

Wright has been recognized for his professional achievements, including receiving the Growth Management



Jeff Wright

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Committee Writing Award from the Florida Association of Counties and the Deepwater Horizon Legal Task Force Appreciation Award.

Wright received his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida (1992) and law degree from the University of Denver College of Law (1996). He is admitted to practice in Florida and Colorado. Wright can be reached at jeff.wright@henlaw.com or by phone at 344-1371.

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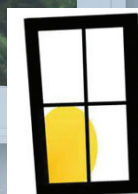
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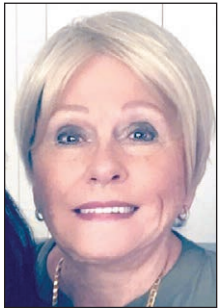
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Book Review

Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine

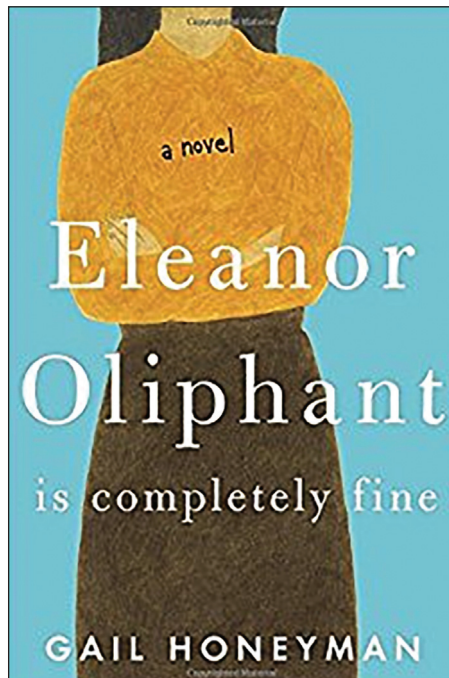


by Di Saggau

This debut novel by Gail Honeyman is delightfully funny even though it's about a woman who had something really bad happen to her. *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* is about a woman

who is convinced that although she may not be great or excellent, she is just fine. She works weekdays and on weekends she relaxes with frozen pizza, two bottles of vodka and drinks and sleeps until time to go back to work again on Monday.

Eleanor narrates the novel in the first person, revealing visits from social workers who have checked on her since the age of 17. Her home is outfitted with secondhand furniture and a plant called Polly that has miraculously survived over the years. We know that something happened to Eleanor and that it was so bad it left a large scar on half her face. She has no friends and lives a reclusive life. The reader doesn't discover exactly what happened until the final pages, which is a bit frustrating but understandable and well handled by the author.



Looking through Eleanor's eyes is a unique experience. When she opens her mouth to utter one of her many expressions, I found myself laughing out loud many times. Eleanor develops a middle-schooler-type crush on a man she has only seen and never met, and yet she decides he is the one for her. She gives herself a complete makeover, and it's a journey that is a delightful experience for the reader.

The guy is a musician and the one who motivates her transformation, but it's her relationship with Raymond, the IT guy

at work, who transforms her inner self. Eleanor lacks a knowledge of social norms, and Raymond seems to understand her. Eleanor is hilarious at times. I plan to use one of her tricks in the future. When she gets a phone call from a telemarketer, she whispers into the phone, "I know where you live." And then she hangs up very gently. Eleanor and Raymond email quite often. When he responds to one of her emails with a smiley face she thinks, "Twenty-first century communications. I fear for our nation's standards of literacy." On the subject of profanity, she says, "Obscenity is the distinguishing hallmark of

a sadly limited vocabulary."

You are going to love Eleanor, a woman who has no idea who SpongeBob is, or what she should wear to a party or what to say to those in attendance. While she has a lot to learn about the world, there's a lot we can learn from her. *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* is the story of an out-of-the-ordinary heroine whose deadpan weirdness and unconscious wit make for an irresistible journey. I'm not only going to recommend it to my book club, I'm going to insist that we read it because the ensuing discussion is bound to be priceless.✧

School Smart



by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSPP

Dear Shelley, My son is in Kindergarten and struggling with coloring, drawing and writing. He still doesn't hold his pencil correctly or press down hard. Is this normal? What can I do for him?

Emily P., Fort Myers Beach

Emily,

Learning how to write is a process and has stages just as learning to speak does. Young children progress through stages, from looking at letters on the page of a book during infancy to producing those letters beginning in the preschool years. Learning how to write properly is a developmental milestone, and it is important to remember that, as with all developmental milestones, achievements are expected to occur within a broad range of ages, not at a specific time.

Typically by age 4, a child will have progressed through several types of grasps while scribbling and drawing, from the fist or power grasp to a more developed grasp like the tripod grasp. Kids usually develop this grasp between the ages of 4 and 6, and boys typically develop this later than girls. A less mature grip and light pressure can be a sign of muscle weakness in the wrist and fingers, the very muscles needed for writing.

The best way to help a child who hasn't mastered this grasp and who needs further development of the muscles used for fine motor activities is through a fun and games approach. There are so many activities for children that help to develop

these muscles, such as lacing toys, building blocks, wind-up toys, cutting paper with safety scissors, construction games such as Legos or Tinker toys and tweezer-type activities. Play involving modeling or play clay is also an excellent way to promote finger and wrist strength.

By showing a child how to make different shades of color from the same crayon or pencil, you can help them learn to exert more pressure or reduce pressure on the writing tool depending on what effect your child wants to make. You can demonstrate by shading lightly, shading with more pressure, and then shading with a lot of pressure to show how the color changes. Ask your child to identify which shade goes with which amount of pressure and then have him try to create the different shades when coloring.

Triangular crayons are a great way to promote a mature grasp; they are generally thicker than regular crayons and their triangular shape creates a surface on which to place each finger. There are also triangular grips you can purchase to put on pencils and crayons to help your child learn how to grasp properly.

Remember, have fun with these activities. Learning to write should not be a stressful experience for your child. If your child isn't having fun with these games or if no progress in several months is made despite implementing these extra activities, you may want to discuss his development with your doctor to see if a referral to an occupational therapist is indicated.

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Band And Brews

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highlights upcoming bands and craft beer breweries. All Noteworthy Concerts are paired with some of the finest craft breweries and feature music from many genres, such as reggae, indie rock, bluegrass and folk. For more information, visit www.sbdac.com.

Other dates in the Noteworthy Concert Series include Friday, October 20 with the Copper Tones and Friday, October 27 featuring The Late Ones.

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

Company To Hold Hiring Event On October 7

Alta Resources Corp., the Wisconsin-based customer-management business-process outsourcing company, is holding a hiring event on Saturday, October 7 at its Fort Myers campus, located at 12451 Gateway Boulevard. Hiring professionals will be available from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. for immediate, one-on-one interviews, as well as to answer questions and provide information about the company. On-the-spot hiring decisions will be provided.

The company is looking to fill more than 400 full- and part-time customer service and sales jobs to its current workforce, including Spanish bilingual positions.

As a small part of their broader response to Hurricane Irma, Alta is giving all current Fort Myers employees a \$10 Home Depot gift card. This benefit will also be extended to all event attendees who complete an interview on October 7.

Alta Resources' need to fill seasonal jobs is driven by their major health insurance client and the industry's annual open enrollment period. The need for year-round positions is a result of the recent addition of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles as a client, and the general

success and growth of other existing clients.

"Post-Hurricane Irma, we know that there are some people in the community who may need new or different employment," said Paul Makurat, Alta Resources Fort Myers managing director. "We hope that they will consider Alta as an opportunity to earn additional income that may be needed during and following this hurricane recovery period."

The seasonal positions offer extremely flexible schedules. Many employees are college students, parents, retirees and career seekers who find the positions accommodating for their busy lifestyles, balancing the demands of work, school and family. The year-round positions provide a more traditional work schedule. Both provide competitive wages and paid training.

