



A Stunning Show At Broadway Palm Theatre

by Di Saggau

Broadway Palm's first full-fledged musical for its 25th season is *Pippin*. The show, originally directed by the legendary Bob Fosse, centers on a performing troupe telling the story of *Pippin* (William James Callahan). He is the eldest son of Charlemagne of the Middle Ages (Brendon Schaefer), named Charles in the show. Pippin is searching for meaning and significance in his life. He wants a life that is extraordinary but doesn't know where to go to find it. He explores war, the flesh and glory. Helping tell Pippin's story is a fantastic troupe of cirque-style performers who spin hoops, juggle, dangle from the ceilings and perform other acrobatic feats of amazement. It seemed as if someone was always flying through the air.

The troupe is led by the Leading Player (Mara Lucas), who is fantastic as the ring-leader, giving orders and shouting stage directions to her cast. She promises her audiences magic and a finale they'll never forget. She is perfect in this role with a fine voice, great comedic timing, facial expressions and body movements. The



The cast of *Pippin*

name Fosse stays in your mind whenever you see her.

The show is fun and colorful with songs performed by a cast of talented performers. Berthe (Emilia Brown), Pippin's

grandmother, leads the crowd through a singalong of *No Time At All*, and she also does some eye-popping acrobatics. Fastrada (Demi Marie Alert), Pippin's scheming, red-headed stepmother, has fun

with *Spread a Little Sunshine*. Probably the sweetest moment is when Catherine (Savannah Sprinkle) sings *Love Song*, trying to show Pippin that ordinary life can

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History characters Mr. and Mrs. Edison and Mrs. Ford work on the circuit activity in the new Spark!Lab at Edison & Ford Winter Estates

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Free Admission For Teachers At The Estates

Edison & Ford Winter Estates is offering free admission for teachers on Saturday, October 28 and Sunday, October 29. Teachers are

invited to be some of the first visitors to experience the new Smithsonian Spark!Lab exhibit.

The discount applies to teachers in public and private schools, principals and support staff in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties.

The Smithsonian Spark!Lab is a hands-on, interactive exhibit for families

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Reggae Music And Craft Beer Wrap Up Concert Series Downtown



The Late Ones

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Sample the sounds and tastes of Hawaii when The Late Ones and Kona Brewing Company team up for the final Noteworthy Concert of the season at Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on Friday, October 27. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each. Visit www.sbdac.com to purchase tickets.

Based out of Laie, Hawaii, The Late Ones are built on a roots reggae foundation

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Pioneer Families On Parade



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

Thirty-two years ago, descendants of more than three score of Fort Myers’s pioneer families rode in a parade of 200 antique cars as part of the town’s Centennial Celebration. Just a few of the family names on parade? Armeda, Bass, Blount, Bylaska, Carson, English, Evans, Frierson, Gonzalez, Henderson, Hendry, Kinzie, Menge, Powell, Stewart, Summerlin, Tillis, Tooke, Towles and Washburn. Pictured here are descendants of Dr. William and Julia A. Hanson, a family that settled in what became Fort Myers in 1884. Their car is passing the VIP platform in front of City Hall on Second Street.

Woody Hanson identifies some of those in the car as his father, W. Stanley Hanson Jr., himself, and his sister’s (Donna Hanson Gillespie) son, Charles Hanson Gillespie. The Pioneer Parade was just one part of a big block party on Saturday, October 5, 1985. And, the block party was but one of many events that comprised the seven-month-long Centennial Celebration. The hoopla had begun the previous August 10 and was scheduled to conclude on the following March 24. The Centennial Committee co-chairs were Charlie Stiles and writer and historian Prudy Taylor Board. Those bookend dates (with a little adjustment to schedule major events on weekends) were chosen for their historical significance. In one sense, the settlement of Fort Myers had its birth as a real town on August 12, 1885, when 45 men voted unanimously to incorporate. The State of Florida did not make it official, however, until March 24, 1886. The Centennial Celebration was chocked full of a variety of observances, events






Descendants of the Dr. William Hanson family participate in a Fort Myers Centennial Celebration parade in October 1985. Among those gliding by the VIP platform in front of City Hall are W. Stanley Hanson Jr., Woody Hanson and Charles Hanson Gillespie. photo courtesy SWFL Florida Historical Society




Fort Myers City Hall on Second Street between Hendry and Broadway photo by Gerri Reaves

and activities, from historic river tours, parades, shuffleboard and tennis tournaments, a Pioneer Centennial Dinner, a flower show, a regatta, an antique car show, historical exhibits, a beard-growing contest and so much more. The dedication of a time vault concluded the seven-month extravaganza. Meanwhile, the October 5 parade didn’t begin until 5 p.m. on that Saturday, but the day kicked off with live music and entertainment at the Lee County Courthouse, with the music continuing into the night. Also at the courthouse were 10 food booths offering a wild variety of goodies, including swamp cabbage, apple fritters, mango chutney, ice and beer. And, there was an antique car show – no doubt the same cars the pioneer descendants rode in. If this wasn’t enough, the following weekend promised the Centennial Classic Tennis Tournament and, a couple of weeks later, the kick-off of the children’s poster contest. Visit City Hall and imagine the pioneers’ descendants riding by in antique cars, just to celebrate the town’s 100th birthday. Then learn more about how Fort Myers got started 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. Sources: Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society and *the News-Press*.✧

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Photographer To Host Fundraiser For Preserve

The iconic Florida wilderness photographer Clyde Butcher and his wife, Niki, are hosting the 3rd annual Fall Festival, with 100 percent of the proceeds from the ranger-led swamp walks benefiting the Big Cypress National Preserve's environmental education department.

The fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, October 28 and Sunday, October 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Butcher's Big Cypress Gallery in the Big Cypress National Preserve in Ochopee, Florida. The donated funds will go towards SWAMP, the preserve's curriculum-based environmental education program for sixth grade students.

"Through this hands-on program, students gain a clearer understanding of their connection and responsibilities to the natural world so that they may become better informed citizens, community leaders and stewards of the fragile and unique environment of south Florida," said ranger Lisa Andrews.

Guests will also have a chance to explore the stunning landscape of the Big Cypress National Preserve on a ranger-led guided tour with marked trails, located behind the Big Cypress Gallery. Park rangers will have informational tents set up about the park for attendees to enhance their understanding of the



Clyde and Niki Butcher at the Big Cypress Gallery

photos provided

preserve and hear about other places to visit.

"We feel truly blessed to own such a beautiful part of south Florida's environment, where we are surrounded by over a million acres of wilderness," said Niki Butcher. "For this reason, we strive to educate individuals about the environment and beauty of this area by hosting an annual event for the Big Cypress National Preserve and its educational department. The opportunity to tour with a ranger and hear about the environment while walking through the

swamp is a unique opportunity. Please join us for this event as we continue to teach another generation about the ecosystem and the splendor of this state."

Visitors will have the opportunity to participate in a rare and intimate meet-and-greet gathering with the husband and wife duo. During his first public appearance since recovering from a stroke in May, Butcher will personalize his books, calendars and photographs.

He will be sharing a large selection of his Florida photographs and his photographic adventure stories. Butcher

will also be showing his Cuba exhibit with information panels about his expeditions.

Open to the public, this event is free of charge. Reservations are not required, but participants can get on the priority swamp walk list. Ranger-led swamp walks are \$50 for adults, and children walk free.

The Clyde Butcher Big Cypress Gallery is located at 52388 Tamiami Trail in Ochopee on Highway 41 at mile marker 54.5. For more information, visit www.ClydeButcher.com or call 695-2428.✱

History Tour Guides Sought

The Uncommon Friends Foundation (UFF) at the Burroughs Home & Gardens is seeking tour guides for the Burroughs Home. UFF is seeking full-time and seasonal residents. Training will be provided. Tours are conducted Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. by reservation only.

UFF manages the home with a mission of historic preservation, business ethics and character education.

The Burroughs Home is also seeking volunteers for Holiday House from December 9 through 22. Two-hour spots are available either 5 to 7 p.m. or 7 to 9 p.m. No guided tours; information will be provided to answer questions from patrons. For more information, visit www.burroughshome.com or call 337-9505.✱

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Alliance Diva Comedy Night



Sheena Reagan photo provided

The Alliance for the Arts will present Diva Comedy Night in the on-campus Theatre Conspiracy on Saturday, October 28 at 8 p.m. This one night of side-splitting standup comedy features funny and fierce female comedians, all from Florida.

General seating tickets are \$15 for Alliance members and \$20 for non-members.