"We're looking for people with customer-focused personalities, who can communicate well and have a genuine desire to help customers. Whether it's a seasonal or year-round position, those are the traits our most successful employees have. And, Fort Myers has always helped us in that respect," said Makurat. "Hopefully, that trend will continue with this hiring event."

If unable to attend the hiring event, interested candidates can apply online at www.JoinAlta.com.

For more information, email HR@AltaResources.com or visit www.AltaResources.com.

Foundation Promotes Two Executives

LifeLink Foundation, a non-profit community service organization dedicated to the recovery of organs and tissue for transplantation therapy, recently announced the following promotions:

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Bryan C. McDonald, MAcc., CPA, has been named chief operating officer (COO). He joined LifeLink in 1996 as controller and has served as senior vice president/CFO, a role he will continue to fill, since 2005. McDonald is a United States Air Force veteran who served during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Upon his return from Desert Shield/Desert Storm, he pursued his education at Hillsborough Community College and University of South Florida, where he ultimately obtained a master's degree in accountancy.

Kathleen T. Lilly has been promoted to executive vice president of organ procurement organization (OPO) operations and maintains her previous position as senior vice president/executive director of LifeLink of Georgia. In this new role, she will oversee organ recovery activities at each of the three OPOs under the LifeLink umbrella: LifeLink of Florida, LifeLink of Georgia and LifeLink of

Puerto Rico. Lilly joined LifeLink more than 19 years ago as the assistant executive director.

Visit www.LifeLinkFoundation.org for more information.

Marketing Group Earns Recognition

Priority Marketing has achieved certification as a Google Partner for AdWords expertise and has been recognized as an UpCity Certified Partner for demonstrating quality standards in online marketing services.

Priority Marketing was awarded Google Partner certification in both search and mobile advertising. Manny Gonzalez, director of web solutions, earned certification in AdWords, specializing in search advertising, display advertising, video advertising, google analytics and mobile sites. AJ Barnett, web developer, earned certification in AdWords, specializing in mobile sites and Google analytics. Richard Lomeli, senior media buyer, earned certification in AdWords, specializing in search advertising, mobile advertising, video advertising and shopping advertising.

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No One Predicted Postseason Play For Both Red Sox And Twins



by Ed Frank

If we could turn back the calendar six months to the end of baseball’s spring training, no one, absolutely no one, thought our two teams that train here, the Boston Red Sox and the Minnesota Twins, would both advance to postseason play.

The Red Sox, yes, as they were the defending American League Eastern Division champions and were the favorite to repeat in 2017. But the Twins, no way, after losing 103 games last season, the worst record in baseball.

As we write this column early this week on the eve of postseason play, the Twins, after winning the American League’s second wild card slot, will play the New York Yankees, winners of the first AL wild card spot, in a one-game, winner-take-all Tuesday night in Yankee Stadium.

And once again, the Twins are given little chance of knocking off the Yanks to advance in the playoffs. Of the 10 teams that earned the right to postseason play, Minnesota is ranked No. 10 according to baseball experts.

They may be proven right. Sure the Twins, with a season record of 85-77 – an improvement from 59-103 a year ago – do have the worst record among the 10 post-season teams. But long-time Twins fans recall 1987 when the club won just 85 games and went on to win the World Series in the magical year.

Here are two more positive factors for Minnesota: Since the July 31 trading deadline, the Twins topped the Major League in runs scored and home runs. Now to the Red Sox.

Golf Fore Homes Tournament

Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties is holding its inaugural Golf Fore Homes tournament at the Verandah Golf Club on Friday, October 27. It is presented by Kolter Homes.

The festivities begin at 11:30 a.m. with a luncheon. The tournament’s shotgun

start is at 1 p.m. An awards reception will follow.

Individual registration is \$125 and foursome registration is \$500. All proceeds will support Habitat’s mission and help to continue building affordable housing in Lee and Hendry counties.

To register or for more information, visit www.bit.ly/2f03roJ. Sponsorships are still available. Companies or individuals interested in sponsoring should contact Vince Modarelli at VinceM@habitat4humanity.org.

Founder’s Cup Rescheduled To December 14

Hurricane Irma caused some damage to the golf courses at Quail Creek Country Club in Naples, necessitating a postponement of the Florida Gulf Coast University Founder’s Cup Golf Tournament, now set for Thursday, December 14.

“Although we are disappointed that we cannot hold the tournament in October, as we traditionally do, the delay allows Quail Creek Country Club to bring the courses back up to their exemplary standard, guaranteeing that golfers will once again enjoy a great day on both courses,” said Lindsey Touchette, director of major gifts and tournament director. “Our thoughts are with our friends at Quail Creek, and our entire Southwest Florida community, as we all work to recover from the storm.”

Despite the postponement, golfers will be assured stunning vistas, two challenging courses and the camaraderie of fellow golf enthusiasts at this annual event that’s a perennial sell-out.

Beyond being an outstanding day of golf and fun, it’s one that serves a greater purpose, said Christopher

Simoneau, FGCU foundation executive director and the university’s vice president for advancement. “Funds raised by the Founder’s Cup Golf Tournament help ensure that our students receive the best education possible, supplying scholarships and programs to enhance their experience. The tournament has been raising funds for the university since before FGCU opened its doors.”

This year, the fundraiser celebrates its 26th year. Since its inception, the tournament has raised more than \$1.6 million – including \$135,000 last year – for programs that support academic excellence, scholarships and student success.

“The Founder’s Cup provides a significant financial boost to the university’s mission in support of students, faculty and staff,” Simoneau said. “The commitment of so many sponsors and community supporters year after year shows their deep belief in the importance of higher education. We are truly appreciative of their long-time involvement.”

The event will begin with a buffet luncheon at the Quail Creek clubhouse at 11:30 a.m. Golfers will begin play at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start on the club’s two championship courses. Designed by world-renowned golf course architect Arthur Hills, the Quail and Creek courses offer 36 holes of

By once again winning the American League Eastern Division – the first time in Red Sox history that they won back-to-back division titles – they will face the Houston Astros in the best-of-five division play starting this Thursday in Houston. Boston hopes to eradicate the memories of last year when they were swept by the Cleveland Indians in the division series.

The Red Sox finished just two games ahead of New York to win the division, but once they took over first place in the East on August 1, they never relinquished the lead.

Pitching was the key to Boston’s success this year to overcome a less-than-spectacular offense that finished near the bottom of baseball’s 30 teams in home runs and slugging percentage.

Oh how Boston missed the retired David Ortiz. Pitching, however, was a different story as Red Sox hurlers combined for a 3.70 ERA, second best in the American League. They also finished near the top of the league in strikeouts and fewest walks allowed.

When Boston’s Dave Dombrowski, president of baseball operations, pulled off the biggest trade of the off-season by acquiring Cy Young candidate Christ Sale, he made a deal that was the key to Boston’s success this season.

Sale, the former Florida Gulf Coast University star, recorded his first 300-strikeout season, 308 to be exact, and the league’s second best ERA at 2.90.

He very well may be the key to Boston’s hopes for a fourth World Series title in the last 13 years.✧

Florida Everblades Opener Has Hope

The Florida Everblades will open its 2017-18 season with a Season Opener for Hope & Hockey at Germain Arena on Friday, October 13 at 6 p.m. Attend a pre-game gathering with food, drinks and a meet-and-greet with former Everblades star Ernie Hartlieb and inspirational speaker John Sweet. The Everblades face off against the Atlanta Gladiators.

According to Alice Skaff, executive director for Haven of Hope International (HOHI), the event will raise awareness of HOHI’s current Extreme Hope Impact action to enable Heart of Florida Youth

Ranch in Citra, Florida to serve additional children who have suffered loss of parenting due to abandonment, abuse, neglect or death of a parent. Sweet, Heart of Florida executive director, will mingle with guests at the pre-game gathering and share how love and hope is bringing restoration to the young lives at his facility near Ocala.

Cost is \$30, including ticket, pre-game gathering at Germain Arena’s Olde Florida Room, appetizers and soft drinks. Sponsorships are also available. The pre-game gathering starts at 6 p.m. and the game starts at 7:30 p.m. RSVP or inquire to Alice Skaff at Alice@havenofhopeintl.org.

Donations to assist Heart of Florida Youth Ranch are now being accepted at havenofhopeintl.org/heart-of-florida.

challenges for players of all skill levels. Following tournament play, golfers will enjoy a dinner buffet and awards reception.

Each year, the event receives support from a number of Southwest Florida’s leading companies. Joe Gammons of Office Furniture and Design Concepts, Inc. and chair of the event said, “While the day-long event is both social and competitive, we consider this an investment in the workforce

of tomorrow. As a local company, we are proud to support the valuable work that takes place at Florida Gulf Coast University.”

Sponsorship opportunities are still available at several levels. For more information on sponsorships, contact Lindsey Touchette at 590-1016.

For general tournament information or to register a team for the 2017 Founder’s Cup, visit www.fgcu.edu/FoundersCup.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. In 2016, Toronto’s Josh Donaldson became the sixth player in A.L. history to have at least 20 home runs and 80 runs scored by the All-Star break. Name three of the other five to do it.
2. Miami’s Giancarlo Stanton tied a record in the 2016 All-Star Home Run Derby with 61 home runs. Who had held the mark?
3. Cam Newton holds the Carolina Panthers record for most TD passes in a career (136 entering the 2017 season). Jake Delhomme is second (120). Who is third?
4. In 2014, Florida’s Kasey Hill became the fourth men’s freshman basketball player to dish out 10 assists in an NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 game. Name two of the other three to do it.
5. Nashville’s Peter Laviolette, in 2017, became the fourth NHL coach to take three different teams to the Stanley Cup Finals. Who were the other three?
6. In 2016, Ashton Eaton became the third athlete to win back-to-back Olympic decathlons. Name the other two to do it.
7. Who are the only golfers to shoot a 63 in a men’s major twice?

ANSWERS

1. Lou Gehrig (1936), Ted Williams (’46), Reggie Jackson (’69), Frank Thomas (’94) and Alex Rodriguez (2000). 2. Bobby Abreu hit 41 homers in 2005. 3. Steve Beuerlein, with 86. 4. Magic Johnson (1978), Keith Gatlin (1984) and Jason Kidd (1993). 5. Dick Irvin, Scotty Bowman and Mike Keenan. 6. Daley Thompson (1980), 1984) and Bob Mathias (1948, 1952). 7. Greg Norman and Vijay Singh

Power Squadron Seminar

Peace River Sail and Power Squadron will be offering a Basic Weather and Forecasting Seminar at the Bayfront Center YMCA on Saturday, October 14 from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

The complex subject of weather is presented in a way that is both understandable and useful. Topics will include: What causes weather; How weather systems move; Why winds blow; What clouds tell us; How storms

and fronts create foul weather; and Why fog forms.

Seating is limited. Cost is \$40 per person, while second person sharing materials is only \$20.

To register or for more information, contact the Peace River Sail and Power Squadron by phone at 941-637-0766 or email puntagordaboating@gmail.com. Register no later than Wednesday October 11.

The Bayfront Center YMCA is located at 750 West Retta Esplanade in Punta Gorda. Peace River Sail & Power Squadron is a safe boating advisor to the Punta Gorda Boaters Alliance.*

FAFSA Now Available For Students

Thanks to a change in the opening date to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Florida SouthWestern State College students had the opportunity to begin filling out the application starting on October 1 for student aid for the 2018-19 school year. Additionally, applicants will now be using prior tax year (2016) data that can be retrieved directly from the IRS, allowing for earlier completion of the FAFSA that may expand options for funding higher education.

"With early access to the FAFSA, students and parents are encouraged to complete the process this fall to help make informed decisions about which

schools represent the best combination of net cost and overall fit to meet their academic goals," said Amber McCown, director of admissions at FSW. "FSW has resources in admissions and financial aid to help individuals explore their education options."

The FAFSA is used to determine eligibility for federal and state grants, loans and work study. Individuals applying for federal financial aid can begin this process at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

FSW will be holding an open house on Wednesday, November 15 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at the Thomas Edison (Lee) Campus in Building U, Room 102. FAFSA assistance will be available throughout the event. For a list of necessary documents to complete your FAFSA, visit www.fsw.edu/financialaid or contact Tiziana G. Marchante, assistant director of communications and outreach in FSW's Office of Financial Aid, at 732-3402 or tiziana.marchante@FSW.edu.*

How To Get Discovered By The Media

The Above Board Chamber of Florida has rescheduled its upcoming luncheon, How to Get Discovered by the Media, at Pelican Preserve Town Center to Thursday, October 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations are required at www.AboveBoardChamber.com. Attendees will have the chance to win valuable media prizes.

As businesses re-open after Hurricane Irma, getting the attention of the media is a great way to make sure the public knows the "open" sign is in your window. Reporters and broadcast producers are always on the lookout for great stories about local businesses. How can you get them to pay attention to yours? At How to Get Discovered by the Media, attendees will have an unprecedented opportunity to ask this question directly to local experts representing media outlets including magazines, newspapers, television, radio and online news. Panelists will share stories from the trenches to illustrate how to create an effective pitch, as well as avoid the media's pet peeves.

The meeting will be emceed by Mei-Mei Chan, former publisher at The News-Press Media Group, and will feature a panel including Fox 4 Morning Blend Host Stephanie Summers, News-Press Storytelling Coach Steve McQuilkin, Gulfshore Business Editor-in-Chief Phil Borchmann, Florida Weekly Senior Editor Betty Wells, WINK TV Anchor Deanne Brink, Noticias WINK Anchor Stephanie Becerra, Way-FM Station Manager Tom Sullivan and CTN10 TV General Manager Paul Lodato.

The meeting will be sponsored by Christina Schwinn at Pavese Law Firm and the feature non-profit is Junior Achievement.

Special thanks to the 2017 yearly sponsors: CONRIC PR & Marketing, Fuller Online Solutions, E. Sue Huff and Associates, Pulse Technology Solutions, LLC, Spada Salon & Day Spa, Your Walking Billboard, Charlie McDonald Photography, Lady in Pink Photography and Signarama North Fort Myers.

Pelican Preserve Town Center is located at 10561 Veneto Drive in Fort Myers.

For more information on the event or on how to become a member of the Above Board Chamber, contact Jeanne Sweeney at 910-7426 or visit www.AboveBoardChamber.com.*



PACE Center for Girls

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PACE Center Tides Of Change

Sponsorships are available for Tides of Change, an evening of shore-side dinner and dancing to benefit Pace Center for Girls of Lee County, at MarineMax Fort Myers on Friday, November 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. "Boating chic" is the dress code for this new coastal-themed fundraiser, which wraps up PACE's year of celebrations in honor of its 10 years of service in Lee County. It is expected to sell out.

Hundreds of prominent business and community leaders will savor dockside cocktails sponsored by Scott and Mary Fischer and Wicked Dolphin as well as artistically crafted hors d'oeuvres and dinner by acclaimed chef Brian Roland of Crave Culinaire. Against a backdrop of MarineMax's yachts and underneath a tent from Caloosa Tent & Rental, attendees can participate in dancing and

a live auction featuring a selection of exclusive, high-end lots.

Taking the place of the former Believing in Girls luncheon, Tides of Change will feature an engaging presentation on the philosophy behind PACE's nationally acclaimed, research-based approach alongside their local stats and outcomes. The event will also include an inspiring keynote address from a recently transitioned PACE Girl, highlighting the organization's life-saving mission through her personal journey and experiences along the way.

The event chairs for Tides of Change are Cheryl Komnick, Noelle Casagrande-Montgomery and Marc Collins. Sponsorships and tables (\$1,500 for a table of eight) are available. Limited individual tickets will become available in October at \$200 per person.