The divas include:
Aniria Wilson, the daughter of a Puerto

Rican mom and a Salvadorian dad, moved here from El Salvador at the age of 6. The culture shock and the pleasing of three cultural expectations lingers in her witty observations. Because she started her passion for stand up later in life, it quickly became therapy that helped her get through a divorce and juggling a new dating life with raising kids. Now remarried, her repertoire has expanded.

Southwest Florida comic Sheena Reagan was named runner-up in Florida's Funniest Female 2017. She's been seen at Gotham Comedy Club in New York City, The Comedy Bar in Chicago and was the Golden Invitee for the Key West Comedy Festival. Reagan has opened for headliners such as Kevin Farley, Bobby Collins, Preacher Lawson and more. She has been setting stages a blaze with her animated style and giant personality.

Nancy Francis is a life-long family woman and a 30-year veteran of the real estate title business. The librarian look-a-like then decided to take to comedy stages. Her take it or leave it mom attitude transcends generations. Watch this Grandmom "tell it like it is" must be seen.

Fort Myers native Mariannette is a professional actress and writer of more than 25 years who has turned comedian. She was a finalist in Nick At Nite's *America's Funniest Mom*, winner of the 2nd annual Comedians Ball in Florida and a finalist in Comic Cure's Florida's Funniest Female. She has featured for top comedians like Craig Shoemaker, Michael Winslow, Judy Tenuta and Pauly Shore.

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



Karen Gavala

photo by Mila Bridger

Interactive Dining Experience At Davis Art Center

Experience an evening of interactive fine dining and fundraising for the arts on Saturday, November 4. Cooking for the Arts invites guests to take part in cooking a four-course gourmet meal paired with special wines from this year's menu theme, An Evening in Athens. Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.

Follow along with Chefs Mike and Karen Gavala of G3 Catering to prepare a delicious dinner. Bring friends and family to the most immersive dining experience of the year.

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per table of eight.

With over 30 years of catering experience, Chefs Mike and Karen will bring a showcase of food and drink to the 4th annual Cooking for the Arts.

Wear your own chef's hat and apron as Chef Mike walks you through step-by-step cooking and plating of each course of Greek delicacies, paired with wine and a special cocktail with Mediterranean influence. In between courses, bid on silent and live auction items. Proceeds benefit the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center's Eclectic Education programs. Cooking for the Arts is sponsored in part by Henderson & Franklin Attorneys at Law; Clinger, Sizemore & Associates; and Merrill Lynch.

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

Live Podcast This Friday

On Friday, October 20 at 9 p.m., attend SPEW Podcast LIVE! at Howl Gallery, Books & Tattoo in Fort Myers. The two-hour variety show will feature musical guests Breshnyda and Emona Heartwrench and The Captain of Despair, a burlesque performance by Freckles Galore, and a special guest interview with local comedian and Florida's Funniest Female runner-up

Sheena Reagan.

SPEW is a Southwest Florida-based podcast focused on the cross-section of feminism and nerd culture, with a comedic perspective. Produced by Lee Bretschneider and hosted by Jesi Cason and Shelby Elmore, weekly SPEW episodes are available to stream or download from iTunes and Stitcher.

Tickets are available in advance online at www.howlbooks.net for \$10 each; admission is \$12 at the door. Howl Gallery, Books & Tattoo is located at 4160 South Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers.

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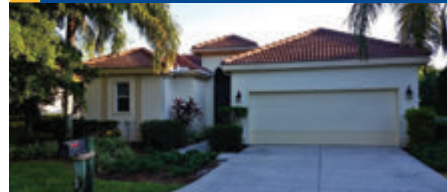
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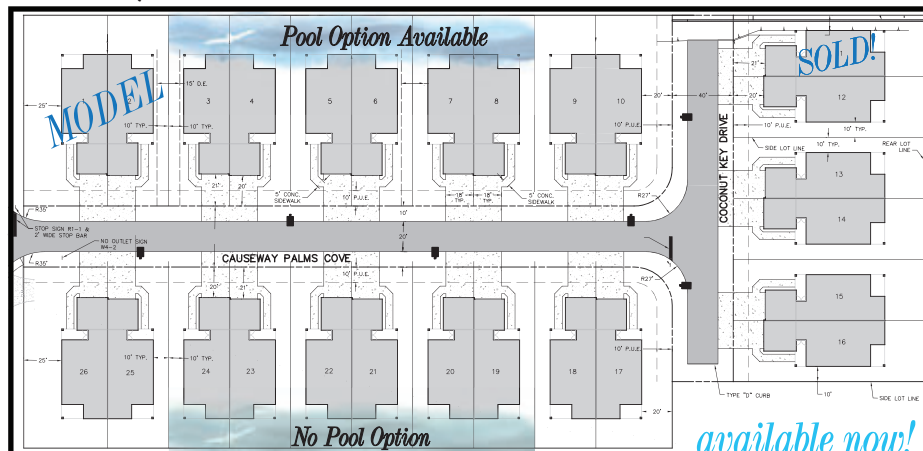
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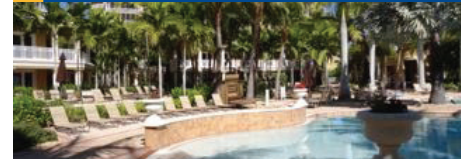
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Fort Myers Art:

Most Requested Revival Returns To Arcade Theater



by Tom Hall

AR Gurney's *Sylvia* returns to the historic Arcade Theatre on Tuesday, October 24 in a production that *The Wall Street Journal* called "clever and cute in all the right ways" when the

show debuted in 2011.

Sylvia follows empty nesters Greg and Kate, who find themselves at a crossroads – his career is winding down and hers is ramping up. Now living in a Manhattan apartment, Kate thinks the dog phase of her life is over, but when Greg brings a street-smart labradoodle named Sylvia into their home, all bets are off. Love and laughter are unleashed as Sylvia becomes a bone of contention, testing their marriage to hilarious and touching effect.

Florida Rep ensemble members Michelle Damato and Carrie Lund return to the roles that garnered them national acclaim in 2011. Damato stars as the street-smart pooch, Sylvia, and Lund as the long-suffering wife who must confront her husband's mid-life crisis after he brings a stray dog home from Central Park.



Carrie Lund and Michelle Damato return to their 2011 roles in *Sylvia*

photo courtesy www.artswfl.com

Ensemble member Maureen Heffernan also returns to direct, after recently helming last spring's world premiere of *Doublewide* and two previous nationally acclaimed Florida Rep productions, *Dancing at Lughnasa* (2009) and *The Little Foxes* (2013).

"I could think of no better way to celebrate our 20th anniversary than to revive this comedy," said Producing Artistic Director Robert Cacioppo. "In our 19-year history, *Sylvia* is the number one requested revival by our patrons, and Michelle Damato's performance is

legendary in Fort Myers. I swear, our patrons still bark at her to this day. It was after seeing the 2011 production that *The Wall Street Journal* critic, Terry Teachout, called Florida Rep "one of America's top repertory companies," so it was a highlight for us both artistically and critically. We are very excited to bring this play back with the same director and two of the original stars."

Damato and Lund are joined by fellow ensemble member David Breitbarth and guest artist Broadway actor John Ottavino.

Damato recently appeared in the one-woman show *I Loved I Lost I Made Spaghetti* and the regional premiere of *The Dingdong*. Lund, who is also Florida Rep's associate producer, appeared in last season's world premiere *Doublewide* and one-woman-sensation *Erma Bombeck: At Wit's End*. Sarasota-based Breitbarth returns after appearing in hit comedies *Lend Me a Tenor*, *Rumors* and *Social Security*. The New York-based Ottavino makes his second appearance at Florida Rep, after appearing during Season 19 in *To Kill A Mockingbird*, where he gave a

performance that people are still talking about.

Director Maureen Heffernan is joined by an expert team of designers including ensemble set designer Ray Recht (*The Cocktail Hour*), costume designer Alexandria Vazquez (*Doublewide*), lighting designer Mike Wood (Florida Rep debut), sound designer John Kiselica (*Outside Mullingar*) and ensemble production stage manager Amy Massari (*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*).

Spotlight On *The Odd Couple: Female Version* Director

On stage now through Sunday, October 29 in the Off Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre is *The Odd Couple: Female Version*. You know the story. A neurotic neat freak moves into the home of a messy, uncouth friend following a marital split. Within days, their differing lifestyles and outlooks on life begin to clash as they ruefully discover that even the best of friends can make the worst of roommates.

The play is directed by The Off Broadway Palm Theatre and Broadway Palm Children's Theatre's resident Artistic Director Paul Bernier.

Bernier has performed in and directed productions around the country for more than 35 years. Last spring, he portrayed Felix Unger in *The Odd Couple*, so he's clearly familiar with both sides of the equation when it comes to these Neil Simon gems. Among his favorite directing credits, Paul Bernier includes last season's *Right Bed Wrong Husband*, *The Savannah Sipping Society* and *Another Night Before Christmas*, along with *Unnecessary Farce*, *Sugar Babies*, *Shrek the Musical*, *The Vaudeville Follies*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *The Full Monty*, *The Dixie Swim Club*, *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*, *Seussical The Musical* and *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*.

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.✧

Evening Of Poetry Open Mic Night

Southwest Florida poets are invited to share their work at an open mic night at the Alliance for the Arts on Thursday, October 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. The event is designed to bring together different generations, styles and approaches to poetry.

The poetry open mic night is free and open to poets of all ages and to those who simply enjoy soaking up spoken word. A \$10 suggested donation is encouraged to support future Alliance programming. Additional Poetry Open Mic Nights will be held on January 25 and April 26.

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Kiwanis To Hold Fall Kids Festival



Children try a game at the 2016 KidsFest

The Kiwanis Club of Harney Point, The Kiwanis Club of Cape Coral and Cape Coral Parks & Recreation will hold the 20th annual Harney Point Kiwanis KidsFest at the festival grounds of Sun Splash Family Waterpark on Saturday, October 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Gunterberg Charitable Foundation and the Culliton family.

KidsFest will feature entertainment throughout the day as well as Halloween costume contests with prizes. Attractions will include games and inflatable rides. The festival will also offer health and safety information, family-oriented vendors, give-away items, crafts and food.

There will also be a 2K obstacle course run for kids. Children ages 8

to 12 will start at 8 a.m., and children ages 4 to 7 will start after the first group finishes. Each participant will receive a 20th KidsFest 2K Celebration shirt, breakfast snack, water and a power drink. The run registration is \$20.

Admission to KidsFest is free, and parking is available in the park for a suggested donation of \$2. Canned food donations are encouraged and will be collected for the Cape Coral Caring Center.

Sun Splash Family Waterpark is located at 400 Santa Barbara Boulevard in Cape Coral. For more information on how to become a sponsor, vendor or attend the event, call Susan Pruzan at (847) 651-8854 or email KidsFestcc@gmail.com.✱

Science Center Launches App

IMAG History & Science Center has released its new app in Google Play and the App Store. The IMAG App will take visitors on one-of-a-kind virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) adventures. The VR experiences include a climb to the top of IMAG's iconic water tower and a virtual dive to the USS Mohawk, an artificial reef off the coast of Sanibel Island. The AR experiences allow guests to look at the fossils on display at IMAG, and view their 3D animated renderings: a Columbian mammoth, a T-rex and a megalodon, fully fleshed out and "alive" on the exhibit floor.

As guests virtually climb the water tower, they experience breathtaking panoramic views of surrounding scenery, including the Caloosahatchee River in the distance and a look down at the base of the tower for those who dare. The USS Mohawk dive allows interaction with the historic WW II ship and artificial reef just as a scuba diver would. Guests can also see a replica of the USS Mohawk in IMAG's 3,200-gallon aquarium designed and

built by the *Discovery Channel's* series *Tanked*.

Executive Director Matt Johnson shared that IMAG is incorporating VR and AR because the technology is a powerful tool that has transformed the way people absorb information through immediate engagement and immersive interaction. Johnson said, "We intend to expand our VR and AR experiences due to their highly effective capacity to teach abstract concepts and, because of suitability, for all ages and learning styles."

The IMAG App is easily downloaded to smartphones. Custom VR glasses will be available for purchase, allowing guests to turn their smartphones into virtual reality systems. The prehistoric creatures can easily be viewed by pointing one's smartphone at the corresponding AR markers in front of the fossils. The experiences don't stop when guests leave IMAG, as they can visit the VR worlds anywhere they go, and they can print the AR markers at home to take their creatures everywhere.

IMAG History & Science Center is located at 2000 Cranford Avenue in Fort Myers.✱



Entertainment at a previous Art & Poetry Networking Event

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Art And Poetry Networking Event

Gulf Coast Leisure LLC will present the first Art & Poetry Networking Event of the 2017-18 season at Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on Thursday, October 26 from 8 to 11p.m.

The networking event series involves

a night of local art and poetry with live entertainment, vendors, networking and more. General admission is \$10.

Besides October 26, season dates include November 16, January 25, February 22, March 29, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26 and August 23.

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

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Along The River

The downtown **Fort Myers River District** will again be the scene for **Music Walk** this Friday, October 20. Restaurants, bars, art galleries and shops will showcase a wide range of music during the evening from 6 to 10 p.m. Expect live jazz and blues to rock, drums and much more. Each month brings new energy to the historic streets of downtown Fort Myers.

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

Visit www.fortmyersriverdistrictalliance.com to learn more.

Two Southeast Florida favorites are coming to downtown Fort Myers for the Noteworthy Series at **Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center**. The **Copper Tones** from Fort Lauderdale are pairing with Islamorada Beer Company to bring fans a sample of the east coast on Friday, October 20. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show begins at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$5. Visit www.sbdac.com to purchase tickets.

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

Edison & Ford Winter Estates will open the Henry Ford Estate with the annual **Airing of the Quilts** clothesline



Beatles tribute Classical Mystery Tour joins Southwest Florida Symphony photo provided

quilt show on Saturday, October 21. Dozens of quilts from the Quilters' Guild will be on display, suspended from clotheslines between trees from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Antique quilts from the 1880s to 1940s will be on display inside the Ford house.

At 11 a.m., living history characters Mina Edison and Clara Ford will host Quilts, Cookies and Conversation, sharing stories about their lives and adventures in Fort Myers.

Local authors will be on site to sign books and answer questions from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Quilters' Guild participants will have

quilts available for sale.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$17 for teens ages 13 to 19, \$13 for children ages 6 to 12 and free for children age 5 and younger. Cost includes quilt show and conversation with Mina and Clara; the book signing is free. Admission is free for Edison Ford members.

The **Alliance for the Arts** will host its fundraiser **Arts On Tap** on Friday, October 20 from 7 to 10 p.m. Arts On Tap is an indoor pub crawl featuring the craft of local brewers and distillers benefitting the Alliance for the Arts.

Event proceeds provide support for the Alliance's robust arts education program for children, adults and families and continue to enlighten, enrich and entertain southwest Florida through affordable and accessible programming. The Alliance will donate a portion of proceeds to the Hurricane Irma Relief Fund at the Southwest Florida Community Foundation.

General admission tickets are \$50 and

include unlimited tastings from participating breweries and distilleries, pizza, pub snacks and games. Support local pint glasses are available for purchase with ticket order for an additional \$10.

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

The Southwest Florida Symphony will open its 57th season with The Beatles tribute **Classical Mystery Tour** at **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** on Saturday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Classical Mystery Tour features four musicians with the uncanny likenesses of John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr along with conductor Nir Kabaretti and the Southwest Florida Symphony.

Tickets are \$29 to \$89 per person and are available by calling the Southwest Florida Symphony box office at 418-1500, by visiting the box office located at 8290 College Parkway, Suite 103 in Fort Myers, by calling the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall box office at 481-4849 or online at www.swfiso.org. Tickets are also available at the door one hour before the performance.

Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall is located at 13350 FSW Parkway in Fort Myers.

The inaugural **Backyard Family Bash**, presented by Rotary Club of Fort Myers, will be held at the **Alliance for the Arts** on Sunday, October 22 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dogs, chairs and blankets are welcomed. 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 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.✴

Hoots And Hisses At Nature Center

Eco-friendly Halloween happenings are creeping up for the annual Hoots & Hisses event at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida Nature Center on Saturday, October 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The family-friendly Halloween event will feature a variety of fun and educational experiences for all ages.

In addition to the many interactive exhibits, features and amenities offered at the Conservancy Nature Center, Hoots & Hisses will offer Halloween-themed activities, including a Super Science Show by Glen Beitmen of Super Science and Amazing Art, a Creepy Creature Show animal presentation, a spooky scavenger hunt, face painting, animal encounters, Halloween crafts and games, food and an apple cider station, trail walks and creepy crawly activities throughout the Conservancy Nature Center. Guests are invited to get into the Halloween spirit and show off their cutest or spookiest costumes for a chance to participate in



Former Hoots and Hisses participants photo provided

a costume contest.

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida is located at 1495 Smith Preserve Way in Naples. For more information, visit www.conservancy.org/hoots-and-hisses.✴



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OBITUARY



TIMOTHY SCOTT GORDEN

submitted by Judie Gordon

Timothy Scott Gorden, born January 25, 1960, passed away into the arms of the Lord on September 1, 2017 at the age of 57. He left behind his son, James Gorden; his mother, Judie Gordon of Sanibel; his brother, Michael (Denise) Gordon of Commerce, Michigan; his sister, Susan (Bob) Darrow of Fort Myers; his nephews, Robbie (Darrow) and Michael (Gorden); his nieces, Nicole (Sidlek) Gordon of Butler, Pennsylvania and Heather (Gorden) of

Commerce, Michigan; and the love of his life, Peggy Watt (Weiland) of Sarasota – his angel on earth! He was predeceased by his father Jim Gorden in 2000.