MarineMax Fort Myers is located at 14030 McGregor Boulevard. To learn more or to RSVP, contact Development Manager Allyson Ross at 470-7548 or allyson.ross@pacecenter.org.*

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Hope Clubhouse Mental Health Luncheon

Tickets are now on sale for Hope Clubhouse of Southwest Florida's annual Mental Health Luncheon taking place on Monday, October 30 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, located at 1380 Colonial Blvd. in Fort Myers. Executive Director for Hope Clubhouse of Southwest Florida James Wineinger will unveil the organization's new Faces of Hope campaign at the luncheon. The featured keynote speaker will be local attorney Sawyer Smith, who will share his journey of mental health.

One in five people in the United States of all ages, ethnicity and gender experiences a mental illness in a given year. It could be your significant other, your child, a friend, or a co-worker. The Faces of Hope campaign will introduce you to the many faces of mental illness, as well as the individual stories of hope and happiness that come from having the support of a local resource, Hope Clubhouse. The campaign will feature people right here in Southwest Florida who manage ongoing mental health challenges daily.

Smith is an accomplished businessman and attorney dedicated to protecting and improving Lee County's quality of life and business climate. He has earned the respect and praise of many in the legal profession for his level of integrity and commitment to the protection of



Sawyer Smith photo provided

Constitutional rights. Smith, who has dealt with mental illness most of his life, will bring a unique perspective to the luncheon as he shares his personal story and insight.

Christin Collins, Mental Health Luncheon chair, said, "Launching Faces of Hope and bringing Sawyer to the stage to talk about his journey will bring great awareness to the issues of mental health and the many people in our community that deal with these issues everyday. We are certain that this luncheon will bring the conversation to the forefront."

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 2017 Annual Mental Health Luncheon's host committee 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.
Annual Mental Health Luncheon sponsors include Title Sponsor State Farm Michael and Dawn Sullivan Agency, Scott White Advisors, Lee Health, The Kings, Pacharis Family, FineMark Bank, Broadway Palm, CONRIC PR & Marketing, Gulfshore Life, News-Press, Florida Community Bank, Law Office of Kelly Fayer, Siesta Pebble, Home-Tech, Gavin Ace Hardware and Sawyer Smith of Wilbur Smith Attorneys at Law. Sponsorship opportunities and tickets are available at HopeClubhouse.org/events/
Call 267-1777 or visit www.hopeclubhouse.org for more information or to make a donation.*

Foundation Director Earns Designation

Joe Kramp, senior director of development for the Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) Foundation, has earned the Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy (CAP) certification.

"What I enjoyed about earning this certification is enhancing my knowledge and expertise when it comes to helping my donors. I like working with them to realize how their desire to help not only has a long-lasting impact, but is also satisfying for them," he said.

CAP holders "become members of a growing network of top planners who are working to make our towns and cities better places to live for generations to come. Courses provide an insight into the process of philanthropic planning, including, but not limited to, tax, tools and techniques."

"The study and dedication needed to earn the CAP requires a true commitment of time," said Susan DeSantis, assistant vice president of institutional advancement and executive director of FSW Foundation. "Joe demonstrates a high level of care. He takes the time to get to know his donors so that he can assist them in directing their generosity for the best possible use and impact."

The FSW Foundation's Legacy Society is one way that donors can fulfill their wishes to help others. A commitment of \$10,000 or more qualifies a donor for the FSW Legacy Society. The donor gets his or her name on the leaf of a beautiful tree that is proudly displayed in the Rush Gallery. Certain Legacy gifts can also benefit from opportunities that provide income, tax shelters and other financial advantages.

The FSW Foundation currently has



Joe Kramp photo provided

professionally managed endowments and other funds approaching \$45 million that allow it to support the work of the college. The Foundation provides nearly \$2 million annually in student scholarships and investments in programs, technology and facilities to benefit the nearly 22,000 students the college serves each year. To underwrite and expand the mission of the college, the FSW Foundation continues to attract contributions from individuals, organizations, businesses and private foundations. As a non-profit, 501 (c) 3 tax-exempt organization with 50 years of successful operating experience, the FSW Foundation offers the opportunity to establish endowed funds which ensure the impact of a donor's contribution lives on in perpetuity.

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Devastation

out how to move forward, to rebuild and, most importantly, how to cope with the devastation."

Miville was an innovator in the process of chemical manipulation using the classic darkroom printing process. Each of his photo art pieces consists of silver gelatin paper with the basic chemical elements of developer, stop

and fixer applied – a pure photograph as traditionally known. However, Miville painted the chemistry upon the photo paper. The photo artist created a substantial body of work in the 1990s. At the dawn of digital photography, Miville's opposing aesthetic sparked vigorous curiosity and interest among curators and collectors.

René Miville Gallery at The Franklin Shops is located at 2200 First Street in the Fort Myers River District.*



Dr. Harry Alberti

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Lee Health Hires Physician Leaders

Lee Health recently welcomed four new physicians to fill the roles of acute care medical officer (ACMO) at each of its hospitals. The ACMO works with a nurse vice president of patient care services (VPPCS) in a shared leadership model called a dyad. The dyad is focused on collaboration, standardization, quality, safety, reliability and patient experience.

"The dyad leadership model delivers a more synergistic, collegial approach to operations, and allows our physicians to have a stronger leadership role in the processes, procedures and overall management of our health system," explained Larry Antonucci, MD, MBA, Lee Health president & CEO. "The ACMO and VPPCS strengthen and complement each other, and lead by example through their own collaboration."

The hospital dyads include:

Wendy Piascik, VPPCS and Harry Alberti, MD, MBA, ACMO – Cape Coral Hospital

Holly Muller, VPPCS and Jonathan Velez, MD, ACMO – Gulf Coast Medical Center



Dr. Jonathan Velez

Cindy Brown, VPPCS and Eric Appelgren, MD, MBA, ACMO – HealthPark Medical Center
Jennifer Higgins, VPPCS and Scott Wolf, DO, MPH, ACMO – Lee Memorial Hospital

Prior to joining Lee Health, Dr. Alberti served as the chief medical officer and vice president for pharmacy, lab and environmental services at Thompson Peak Medical Center, which is part of HonorHealth, in Phoenix. He earned his medical degree and completed a family medicine residency at the University of Puerto Rico Medical School in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He earned his master of business administration at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona. Dr. Alberti is board certified in family medicine by the American Board of Family Physicians and is a member of the American Academy of Family Practice and the American College of Physician Executives.

Dr. Velez previously served as vice president of medical affairs for Hartford HealthCare Corporation Central Region in Hartford, Connecticut. He earned his medical degree at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Philadelphia, and completed an emergency medicine residency at the University of Virginia Health Sciences Center in



Dr. Eric Appelgren

Charlottesville, Virginia. He is a Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians, a member of the Healthcare Information Management Systems Society and on the board of advisors for the Association of Medical Directors of Information Systems.

Prior to joining Lee Health, Dr. Appelgren served as vice president of operations and clinical services for Saint Anthony's Medical Center in St. Louis. He earned his medical degree at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago. He completed a general surgery internship with the United States Air Force at Kessler Air Force Base in Mississippi, an anesthesiology residency at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis and earned his master of business administration at the University of Colorado. Dr. Appelgren is a Diplomate of the American Board of Anesthesiology and a member of the American Society of Anesthesiologists. He also is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and the American Association for Physician Leadership.

Dr. Wolf previously served as president of Mercy Medical Center/Sisters of Providence Health System in Springfield, Massachusetts. He earned his medical degree at the New York College of



Dr. Scott Wolf

Osteopathic Medicine in Old Westbury, New York. He completed a rotating internship at Coney Island Hospital in Brooklyn, New York, and an internal medicine residency at the University of Connecticut in Farmington, Connecticut, where he also earned his master of public health. Dr. Wolf is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a member of the American Association for Physician Leadership.

In addition to these dyads with newly-hired ACMOs, Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida also has a shared leadership model with the dyad of Susan Ryckman, VPPCS and K. Alex Daneshmand, D.O., ACMO. Ryckman has been with the health system for five years, while Dr. Daneshmand has been with Lee Health for 11 years.