Tim was a 36-year employee of Ford Motor Company in Michigan. He resided with his mother, Judie, since October, 2016, in order to be treated at the Moffitt Cancer Center of Tampa. He loved Sanibel and had visited there since 1972. He particularly loved the beach, trail day, digging for king's crowns as a youngster, and so many more aspects of the island that they cannot all be mentioned.

Most of all, Tim loved the Lord and Sanibel Community Church. He quickly became involved with the Carpenter's Cafe, making specialty coffee drinks. His many friends loved him as much as he loved them. His sense of humor went with him everywhere he went, and I'd like to think that he and his dad, Jim, are cracking each other up in Heaven.

Tim desired to retire to Sanibel. That did not happen, but God gave him six months of pure enjoyment before his disease became his world. God blessed me with the last year of his life to help and care for him for which I give thanks to my loving Lord. Not many mothers get that kind of blessing. I will miss Tim's presence, his love of life, his ever-present smiles, his silliness and, most of all, the love he gave to me.

If any of Tim's friends desire, donations in Tim's name should be directed to the Glioblastoma Foundation at Moffitt Cancer Center. Tim survived this devastating brain cancer only 18 months from the day of his diagnosis.

A celebration of Tim's life will be held at Sanibel Community Church on Saturday, October 21 at 10 a.m. in the Historic Chapel. The church is located

at 1740 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. The service will be followed by a light lunch in Fellowship Hall. ✨

Police Department Donates Bicycles

Fort Myers Police Department (FMPD) donated six new bicycles to the local chapter of Pick up the Ball at the Dunbar High School Gym on Saturday, October 7.

Officer Nick Ursitti represented the FMPD presenting the bikes to Pick up the Ball Executive Director Ted Sottong before the start of afternoon pickup basketball games.

Pick up the Ball, Incorporated goes to the courts where young adults play to connect them with mentors, teach them life skills, and inspire them to own the transformation of their communities. "These bikes will get used for everything from getting to school, to getting to work, looking for a job, and getting out of the house to go play basketball," said Sottong. "Many of our members can't afford cars yet, so these bikes will give them some much needed independence." ✨



Officer Nick Ursitti and Ted Sottong with players and bikes in background

photo provided

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

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

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

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

PEACE COMMUNITY

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

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

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

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Sunday 10 a.m. 11120 Ranchette Road, unityoffortmyers.org, 278-1511.

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

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

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

CROW Case Of The Week:

Green Heron

by Bob Petcher



The green heron (*Butorides virescens*) can be described as the secluded relative of the heron family. It does not like to stand out like its more common cousin, the blue

heron. Instead, this loner bird prefers to huddle by edges of wetlands and is often hidden by vegetation. This somewhat secretive nature allows it to be camouflaged in dense foliage. Most other herons are less afraid of their surroundings and move about with more confidence.

The green heron is so named for its velvet-green back and glossy greenish-black crown. Its wings are more grey-black as is its underbelly. Its neck is a more reddish brown color.

Compared to other herons, green herons are known to be small and stocky with relatively short legs. In contrast, black-crowned and yellow-crowned night herons are slightly larger birds that have thicker and shorter bills than the green herons. Blue herons and similarly shaped birds such as egrets are larger and thinner than their cousins and have longer legs and necks.

As far as feeding, the blue heron will

stand motionless when eyeing its prey in the water. Green herons, in contrast, often crouch patiently when foraging to surprise fish then thrust a quick strike from their dagger-like bill. The green heron is known to attract its prey by dropping sticks, food or other small objects as a form of bait. Scientists believe the method of using "tools" while fishing boasts the intelligence of the bird.

At CROW, a green heron was admitted from Fort Myers last week after it was found grounded and unable to fly. During the initial intake exam, veterinarians found no obvious wing or limb fractures. After x-rays, medical officials were able to determine the patient had fractured its left coracoid shoulder bone. The cause is unknown.

"The most frequent cause of fractures that we see is getting hit by a car, but we do not know the history of this heron and almost anything traumatic could have happened," said Dr. Julia Hill, CROW veterinary intern.

The green heron was unable to fly and was placed in a body wrap to stabilize the fracture. Surgery was not deemed to be necessary.

"Coracoid fractures are not amenable to surgical repair, but can heal quite well on their own if given time," said Dr. Hill. "A coracoid fracture prevents flight, but the bird can still flap its wings. The body wrap stabilizes the shoulder and reduces discomfort. The shoulder will need to be immobilized for at least three weeks, but will receive regular physical therapy every two to



Patient #17-3533 prior to being placed in a body wrap

photo by Brian Bohman

three days."

The patient was given fluids, pain medications and Vitamin E.

"Vitamin E is an antioxidant that is used by muscle tissues to combat injuries from the build-up of lactic acid," said Dr. Hill. "We routinely give it to herons and egrets because they frequently suffer from muscle damage when they are injured or captured."

After the body wrap is removed, further evaluation will be needed.

"Once the coracoid has good callous formation – indicating the bone is healing and stabilized -- the wrap will be left off and the patient will be given

the chance to stretch its wings," said Dr. Hill. "At this point, we will allow for reconditioning for at least a week prior to release."

If all goes well, the patient is expected to be release four to five weeks after being body wrapped.

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

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Great Tides Equal Lots Of Fishing Options



by Capt.
Matt Mitchell

Consistent conditions lead to consistent fishing and after finally having the same north east wind direction for over a week for the first time in months,

the fish have begun to get in a pattern staying in the same places for a few days. Snook were my main target this week and being able to go right to where you caught fish the day before is always a plus. Redfish action was much more hit-and-miss than it should be this time of year although catching sharks, Spanish mackerel and trout filled in that redfish void.

Snook fishing this week was outstanding with multiple keeper-sized fish caught on back-to-back days. Chumming live shiners on oyster bars during the higher periods of the tide had these fish fired up. Clients had lots of multiple hook-ups on under-the-slot-sized fish. During lower water conditions, I started fishing some of the deeper shorelines I usually don't fish until November with excellent results. North east wind is our prevailing fall and winter wind so I have lots of

mangrove shorelines that fish really well on this wind set-up. One favorite shoreline in the southern sound produced three keeper snook in two days along with lots of other snook all on live shiners.

Shark fishing was also a good choice in the northern sound. Setting up in the natural deeper channels during the last few hours of the outgoing tide was the perfect set-up to catch lots of blacktip and spinner sharks ranging from three to five feet. Chunks of fresh mullet on a large circle hook had these sharks going off. While sitting on the anchor, you could watch lots of these little blacktips buzz the boat. Just for fun, I would throw a few handfuls of live shiners out and watch mackerel, bluefish and ladyfish blow up in these same places. The most productive areas for this action were from Hemp Key to Pineland. Any natural channel that was five feet plus in depth-cutting through a shallow grass flat produced this same mixed bag action.

For the first time in weeks, I finally found a few places that had clearer water, which seems pretty amazing. The outside of Captiva pass has finally started to clear up a little bit and not quite as brown as the rest of the sound. Spanish mackerel action against the outer gulfside sandbars was really good during the outgoing tide. Live shiners free-lined on a long shank J-hook caught Spanish mackerel up to 30 inches. These fast-swimming fish are just fun to catch. Once these fish get fired up, spoons and small diving spoons are a great option for catching these mackerel.



Joe Monkofsky from Lake Champlain, New York with a 30-inch snook caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week photo provided

All in all, it was another great week on the water with big morning hide tides offering anglers lots of options. When we are in such a great tide pattern and weather conditions cooperate, it sure makes my job much easier.

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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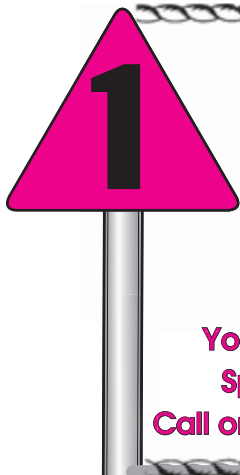
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Spotted spurge usually has reddish or purplish blotches along the leaf vein

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Spotted Spurge

by Gerri Reaves

Spotted spurge (*Euphorbia maculata*) is a mat-forming member of the spurge family and native throughout the continental United States.

Also called spotted sandmat, spotted euphorbia and prostrate spurge, this wildflower is often classified as a weed. It shows up just about anywhere – disturbed sites, lawns, sidewalk cracks and gardens.

Another common name, milk purslane, refers to the milky sap that exudes from broken stems. It shares that characteristic

with other euphorbia relatives, such as the native wild poinsettia (*Euphorbia cyathophora*), also called paintedleaf.

The scientific name alludes to the plant's medicinal properties and to its spots: Euphorbus was a first-century Greek physician, and maculata means spotted.

The reddish stems radiate from the center of the plant, which can form a low-growing mat more than two feet in diameter. A central taproot adds to its tenaciousness and drought tolerance.

The upper portion of the reddish stems have long soft hairs.

Pairs of linear or oblong leaves measure about five-eighths of an inch long.

The edges are finely toothed and the centers often have one or two reddish or



Inflorescences lack sepals and petals

purplish blotches, or spots, on the upper sides, thus the common name.

The small flowers lack petals and sepals and are in a cup-like structure call a cyathium. The cup encloses both female and male flowers, a structure shared by species in the genus Euphorbia.

Slender petal-like appendages give the flowers a whitish or pinkish tint.

The plant flowers in all but the coolest months.

The hairy dry seed capsules are three-angled and only about one and one-half millimeters long. The seeds themselves are only a millimeter long.

When wet, they are sticky and can travel on animal fur, clothing, or shoes.

This plant is used to treat cancer, skin eruptions, sores, sore nipples, postpartum bleeding and toothache. It is also a purgative.

The root is used in treating urinary diseases and some venereal diseases. It is taken as a blood purifier and is used as a medicinal wash for cuts and sores, eyes and bee stings.

Sources: *The Guide to Florida Wildflowers* by Walter Kingsley Taylor, www.gobotany.newenglandwild.org, <http://medicinalherbinfo.org>, www.swbiodiversity.org, and www.wildflower.org.

*Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.**



Sanibel Historical Village

Sanibel Historical Village Announces Its Twilight Talks For 2017-18

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Attorney Earns Board Certification



Luis Rivera

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Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, PA Attorney Luis E. Rivera successfully met all the requirements and earned national certification as a consumer bankruptcy

specialist from the American Board of Certification. In 2016, Rivera earned certification as a business bankruptcy specialist and now is one of only 11 attorneys in Florida who hold these dual certifications.

Rivera has broad experience in business litigation, bankruptcy, creditors' rights and insolvency counseling. In addition to his law practice, he serves as a U.S. bankruptcy trustee for the Middle District of Florida. As a trustee, Rivera is routinely involved in the liquidation of business enterprises, including the recovery and sale of assets; the investigation, development, and prosecution of litigation to recover funds for creditors; and the reconciliation and payment of claims held by creditors.

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

Rivera received his undergraduate degree from Loyola University in New Orleans (bachelor of arts, magna cum laude, 2001) and his law degree from Washington and Lee University School of Law (JD, 2005). He can be reached at luis.rivera@henlaw.com.

For more information on Rivera or Henderson Franklin, visit www.henlaw.com.✱

City Among Fastest Growing

WalletHub has named the City of Fort Myers as 2017's seventh-fastest growing city in America, based on local economic growth. The personal finance website announced the rankings on October 2.

To determine where the fastest local economic growth has occurred, WalletHub's analysts compared 515 cities based on 15 measures over a period of seven years. The metrics were based on two key dimensions: Sociodemographics, which includes population growth factors; and Jobs and Economy, which studied factors like job growth, new businesses, regional GDP and home prices.

Fort Myers experienced the nation's highest decrease in poverty rate, declining 2.92 percent during the seven-year study

period. Conversely, Shreveport, Louisiana experienced the highest increase in poverty rate (1.55 percent). Fort Myers also earned the nation's top ranking in job growth and median house price growth, along with a ninth-place ranking in population growth.

The WalletHub study also ranked municipalities against others of similar size: large cities (more than 300,000 people), midsize cities (100,000 to 300,000 people), and small cities (fewer than 100,000 people). Fort Myers was ranked as the second-fastest growing small city in the U.S., behind Meridian, Idaho.

In total, 40 Florida municipalities were included in the study, with Lehigh Acres (No. 3), Cape Coral (No. 15), and Boynton Beach (No. 19) all finishing in the top 20. Frisco, Texas was the fastest-growing municipality overall.

For the full list and more information, visit www.wallethub.com/edu/fastest-growing-cities/7010.✱

Industry Appreciation Award Winners

The Horizon Council and the Lee County Economic Development Office recently announced the recipients of the annual Industry Appreciation Awards at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort in Bonita Springs.

The Business Citizenship Award was presented to Aubuchon Homes (Small category; 1 to 50 employees) and Sanibel Captiva Community Bank (Large category; 51 or more employees) for their financial, volunteer and active involvement in community organizations and programs that create a better quality of business and civic life in Lee County.

The Diversity in Business Award was awarded to CONRIC PR & Marketing for its implementation of programs in the workplace that create and promote diversity by employing initiatives within the organization and the community. Diversity is generally defined as acknowledging, understanding, accepting, valuing and celebrating differences among people with respect to age, class, ethnicity, gender, physical and mental ability, race, sexual orientation, spiritual practice and public assistance status.

The Nonprofit of the Year Award was presented to PACE Center for Girls (Small category; donations collected under \$1 million) and Lee Health Foundation (Large category; donations collected over \$1 million) for recognizing a business or civic need within our community. Through community responsibility, innovation, growth, sound business practices and community partnerships serves our community with vision and integrity.

The Startup of the Year Award, presented to iPartnerMedia, recognizes a business founded in Lee County in the last three to five years that has demonstrated continued growth both financially and in staffing while leading and overcoming challenges.

The Business of the Year Award was awarded to Norman Love Confections for being in business more than six years in Lee County, under the same

corporate name and ownership and successfully offering high-quality products and services and superior customer service. In addition, the company has demonstrated strong ethical standards and community-mindedness, supported employee development and exhibited exemplary leadership within its industry and among its clients while contributing to the economic growth and free enterprise of Lee County.✱

Clerk Of Courts Seminars Offered

Lee County Clerks of Courts will be offering two educational seminars.

The Value of Searching Public Records & Online Services will take place at Lakes Regional Library, 15290 Bass Road in Fort Myers, on Wednesday, October 25 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Public records are invaluable to businesses and organizations, and can help residents and consumers make better-informed decisions in their daily lives. Learn what to do if you suspect fraud, waste or financial mismanagement involving court-appointed guardians over elderly, minor children and incapacitated individuals. Learn how to search public records for copies of deeds and mortgages; review court records of prospective tenants, employees, contractors and doctors; pay traffic tickets online; request postponement or excusal of Jury duty and more.

Foreclosure Process Workshop will be held at the Fort Myers Regional Library, 2450 First Street in Fort Myers, on Wednesday, November 15 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Interested in purchasing foreclosed properties at auction – but don't know how? Educate yourself about the foreclosure process. Understand the role of the clerk's office in the bidding process. This workshop covers the general flow of the foreclosure bidding process.

Reservations are not required, but seating is limited. For more information, contact Rita Miller at rmiller@leeclerk.org.✱

Center 4 Life TRASH & Treasures

Saturday, November 4, 2017
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

We are gathering a fabulous collection of donated items from our members and the community. However, we are still in need of your clean, gently used items here at the Center 4 Life. Drop off is available Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Items include:

- Household Furniture
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- Jewelry
- Luggage
- Fishing/Boating Supplies
- Sporting Goods
- Cookware
- Hardware
- Tools
- Linens (Towels, Sheets, Pillows)
- Toys
- CDs and DVDs
- Fashion Purses and Wallets
- Small Electronics

Donations are Tax Deductible

We kindly ask that no books, clothes, shoes, computers, printers or old TVs be dropped off.

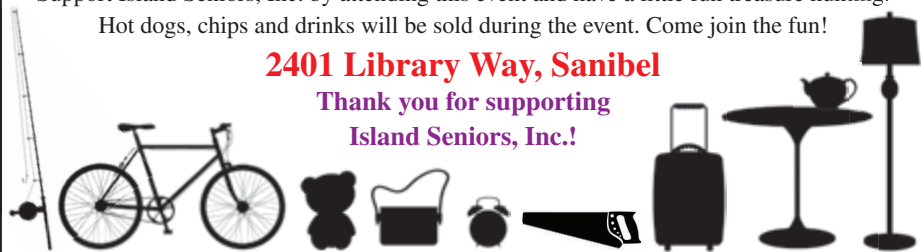
If you have any questions, please contact the Center 4 Life at (239) 472-5743.

Support Island Seniors, Inc. by attending this event and have a little fun treasure hunting.

Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be sold during the event. Come join the fun!