"Shifting to this shared leadership model is a natural progression for our organization, especially as we work toward more collaboration, as well as in our ongoing quality improvement, safety-focused standardization efforts," Dr. Antonucci said. "The dyads ensure the clinical voice – both from the perspective of physician and nurse – is represented in the daily operations across our hospitals and health system." ❄️

Chance To Earn Diplomas, College Degrees

For 47 Clewiston High School students this fall, the first day of class wasn't just the start of a new year in high school. It was the first step along the road to earning a college degree. Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) has partnered with Clewiston High School to create the Collegiate Institute at Clewiston High School, which provides dual enrollment courses to juniors and seniors attending Clewiston High School.

The Collegiate Institute is a first-of-its-kind program for FSW and Clewiston High School. While FSW provides dual enrollment for local high school students at all four college locations, the distance

from Clewiston High School to any FSW location can make travel difficult for students.

"FSW designs the curriculum and provides the faculty, and college tutoring staff from the FSW Hendry/Glades Curtis Center travel to Clewiston High School to provide tutoring services," said Amanda Lehrian, director, FSW Hendry/Glades Curtis Center. "This gives these students much easier access to college-level classes without ever leaving the high school."

"This is a dream come true for us," said Clewiston High School Principal Roberto Sanchez-Deleon. "Clewiston has been at a huge disadvantage because of the distance to the FSW Hendry/Glades Curtis Center in LaBelle. Now the culture of our school has changed. We've become more scholar-oriented, and we have a greater focus on college acceptance and career readiness. Even our ninth- and 10th-grade students and their parents have a clearer

focus on what they need to do to be eligible for dual enrollment early on."

This year's inaugural class is made up of 31 juniors and 16 seniors. The juniors will be the first class with the opportunity to graduate as seniors with both their high school diploma and an associate in arts degree from FSW, and this year's seniors will have completed between eight to 10 college classes that will count toward finishing their degree at FSW or can be transferred to other colleges.

To accommodate the program, Clewiston High School has designated three classrooms and keeps the library open throughout the day. Students follow a typical college schedule, attending Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday classes. When they are not in class, they spend 10 to 15 hours a week in the library where they study, complete assignments and work in groups.

"We are a school within a school," said

Jose Roquett, administrator, Collegiate Academy. "While Clewiston High School has a large number of students, Collegiate Institute students will stay together in a small group setting, attend classes, eat lunch and study together."

"We are home-growing college-educated students," said Paul Puletti, superintendent of schools, Hendry County. "The program can potentially generate up to 50 students a year who earn their associates in arts degree and will increase the number of students going on to earn a four-year degree. We anticipate that many will return to serve our community, hopefully becoming teachers or finding more opportunities in agriculture, creating a positive economic impact on the city of Clewiston and the county."

For more information about the program, contact Amanda Lehrian at 863-674-6010 or Jose Roquett at 863-983-1520 ext. 206. ❄️

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How Magnesium Helps You Breathe And Be Happy



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: Magnesium participates as a cofactor in more than 300 enzymatic reactions in your body which comes as a surprise to people who think that FDA-approved medications hold a clinical edge over nutrients.

Medications tend to steal the show, but I can't name one drug that functions in 300 metabolic processes in your body. Not one.

Even the National Institutes of Health says magnesium is necessary to help maintain normal muscle and nerve function, keep your heart rhythm steady, support a healthy immune and bronchial system and keep your bones strong so your hip doesn't give out.

According to a survey by the U.S. government, 75 percent of American adults have a magnesium-deficient diet. That's three out of four of you. It's getting worse due to the massive coffee consumption because compounds in coffee are 'drug muggers' of magnesium. Human deficiencies occur more often because the soil is very deficient in magnesium, so the salad that grows in the soil isn't soaking up as much mag as it used to back in the day. When you eat it, it's not as nutritious.

Magnesium levels impact one hugely important organ in your body, your heart. Everyone is so afraid of a heart attack, and yet I bet you don't know that a low level of magnesium is associated with an increased

level of C-reactive protein (CRP). CRP is a marker for type of inflammation and it's a silent killer. High CRP levels are associated with heart disease.

Has anyone ever tested your RBC magnesium levels if you have asthma? The reason I ask is because low magnesium levels have long been associated with several adverse, dangerous lung conditions. Even a recent study confirmed how low levels of magnesium and vitamin D are associated with an increased incidence of severe breathing difficulties. Sadly, most patients are put on inhalers for their entire lifetime without ever getting tested to see if low mag is contributing.

A low magnesium level can damage your brain and mood. In my book, *Headache Free*, I provided research to show how magnesium can reduce headache frequency, while improving mood and restorative sleep. No surprise there... magnesium is needed to create dopamine, serotonin and other happy brain chemicals. But a very common mistake is taking the wrong form. You will need the kind of magnesium that actually gets into your brain, like the "threonate" form, as opposed to the laxative form of magnesium like "citrate" which slides through your colon.

I have much more to share with you about magnesium's role in women's health, bone integrity and cardiovascular disease so I'm inviting you to my website (www.suzycohen.com) to sign up for my newsletter. When you do that, I'll email the longer version of this article. You do need to read it because three out of four American's are magnesium deficient, so if it's not you, then three of your relatives are deficient and that means their heart and brain are at risk.

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. ✨

Doctor and Dietician

Sucralose

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

Sucralose, also known as Splenda, is found in so many of the foods and beverages we consume, but its role in glucose levels, weight loss and health is controversial. Various studies have speculated that sucralose changes the way glucose and insulin are metabolized in our bodies, including the possibility that it may actually stimulate glucose and insulin secretion. This means that folks who consume sucralose to reduce sugar intake and lose weight may actually end up gaining weight.

Different studies are contradictory and can be confusing. A recent study in Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology showed that sucralose had no effect on blood glucose or insulin, even though it has an increased sweet taste signal. Faster glucose transport and the increased sweet taste

signal was the pathway implicated in the possible glucose and weight increase. Since the sweetener adds no calories to the diet, the researchers concluded that sucralose would be beneficial as a means to reduce sugar intake.

Does that mean sucralose should be consumed freely? Not in our opinion. First, weight gain is not the only concern that shows up in the research. Sucralose has also been said to boost fat build-up in all parts of the body. Additionally, sucralose has been shown to decrease beneficial gut flora, such as lactobacilli, even three months after ingestion. It may also interfere with certain medications and has been shown to be carcinogenic, especially at high temperatures.

Sucralose is a synthetic sweetener. Artificial sweeteners, such as sucralose, are categorized as food additives, and FDA approval for consumption does not guarantee safety in the long run. As always, we encourage healthy diets consisting of fresh, real foods and beverages, and decreasing overall consumption of sweets. When a sweetener is needed, though, try natural sweeteners such as coconut sugar, agave nectar, or raw sugar.

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. ✨

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Film Festival

or property because of Hurricane Irma. Headquartered in Immokalee, RCMA provides quality child care to Florida's rural poor. RCMA operates 66 child care centers, three charter schools and some 25 family child care homes.

This year's films are:

Mr. Sand, an 8-minute animation by Soetkin Verstegen, Leuven, Belgium. A dreamy tale about early cinema, told as an ironic bedtime story. A mix of techniques brings to life the atmosphere of this dangerous new medium. In the back of the story moves Mr. Sand, a mysterious character that might be real or imagined.

Ja Passou (Everything's OK), a 15-minute narrative by Sebastião Salgado and Pedro Patrocinio, Lisbon, Portugal. The story of a father's journey to save his son and how he is affected by indifference and social inequality.

How Do You Raise a Black Child?, a 4-minute narrative by Seyi Peter-Thomas, South Orange, New Jersey. This short film adaptation of Cortney Lamar Charleston's poem *How Do You Raise a Black Child?* paints an important portrait of everyday life for a young black man growing up in America. It is an impressionistic piece that

explores the delicate balance parents must strike as they steer their children toward adulthood.