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VITA volunteer Bruce Morreale with clients at the LaBelle United Way House

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Volunteer Tax Assistance Sought

The United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee is seeking volunteer tax preparers, interpreters and greeters to help staff its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites during the 2017 tax season. With the support of trained, IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers, VITA sites provide free tax preparation to individuals and families earning less than \$64,000 per year throughout the five county area of Lee, Hendry, Glades, Okeechobee and Charlotte counties.

Volunteers of all ages and level of experience are welcome, but all volunteers need to be comfortable working with a computer. There is a special need for bilingual Spanish speakers. Flexible hours are available January through April. Volunteers will receive specialized IRS certified training, including learning how to prepare basic tax returns, using online tax preparation software and learning about the tax deductions and earned income tax credits that benefit eligible taxpayers. In addition, experienced agents, certified financial planners and non-credentialed tax return preparers can earn continuing education credits when volunteering as a VITA tax preparer.

"For the past 10 years, VITA volunteers have made a real difference in the lives of people in our community," said Cliff Smith, president of United Way. "We hear from our volunteers that come back year after year that they themselves find the VITA program rewarding as they connect with their fellow community members and empower families to achieve economic success."

Last year, 136 volunteers helped file more than 3,900 federal tax returns,



VITA volunteers at the North Fort Myers location

bringing more than \$5.7 million dollars in federal tax refunds back to the local community through the United Way VITA program. In addition, United Way VITA clients saved the cost of tax preparation by a commercial service of more than \$800,000.

An orientation and training class for new volunteers will be offered Saturday, November 18 at Florida Gulf Coast University. For tax professionals or experienced volunteers, an online training and certification tool is available. Interested parties can register online at www.unitedwaylee.org/become-vita-volunteer/ or contact Patrice Cunningham at patrice@unitedwaylee.org or call 433-7557.

The United Way Volunteer Center connects individuals and companies to volunteer opportunities throughout the community. You can reach the United Way Volunteer Center by calling 433-2000 option 9, or by visiting www.UnitedWayLee.org.

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Uncommon Evening Sponsor Named



Brian Rist

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Storm Smart Industries has signed on as the Jim and Ellie Newton Presenting Sponsor of Uncommon Friends Foundation's (UFF) 2017 and 2018 Uncommon Evening event that celebrates ethics in the workplace and in education. The 2017 event will be held on Thursday, November 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Gale McBride Pavilion at the historic Burroughs Home & Gardens in Fort Myers.

As Presenting Sponsor, Storm Smart Industries' President and CEO Brian Rist will announce the winner of the Business Ethics Award. Storm Smart Industries is sponsoring two consecutive Uncommon

Evening events and another future event.

"While we have been fortunate in hiring employees with exceptional character and integrity, it has been one of our biggest challenges," said Rist. "We feel the key to overcoming that challenge for all employers is to begin teaching our children about integrity and doing the right thing at an early age ... long before college. We want our sponsorship to help Uncommon Friends Foundation develop additional opportunities for our youth to learn the value of high ethics earlier in life."

Remaining sponsorships range from \$1,500 to \$5,000, including event tickets. In addition to Storm Smart Industries, sponsorships already committed for 2017 include AFCO Insurance; Eunice and Alexandra Bremner; BB&T Oswald Trippe and Company; Edison National Bank; *Florida Weekly*; HBKS Wealth Advisors; Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A.; Red Coconut RV Resort; Sanibel-Captiva Beach Resorts; Sunshine Ace Hardware; and The News-Press Group. Individual ticket reservations are \$125 each.

For more information about tickets and sponsorships, visit www.uncommonfriends.org/ or contact Kerri Goldsmith at kgoldsmith@hbkswealth.com or Foundation Executive Director Jennifer Nelson at jennifer@uncommonfriends.org. All of the money raised at Uncommon Evening supports UFF's programs and the historic preservation of the Burroughs Home & Gardens.

For more information about Storm Smart, visit www.stormsmart.com/ or call 938-1000.

For more information about UFF, to reserve the pavilion for meetings and events, or to arrange for historic guided tours, call 337-9503.✱

Financial Focus

Put Lessons From Retirement Week To Work



by Jennifer Basey

To raise public awareness about the importance of saving for retirement, Congress has designated the third week of October as National Save for Retirement Week. What lessons can

you learn from this event?

First of all, save early – and save often. Too many people put off saving for retirement until they are in their late 40s – and even their 50s. If you wait until you are in this age group, you can still do quite a bit to help build the resources you will need for retirement – but it will be more challenging than if you had begun saving and investing while you were in your 20s or early 30s. For one thing, if you delay saving for retirement, you may have to put away large sums of money each year to accumulate enough to support a comfortable retirement lifestyle. Plus, to achieve the growth you need, you might have to invest more aggressively than you'd like, which means taking on more risk. And even then, there are no guarantees of getting the returns you require.

On the other hand, if you start saving and investing when you are still in the early stages of your career, you can make smaller monthly contributions to your retirement accounts. And by putting time on your side, you'll be able to take advantage of compounding – the ability to earn money on your principal and your earnings.

Here's another lesson to be taken from National Save for Retirement Week: Maximize your opportunities to invest in the tax-advantaged retirement accounts available to you, such as an IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you have a 401(k)-type plan at work, contribute as much as you can afford every year, and increase your contributions whenever your salary goes up. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

Apart from saving and investing early and contributing to your tax-advantaged retirement accounts, how else can you honor the spirit of National Save for Retirement Week? A key step you can take is to reduce the barriers to building your retirement savings. One such obstacle is debt. The larger your monthly debt payments, the less you will be able to invest each month. It's not easy, of course, to keep your debt under control, but do the best you can.

One other barrier to accumulating retirement resources is the occasional large expense resulting from a major car repair, sizable medical bills or other things of that nature. If you constantly have to dip into your long-term investments to meet these costs, you'll slow your progress toward your retirement goals. To help prevent this from happening, try to build an emergency fund big enough to cover three to six months' worth of living expenses. Since you'll need instant access to this money, you'll want to keep it in a liquid, low-risk account.

So, there you have them: some suggestions on taking the lessons of National Save for Retirement Week to heart. By following these steps, you can go a long way toward turning your retirement dreams into reality.

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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Greeters Club Luncheon

The Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers will be hosting a fashion show during a luncheon at Crown Plaza Hotel on Friday, November 17. Registration is from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Selected Bell Tower shops will supply the fashions, and club members will be the models.

Cost is \$20 to attend. To make a reservation, email greetersclub@gmail.com and provide your name, email address and phone number. You will receive a return email confirming your reservation.

Greeters Club luncheons are held on the third Friday of the month. Crown Plaza Hotel is located within the Bell Tower Shops at 13051 Bell Tower Drive in Fort Myers. Call 482-2900 for more information.✱

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Concert Series

with influences from various genres like hip-hop, rhythm and blues, and jazz. The band's unique blend of style and harmony shape a youthful, yet old school reggae vibe. For more information, visit www.thelateones.com/.

Kona Brewing Company was started by father-and-son team Cameron Healy and Spoon Khalsa. The pair had a dream to create fresh, local island brews

made with spirit, passion and quality. Their love of Hawaii and a desire to protect the pristine environment brought them to the Big Island to fulfill their vision. Kona Brewing continues to be headquartered right where it began, in Kailua-Kona on Hawaii's Big Island. For more information, visit www.konabrewingco.com/.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in the historic downtown Fort Myers River District. For more information, visit www.sbdac.com.✱

Superior Interiors

Five Good Decorating Ideas



by Barb Cacchione

To help lengthen a room with a low ceiling, consider these decorative options:

1. Help fool the eye by covering your walls with a softly colored vertical striped wall

covering, embellish your walls with a creatively designed faux finish, or add an asymmetrical picture grouping for visual interest.

2. Many lovely color schemes fade to drabness when underlit at night or they may even become garish when overlit. Make sure your rooms are evenly illuminated. People, like moths, avoid dark areas and gather in light ones.

3. Don't follow fads in decorating. Choose what suits your own tastes, your lifestyle and your budget.

4. When framing pictures, select matting and colors that compliment your room setting and color scheme.

5. Watch your scale when mixing patterns. A modern, contemporary nine-foot sofa might look luxurious in certain settings, but would be totally overpowering with a dainty French provincial coffee table.

Barb Cacchione is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at barb@coindceden.com.✴

United Way Yard Sale Benefit

Lee County Parks & Recreation will hold a yard sale to benefit United Way at the North Fort Myers Recreation Center on Saturday, October 28 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Lee Board of County Commissioners, a longtime supporter of United Way, has a 2017-18 fundraising campaign goal to raise \$10 million to benefit local charities through United Way. This event is one of many Lee County Parks & Recreation initiatives aimed at helping meet that goal. All proceeds from the sale go directly to

United Way.

There are three ways to contribute to the yard sale. Donate items by dropping them off at the North Fort Myers Recreation Center any time before the day of the event. Rent a parking space for \$10 and sell your own items by visiting the recreation center to reserve your spot by Friday, October 27. Stop by and shop the yard sale.

North Fort Myers Recreation Center is located at 2000 North Recreation Park Way in North Fort Myers. For more information about Lee County Parks & Recreation locations, amenities and other special events, visit www.leeparks.org, call 533-7275 or email leeparks@leegov.com.✴

Director Earns Accreditation

Rachel Toomey, APR, of the Southwest Florida Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA) recently earned professional public relations accreditation and received the designation of Accredited in Public Relations (APR).

Toomey joins the more than 4,300 active public relations professionals worldwide who represent an elite group of skilled professionals committed to practicing with high ethical standards, including 35 currently in Southwest Florida.

Toomey is the media director for Priority Marketing of Southwest Florida, where she has worked since 2006. Among her community involvements, she currently is president-elect and the public relations chair of the Fort Myers Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Club and young professionals chair for the Florida District of Kiwanis. Toomey, a Cape Coral resident, earned a master's degree in integrated marketing communication and a bachelor's degree in advertising from Florida State University.

To earn public relations accreditation, candidates must pass an oral presentation and rigorous written examination administered by the Universal Accreditation Board (UAB),



Rachel Toomey

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which is an alliance of eight national and statewide professional associations dedicated to furthering the field of public relations and the development of public relations professionals. FPRA is a member of the UAB.

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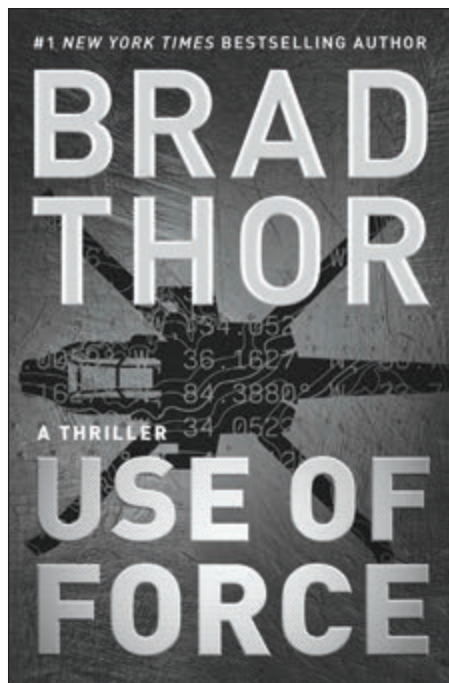


by Di Saggau

In his latest novel *Use of Force*, Brad Thor brings back Scot Harvath, the legendary Navy SEAL turned covert counterterrorism operative. When a raging storm rocks the Mediterranean Sea, a terrifying

distress call is made to the Italian Coast Guard, blowing the cover on a smuggling operation. A man's body washes ashore, and it's identified as a high-value terrorism suspect who disappeared three years ago. He was a known bombmaker, and his name spreads panic through the CIA. They want to know where he was headed, what he was planning, and was he connected to an attack they have been fearing all summer?

The CIA taps Harvath to head up an operation outside of Reno during the seven-day Burning Man event in Black Rock Desert, Nevada. He is after a man named Hamza Rahim who is scouting the area for a potential terrorist attack. The country is split on how to handle ISIS, which complicates things for both Bob McGee and Lydia Ryan, the director and deputy director of the CIA. They both feel a large scale attack from ISIS is on the horizon. They bring Harvath in on a black contract



allowing him to undertake the deadliest assignment of his career, and break every rule along the way.

Thor was part of Homeland Security's Analytical Red Cell Unit, which allows him to incorporate newly developed weapons and technology, including the use of drones, into his stories. Like Tom Clancy, he is known for beating headlines, masterfully combining current events with nonstop action and creating a plot that seems all too real. This is a work of fiction but it reflects the world in which we are

now living. There are lots of interesting characters, especially a clever Gauloise-smoking Muslim terrorist named Tursunov. I was intrigued every time he came on the scene. *Use of Force*

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, My daughter is having difficulty learning her sight words. Her teacher said we should practice them every night. It's kind of boring. Are

there some fun ways to practice these words?

Macie S., Cape Coral

Macie,

Mastering sight words is an extremely important step in becoming a successful reader. A sight word is a word that typically cannot be decoded or sounded out. It must be memorized or figured out by the context of the sentence. This is a difficult task for young readers, and it is usually recommended that children memorize these sight words so that they are readily available and recognized when children see them in print. Reading researcher Diane McGuiness estimates that there are approximately 100 basic sight words in English.

Most schools teach an expanded sight word list from either the Dolch word list or the Frye word list. Both of these lists have at least 200 words on them. Sight words are considered to make up at least 50 to 75 percent of reading texts up to the third grade level.

There are many, many practice activities on the Internet for learning sight words. They are lots of fun for kids and usually include practice sheets that you can print out. Here

is packed with pulse-pounding action involving attacks by ISIS in America, London and Europe. This is another book I found hard to put down. It's fresh and creative and all too realistic.✱

are two links: <http://www.netrover.com/~kingskid/sightword/dolchgames.htm>; and <http://www.k12reader.com/online-dolch-reading-games-and-activities/>.

Here are some other practice ideas that do not require a computer and most include a physical component. Sometimes children will be able to learn information more quickly when it is paired with an additional physical action.

Learning sight words:

Children see, say and write a word (skywrite, write on arm, etc)

Hopscotch – write sight words in each square

Beanbag toss

Put sight words on dice and play games

Flashlight fun- children shine light on the called out sight word, read from a board

Sight word sliders

Word puzzles and scrambled words

Word rings

Bingo

Typing sight words

Keep practicing the assigned words daily. The practice will pay off and your daughter's reading fluency and comprehension skills will improve from mastering her sight words.

Shelley Greggs is adjunct faculty at Florida SouthWestern State College, where she teaches psychology and education courses. She is also a nationally certified school psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.✱

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Female Pioneers of Fort Myers
Women Who Made a Difference in the City's Development
By Robin C. Tuthill and Thomas P. Hall

FSW To Host Haunted Nights

All Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) locations will be hosting Halloween events that are free and open to the public.

Local families are invited to trick-or-treat and enjoy spooky activities on the Thomas Edison (Lee) Campus, Charlotte Campus, Collier Campus, or Hendry/Glades Curtis Center.

"The Halloween events at FSW are a hallmark of our relationship with the local communities we serve," said Dr. Christy Gilfert, interim assistant vice president on enrollment and student success. "These family-friendly events engage our students and have grown in popularity each year. Everyone looks forward to these nights all year long."

FSW student clubs and organizations decorate rooms, build the haunted houses and even perform as ghosts or monsters during the event. Guests of our Halloween events will also be able to enjoy costume

contests, games, face painting, crafts, treats and more.

Thomas Edison (Lee) Campus at 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers will host Fright Night in Building U, Room 102 on Tuesday, October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. Call 489-9246 for more information.

Charlotte Campus at 26300 Airport Road in Punta Gorda will host Haunted College in Building O on Friday, October 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Call 637-5634 for more information.

Collier Campus at 7505 Grand Lely Drive in Naples will host Haunted Happenings in Building N, Room 148 on Tuesday, October 31 from 6 to 9 p.m. Call 732-3706 for more information.

Hendry/Glades Curtis Center at 1092 East Cowboy Way in LaBelle will host Halloween Party in Building A, Room 119 on Monday, October 30 from 5 to 8 p.m. Call 674-6001 for more information.

Reach out to individual FSW locations for more details. Only children age 12 and younger are permitted to wear masks and/or carry fake weapons. Refrain from wearing inappropriate costumes.✱

"Packed with facts and employing an engaging storytelling style, [*Female Pioneers of Fort Myers*] both teaches and entertains. Local history buffs and newcomers to history will value Tuthill and Hall's research and appreciate the accessible format, too."

Gerri Reaves, PhD, author of *Legendary Locals of Fort Myers* and *Fort Myers, Then & Now*

River Romp Regatta Sails This Weekend

River Romp, the 2017 USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival, will take place at North Shore Park on Saturday, October 21 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday, October 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Now in its 22nd year, the River Romp is presented by Edison Sailing Center in collaboration with the United States Sailing Association. The festival will feature approximately 250 sailors ages 8 to 18, with some events up to age 21, competing in Laser, Radial, Laser 4.7 and Optimist classes.

Last year's event generated approximately 500 hotel room nights and \$150,000 in direct economic impact.