Decision, a 3-minute animation by Mary Jo Zefeldt, Chicago, Illinois. A short animated film that explores one woman's experience with anxiety and how she handles a perceived false choice.

We Regret to Inform You, an 11-minute documentary by Eva Colmers and Heidi Janz, Quebec, Canada. Why does our society divide people into neatly defined categories? Are "disabled" and "productive" mutually exclusive identities? Where do you place somebody with a strong mind and a weak body? Dr. Heidi Janz, a writer and an academic, is acutely aware of the limitations posed by her uncooperative body, but every day she navigates the world in her wheelchair and works very hard to make her impaired speech comprehensible to others. This film documents Heidi's daily regime and quietly questions our ideas around "either/or."

More Dangerous Than a Thousand Rioters, a 6-minute experimental by Kelly Gallagher, Chester Springs, Pennsylvania. An experimental animated documentary exploring the life of revolutionary Lucy Parsons, the wife of Haymarket anarchist Albert Parsons. She was an organizer first and foremost and led an inspiring life

engaged in the struggle against capitalism. As a woman of color who was married to a famous white male anarchist, she is often unfairly and frustratingly overlooked in many labor histories. Parsons went on to become one of the most powerful voices in the labor movement, helping to found the legendary Industrial Workers of the World. She dedicated her entire life to fighting for the rights of the disenfranchised.

All it Takes, a 17-minute documentary by Geoff Pingree, Drew Dickler and Jake Hochendoner, Oberlin, Ohio. With the ever-growing prescription and use of opiate pain medication, heroin addiction has spread across traditional barriers of class, race, gender and age, and become common in all segments of society. While the path to addiction is distressingly easy, the way out is unimaginably difficult. *All it Takes* explores the opiate epidemic in Lorain County, Ohio from the point of view of addicts and through the efforts of those who work to help them recover their lives and their dignity.

Exquisite Corps, a 6-minute experimental by Mitchell Rose, Worthington, Ohio. Some 42 contemporary American choreographers link together in a chain love letter in celebration of dance.

Boomerang, a 5-minute animation by

Steven Vander Meer, Arcata, California. Inspired by the song *Boomerang* by the Absynth Quintet, the workings of nature and the universe are mystically and whimsically illustrated in this fast-paced, gorgeously hand-drawn film. Great music and a quirky sense of humor define the beauty of it all, and it's no coincidence when it happens this way.

The Day Truffaut Died, a 4-minute animation by John Akre, Minneapolis, Minnesota. This animated short is about the loss of a mentor hero, even if he was one that I never met. Musician Andy Stermer wrote and performed a music track that perfectly evokes the films of Truffaut and the quirky character of the filmmaker's story.

Chateau au Go Go, a 4-minute animation by Steve Gentile, Boston, Massachusetts. A kinetic romp that investigates the images imprinted onto wine corks. This animated, macro-photographed film becomes a sort of frenetic history lesson that alludes to the human impulse to tame nature.

For more information, contact Dr. Chase at Wendy.Chase@fsw.edu or 489-9470, or visit www.blackmariafilmfestival.org. Florida SouthWestern State College is located at 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers. ✨



Curry Spiced Mackerel with Oven Roasted Carrots

photo courtesy Fresh From Florida



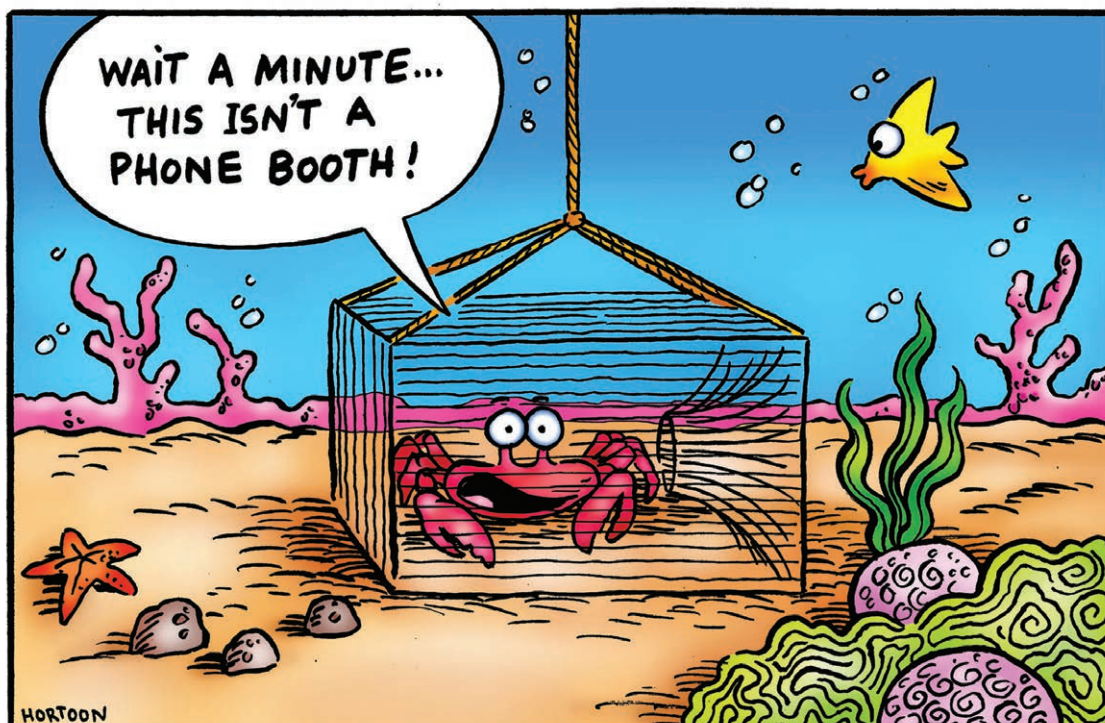
Curry Spiced Mackerel with Oven Roasted Carrots

4 to 6 seven-ounce mackerel fillets
1/4 cup plain yogurt
1 teaspoon curry powder
Kosher salt to taste
Fresh ground pepper to taste
1 pound carrots, peeled and sliced into sticks
1 yellow bell pepper, sliced

1 red bell pepper, sliced
4 cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. In a bowl, mix carrots, peppers, garlic and 1 tablespoon olive oil. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Place carrot mixture on a sheet pan and place in the oven. Cook for 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown and crisp tender.

Evenly coat mackerel fillets with yogurt and season with curry powder. Lightly season with salt and pepper. Preheat a medium-sized sauté pan over medium- high heat. Place coated and seasoned fillets in pan with 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Cook fillets until golden brown and cooked throughout. Serve fillets over oven roasted carrots. Yields four to six servings.✪✪

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Young Artists Awards	574-9321

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PUZZLES

Answers on page 29

Super Crossword

PET NAMES

- ACROSS**

1 "Seinfeld" actor Alexander

6 Per normal procedures

13 Lemon drink

16 "The Big Bang Theory" aier

19 Surfing site

20 Actress Dillon

21 24-hour time

22 Pilot's fig.

23 1998 film with Joseph Fiennes as the Bard

26 Stew morsel

27 That ship

28 Tennis divider

29 Poem form

30 1987 Dustin Hoffman film

32 Whom you might have had your first kiss with

39 Pallid

41 Beige shade

42 Otherwise called, briefly

43 Magnate Onassis

44 Dodged, as a duty

47 "Li'l" Al Capp character

49 Gerbils, e.g.
- 53 Friend of Peter Pan

55 Pulitzer-winning William

56 Guevara in "Evita"

57 Work unit

58 Lyle Lovett's "If I Had —"

59 Wii or Xbox aficionado

61 It's ere noon

62 Spock player Leonard

64 "Isn't that adorable!"

66 Novelist Joyce Carol —

69 Bad pun

72 Words on a help-desk sign

73 Neonate

76 Hit the roof

79 Gucci rival

80 — board (séance tool)

81 Words after guilty or ugly

83 First lady?

86 Formal promise

87 1976-81 skit series

88 What the Promised Land is said to flow with

92 Double nature
- 94 Singer Griffith

95 Fail, as a business

96 Partner of hither

97 Old name of Tokyo

99 DeLuise and DiMaggio

101 Discontinue

102 Observing one's curfew, idiomatically

108 Brown and simmer

109 Italy's cont.

110 Beseech

111 With 65-Down, car tank topper

114 Suffix with fact

115 1983's Best Picture (and this puzzle's theme)

122 China's Chou En- —

123 Academic email ender

124 Become flat

125 Big blood line

126 Albeit, briefly

127 Bread variety

128 Backs out

129 Stroll along
- 3 Hunting (for)

4 Acorn maker

5 Oklahoma-to-Iowa dir.

6 Jazzed (up)

7 Rage silently

8 Suffix with form

9 Title for Churchill

10 Parisian "a"

11 "Ta-ta!"

12 Big battle on the ground

13 Big whoop

14 Boat hoist

15 Visor

16 18th-century British exporer

17 Make dim, as with tears

18 Commence

24 Hit skit show, in brief

25 Onion cousin

31 See 113-Down

33 Buffalo group

34 Dark black

35 City SSW of Jacksonville

36 Asteroid path

37 Comic Nora

38 Moola maker

39 "... — forgive those who ..."

40 "Fer —!" ("Def!")

45 Mild yellow cheese
- 46 Actress Olivia

48 Instigate

50 Grimm brute

51 Play lazily, as a guitar

52 Smell, e.g.

54 Rainbow mnemonic

55 Old-style emblem with a motto

60 Wonderment

61 Hazy stuff

62 Neighbor of S. Dak.

63 Alternative to "equi-"

64 Baler input

65 See 111-Across

66 Like many Netflix flicks

67 Alphabet sequence

68 Walkie-talkie, e.g.

70 Old British rule in India

71 U.S. leader #44

74 Birds of myth

75 Mulling spice

77 Boxing place

78 Cancel out

81 Big name in lightweight metals

82 Be too frugal
- 83 Puts in peril

84 Signs flashed by Churchill

85 Brontë heroine Jane

87 Darkly evil

89 — -Chinese

90 Fictional Finn

91 "That's — hadn't heard"

93 TV's Anderson

94 Abstaining individual

98 "Carpe —!"

100 Overcome

102 Bit of hardware with a crosspiece

103 — Heep (Dickens villain)

104 Strapped

105 Hidden treasure

106 Runs across

107 Links letters

112 Hand's cost

113 With 31-Down, "Don't go anywhere"

116 Deplore

117 Marshy

118 Butyl ending

119 Yule quaff

120 Hit forcefully

121 Cattle call

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King Crossword

- ACROSS**

1 Jail, aboard ship

5 Altar affirmative

8 Mediocre

12 Ireland

13 Upper limit

14 One-liner, often

15 Strews about

17 Language of Pakistan

18 Light brown

19 Chapeau

20 Diamond corners

21 Gender

22 Humor

23 Range

26 Plant

30 October stone

31 Half a dozen

32 Sea eagle

33 Seeming contradiction

35 Magnificent

36 Ultra-formal wear

37 "Absolutely"

38 Malice

41 Sawbuck

42 Scalding

45 Speck

46 Breaks into smithereens

48 Addict

49 Listener

50 Neighborhood
- 51 Jewels

52 Reaction to a ques.

53 Indigent

10 Faction

11 Musical number

16 You

20 Pen name?

21 Spills everywhere

22 Candle material

23 Bribe

24 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)

25 Rowing need short

26 Repair

27 Raw mineral

28 Genetic initials

29 Nevertheless
- 31 Boston Red —

34 Payable

35 Refined bloke

37 Century fractions

38 Overconfident

39 Sit for a picture

40 Thing

41 Comparison word

42 Medal earner

43 Sandwich cookie

44 Despot

46 Red or Black

47 Spigot

MAGIC MAZE ● HOLDING IT TOGETHER

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

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

- Band-Aid

Bolt

Bracket

Brads
- Clamp

Glue

Hairpin

Nails
- Rivet

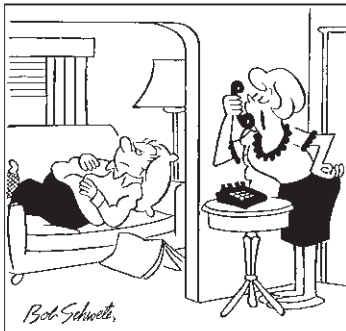
Rubber band

Safety pin

Staples
- String

Tack

Velcro



"You can't miss our house, — it'll be the one with the _____ man cutting the grass." 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!

Beseech
LOVERG
Lithe
GAILE
Cheery
THERAY
Safe
RESCUE

TODAY'S WORD

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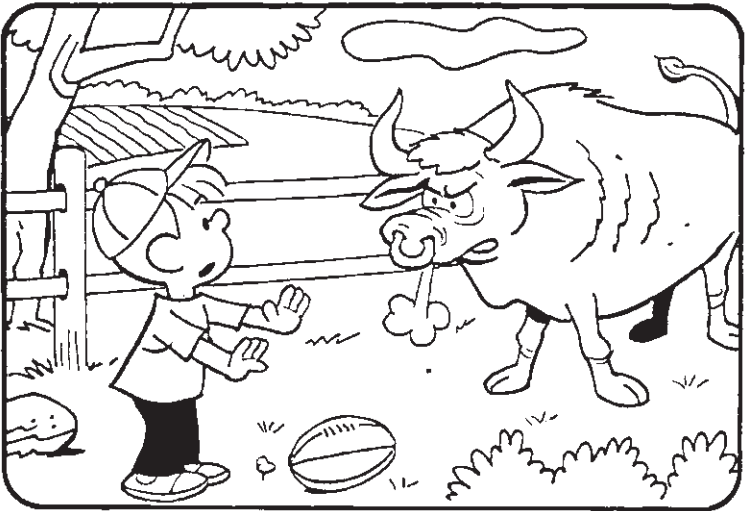
SUDOKU

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.

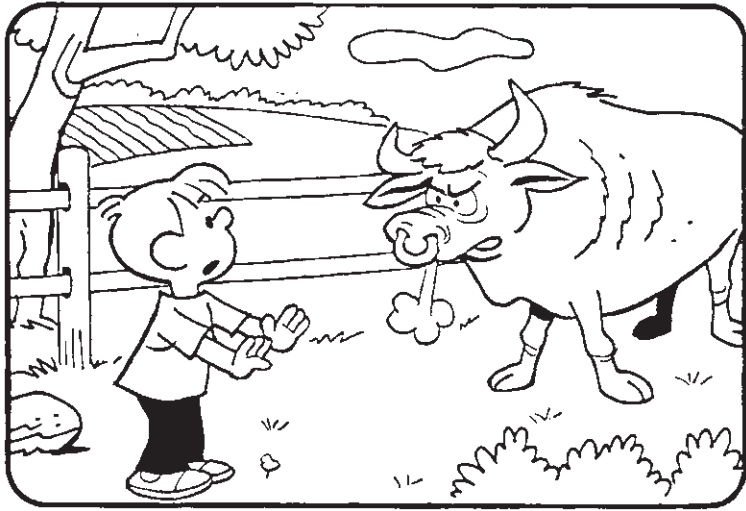
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Cap is missing. 2. Arm is missing. 3. Football is missing. 4. Cloud is different. 5. Horn is smaller. 6. Bull's tail is missing.



Pet crates outside of Gulf Coast Humane Society

photos provided

Humane Society Donor Offers To Match Donations

As normalcy of life returns to Southwest Florida and the surrounding areas, Gulf Coast Humane Society is also back on track to

its regular routine. Generous donations from people have been coming in, all of which were needed. Although damage that occurred to the GCHS facility from Hurricane Irma is still being assessed, the area's largest no-kill shelter is still facing some serious economic struggles due to the storm. From September 6 to 14, all of



A shelter dog gets some love

GCHS' income revenue was frozen due to closings of the Veterinary Clinic and Adoption Center for preparation and, eventually, clean-up from Irma. "We lost over a week's worth of revenues, and that is a serious hurdle to overcome," said GCHS Executive Director Jennifer Galloway. "Even though we are a non-profit, we still have bills to pay and, on average, over



GCHS donation drive

300 animals to care for weekly." Understandably, monetary donations also slowed down due to the hurricane. But thanks to a very caring and generous longtime GCHS supporter, who wants to remain anonymous, closing that gap from a week's worth of lost revenue is realistic. The supporter is offering to match up to \$50,000 in

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FRIDAY
Sunny
High: 87 Low: 77



SATURDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 86 Low: 76



SUNDAY
Cloudy
High: 83 Low: 73



MONDAY
Few Showers
High: 84 Low: 74



TUESDAY
Scattered T-storms
High: 81 Low: 71



WEDNESDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 83 Low: 73



THURSDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 85 Low: 75

Redfish Pass Tides					Point Ybel Tides					Punta Rassa Tides					Cape Coral Bridge Tides				
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Sat	2:01 am	8:32 am	3:24 pm	8:26 pm	Sat	1:06 am	8:34 am	2:29 pm	8:28 pm	Sat	2:24 am	9:19 am	3:36 pm	9:27 pm	Sat	4:11 am	11:48 am	5:34 pm	11:42 pm
Sun	2:30 am	9:22 am	4:21 pm	8:55 pm	Sun	1:35 am	9:24 am	3:26 pm	8:57 pm	Sun	2:50 am	10:01 am	4:28 pm	10:02 pm	Sun	4:40 am	12:38 pm	6:31 pm	None
Mon	3:05 am	10:18 am	5:29 pm	9:24 pm	Mon	2:10 am	10:20 am	4:34 pm	9:26 pm	Mon	3:19 am	10:44 am	5:18 pm	10:34 pm	Mon	5:15 am	12:11 am	7:39 pm	1:34 pm
Tue	3:46 am	11:23 am	7:01 pm	9:56 pm	Tue	2:51 am	11:25 am	6:06 pm	9:58 pm	Tue	3:58 am	11:29 am	6:07 pm	11:07 pm	Tue	5:56 am	12:40 am	9:11 pm	2:39 pm
Wed	4:35 am	12:39 pm	None	None	Wed	3:40 am	12:41 pm	None	None	Wed	4:43 am	12:23 pm	7:01 pm	11:42 pm	Wed	6:45 am	1:12 am	None	3:55 pm
Thu	5:41 am	2:01 pm	10:36 pm	None	Thu	4:46 am	2:03 pm	9:41 pm	None	Thu	5:33 am	1:32 pm	7:59 pm	None	Thu	7:51 am	5:17 pm	None	None

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• The less you can touch a fish before release the better for the fish.

• If you want a picture with the fish, support it as you lift it out of the water — and do it quickly.

• Before releasing, revive the fish while holding it in the water; moving it slowly back and forth so water goes over its gills. The fish will let you know when it's ready to swim off.

• Florida just recently changed the regulations on fishing from shore. Florida residents as well as out of state visitors need a fishing license to fish from shore.

To advertise in the *Island Sun* and *The River Weekly News* Call 395-1213

PETS OF THE WEEK



Cassidy photos provided
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Cassidy
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Hi there! I'm Cassidy. I am a very pretty girl with a beautiful shiny black coat and a very fluffy tail. My big eyes are just begging someone to adopt me and take me home. I'm 1-year old, spayed and up to date on all vaccines. I'm currently residing with a foster family. My adoption fee is \$100.

Hello, my name is Sadie. I am a very pretty tabby girl with a very sweet personality. I even took care of two litters of kittens that weren't mine. I'm 1-year old, spayed and up to date on all vaccines.



Sadie
My adoption fee is \$100. I am currently residing at Petco at Gulf Coast Town Center. Please adopt me so I can have a home of my own.

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.*

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Humane Society

monetary donations raised for GCHS until the end of October, so time is of the essence.

"We are so lucky to have many of our gracious supporters and volunteers to help our shelter animals," Galloway said. "This offer is overwhelming, but we need help from the community to fully take advantage of this person's aid. There has been an amazing flow of donations, both food/supply and monetary, for the shelter animals after Hurricane Irma, and we are so appreciative of all the support from all over the region and even from around the

entire country. The amount of volunteer hours we have also received has been unbelievable. We couldn't have made it through without all of our volunteers and supporters."

To offer a monetary donation, go to GCHS' website at www.gulfcoasthumaneociety.org. From there, click on one of the white and blue "Donate Now" buttons, which will direct you to a secure donation network, called Network For Good.

"Any donation of any sort is appreciated," Galloway said. "You will know it is directly going to our shelter animals and our quest of finding them their forever homes.*"

PAWS Of Sanibel
Emmy



Emmy photos provided

PAWS has a beautiful kitty that was picked up on August 23 in the Santiva neighborhood behind the Lazy Flamingo at Blind Pass, in the vicinity of Harbor Lane. She had been in that area for at least a couple of weeks. She was very lucky to survive that long outside. She has now been spayed, given the necessary immunizations, combo test, worming, etc. She is approximately 1 year old, black petite female with lovely green eyes.

If you know who she belongs to, contact Pam at PAWS of Sanibel at 472-4823. PAWS has been looking for her people for quite a while now, and while it would be wonderful to find them, based on past history, they're afraid it's doubtful. She is in a foster home on Sanibel. If you're interested in adopting this lovely little girl, call Pam to arrange a meeting.

Pets Are Not Safe Outside

Unfortunately, the loss of pets that are allowed to roam outside is continuing to increase dramatically. There is hardly a week that goes by without a call from someone missing their pet, mostly cats. Another was lost on Wednesday. Volunteers at PAWS hear the same story over and over: "I've always let my cat go out, I've never had a problem before, I've been here 30 years and it's never been an



Bobcat roaming a yard on Sanibel

issue." It goes on and on and on. Some even describe hearing their animal's death scream. Most are just never seen again. You may not have had a problem allowing your animal outside in the past, but now it's a deadly problem. No animal is safe outside unattended.

Pam at PAWS said, "I have a large pool area, screened and reinforced with lattice up three feet from the ground. Just a couple of weeks ago, one of the kitties had just gone out when she shot back to the door. I walked out to look and there was a bobcat in my side yard at 8 a.m. I don't live near any preserve or undeveloped land. I have many pictures and videos of bobcats in my yard. I was walking along the bike path on West Gulf Drive one morning and six bobcats crossed the roadway coming from the beach. This was 7:30 a.m. Unattended animals are not safe outside, day or night. I now walk around my pool area every morning before any cat goes outside. I have a very secure pool area, but I still have never left any animal out on the lanai overnight, or even after dark."

Just a few weeks ago on the evening news, there was a story from Cape Coral about a cat that was taken off a screened lanai by a coyote. The coyote broke through the screen, killed the cat and left its body in the yard. There are so many predators in this area, and this includes bobcats and coyotes. They're all out hunting, and if your animal is outside, they will eventually be slaughtered. PAWS does not want to keep getting these phone calls; it's heartbreaking. Please, keep your pets inside.*

Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Riverbrooke	Estero	2001	4,001	\$1,399,000	\$1,300,000	235
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1986	4,673	\$1,350,000	\$1,200,000	77
Burtwood	Fort Myers	2006	5,195	\$1,325,000	\$1,200,000	62
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2007	4,075	\$1,239,900	\$1,200,000	73
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2010	4,401	\$1,075,000	\$1,010,000	90
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1975	2,228	\$879,900	\$812,500	277
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1984	4,242	\$850,000	\$840,000	84
Glenview	Fort Myers Beach	1962	1,832	\$849,900	\$785,000	221
Mossy Glen	Fort Myers	2006	3,483	\$799,000	\$775,000	108
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