North Shore Park is located at 13001 North Cleveland Avenue in North Fort Myers. Visit www.edisonsailingcenter.org/river-romp to learn more.✱

Roy Hobbs World Series Begins Saturday

The 29th annual Roy Hobbs Baseball World Series brings baseball players from around the world to Lee County from Saturday, October 21 to Saturday, November 18.

Over the course of the four-week tournament, more than 240 teams of adult, amateur baseball players will compete within seven divisions, taking the fields in five Lee County sports complexes, including Terry Park, City of Palms Park, JetBlue Park, the Lee County Player Development Complex and the CenturyLink Sports Complex. One of four Roy Hobbs events held in Fort Myers annually, last year's Roy Hobbs World Series had a direct economic impact of more than \$8 million for Lee County over the course of the tournament.

Hosted in Lee County for the past 25 years, Roy Hobbs' 29th World Series will feature amateur player divisions for men ages 30 and older, with divisions up to ages 75 and older.

For more information, visit www.royhobbs.com/world-series.✱

Par-Tee For Tots Pro-Am Benefit October 27

Golf registration and select sponsorship opportunities are still available for the second annual Par-Tee for Tots to benefit Child Care of Southwest Florida, which has been postponed to Friday, October 27 due to Hurricane Irma.

Join Brown & Brown to hit with a pro on the greens of the exclusive West Bay Club. Golf alongside PGA player Nolan Henke by registering at www.parteefortotsgolfouting.com and take advantage of a variety of attractive

sponsorship opportunities.

Golfers of all skill levels will enjoy 18 holes at West Bay Golf Club's Pete and P.B. Dye-designed championship course, featuring stunning views and a pristine nature preserve setting. Special awards and bragging rights will be presented for: Closest to the Pin (men and women), Longest Drive (men and women), Low-Net Team and Low-Gross Team. A lucky winner will also take home the pot in a 50/50 raffle.

In 2016, Brown & Brown of Southwest Florida presented the inaugural Par-Tee for Tots, the first-ever golf tournament to benefit Child Care of Southwest Florida, raising \$27,000. Again this year, 100 percent of the proceeds will provide educational scholarships for low-income working families to access high-quality early childhood education and related services to promote health and school readiness.

Carol Conway, CEO of Child Care of Southwest Florida, said, "Brown & Brown is a community-minded company that is fantastic to partner with. Under their direction, the tournament has tapped into a wellspring of support for our mission."

Registration, breakfast and driving range practice begin at 7:30 a.m., with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Lunch and awards presentation starts at 1 p.m. All-inclusive golfer registration is \$130 for an individual, \$520 for a foursome.

Along with Brown & Brown, major sponsors include Lee Health as Double Eagle Sponsor, plus ABS

Distributors, AVAirPros, Chick-fil-A, Cigna, Enrollment Alliance, First Florida Integrity Bank, Henderson Franklin Attorneys at Law, McDuff Underwriters Inc., Myers Brettholtz & Company PA, Peachtree Special Risk Brokers LLC, Tricircle Pavers and United Healthcare.

While several levels of sponsorships have been sold out, select opportunities are still available featuring attractive promotional benefits, ranging from \$150 to \$7,500.✱

Power Squadron Weather Course

Peace River Sail and Power Squadron will be offering a Basic Weather and Forecasting Seminar at the Bayfront Center YMCA starting on November 2 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The class will meet twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays during that time frame for four weeks.

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 \$65 per U.S. Power Squadron member and \$115 for nonmembers.

To register or for more information, contact JoAnne Jamrose at 941-637-0766 or email jjamrose@hotmail.com.

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.✱

Food Drive Campaign Begins

The 7th annual CAN IT! Campaign, a food drive, recently began on October 16 and will run through Thursday, November 16. Pushing the Envelope (PTE), a Fort Myers-based marketing communication firm, has teamed up with Community Cooperative (CCI) once again to help relieve hunger in Southwest Florida. With the holiday season right around the corner, the goal is to collect 1,750 food items to help feed families in need this Thanksgiving.

Donations for the CAN IT! Campaign, including canned food and other non-perishable food items, will be accepted at the following locations.

Pushing the Envelope, Inc. at 9111 West College Pointe Drive suite 110, Fort Myers;

- Around the Clock Fitness at either 1755 Boy Scout Drive, Fort Myers; 9375 Ben C. Pratt/Six Mile Cypress Parkway, unit #120, Fort Myers; 16970 Alico Mission Way, Fort Myers; or 1140 Ceitus Terrance, suite 8, Cape Coral

- The Nest Home and Garden at 2214 First Street, Fort Myers

- Gulf Coast Humane Society at 2010 Arcadia Street, Fort Myers

- BB&T – Oswald Trippe and

Company at 13515 Bell Tower Drive unit 101, Fort Myers

- Salon Adrian at Gulf Coast Town Center at 9908 Gulf Coast Main Street unit 145C, Fort Myers

- Vogue Hair and Nail Salon at 1219 Cape Coral Parkway East, Cape Coral

- Florida Family Care Services, Inc. at 3717 Del Prado Boulevard South, suite 6, Cape Coral

- Safe Harbor Community Church at 12960 Plantation Road, Fort Myers

- Lee County Electric Cooperative at 4980 Bayline Drive, Fort Myers

- West Marine: Fort Myers Flagship at 7070 College Parkway suite 102, Fort Myers

CCI's wish list includes items such as peanut butter and jelly, Hamburger Helper, canned tuna, chicken, ham and roast beef, tuna helper, chicken helper, macaroni and cheese, pasta and pasta sauce, etc. A complete list of food items is available on the www.CommunityCooperative.com or at GetPushing.com/CAN-IT.

PTE is still looking for local businesses to serve as drop-off locations for the food drive. To get involved as a drop-off or to donate, contact 221-2858 or email Kelsie@getpushing.com.

With the support of many community members and local businesses, Pushing the Envelope, Inc. has collected more than 6,000 pounds of food to CCI to date.✱



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Doubters Proven Wrong As Florida Everblades Begin 20th Hockey Season



by Ed Frank

Given little chance of success because there is little interest in hockey in Southwest Florida – as the so-called experts said in 1998 – the Florida Everblades have defied those odds as they begin their 20th season as one of the strongest franchises in the Eastern Conference Hockey League (ECHL). In those past 19 seasons, the local hockey team has missed the league’s postseason playoffs only once while capturing the Kelly Cup, the league championship, in 2012. Front office stability has been the hallmark of the team’s success with Craig Bush, president, general manager and founder, remaining in those roles for the past two decades.

The Everblades have averaged more than 6,000 fans per game during that span while compiling an overall regular season record of 800-430-135. Florida began the 2017-18 season last weekend at Germain Arena with back-to-back wins over the Atlanta Gladiators, 4-3 and 3-1.

They face Atlanta again this weekend in Atlanta before returning to Germain next week for three games with the Indy Fuel, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights.

The far-flung ECHL, now in its 30th year, consists of 27 teams stretching from coast to coast. The Everblades are in the seven-team South Division of the Eastern Conference having won division titles the last two years.

Brad Ralph has returned as Everblades coach for the second year. The 36-year-old Ralph has compiled a 297-149-36 record in his eight years as a head coach. The Everblades are affiliated with the Carolina Hurricanes of the National Hockey League. Over the 19-year history of the Everblades, 57 players have gone on to compete in the National Hockey League.

Red Sox Fire Manager John Farrell

It came as no surprise that the Boston Red Sox last week fired Manager John Farrell as the team was defeated in the first round of postseason play for the second consecutive year, this after winning back-to-back American League Eastern Division titles two years running.

In dismissing Farrell, Dave Dombrowski, president of baseball operations, said it was time to make a change.

Five names have emerged as possible candidates for the post: Brad Ausmus – recently let go by the Detroit Tigers. Ausmus and Dombrowski have a good relationship as Ausmus worked under Dombrowski when he was the Tiger’s general manager.

Alex Cora – the current bench coach for the Houston Astros and a former infielder for the Red Sox. He was interviewed by Dombrowski last week during an off-day in the American League Championship Series between the Astros and the New York Yankees.

Ron Gardenhire – the former successful manager of the Minnesota Twins who now serves as bench coach for the Arizona Diamondbacks. He won six AL Central titles in his 13 years as Twins manager.

Sandy Alomar Jr. – the first-base coach for the Cleveland Indians, a baseball lifer, and a strong communicator with players. He interviewed for the Boston job in 2011 before the post went to Bobby Valentine who was fired after one season.

Jason Varitek – Boston’s former team captain serves as a special advisor for the team. He would be a popular choice for Red Sox fans, although he has not served as a coach or manager for a Major League team.✴

Harlem Globetrotters Return To Arena

The Harlem Globetrotters, known for their one-of-a-kind family entertainment, will bring their 2018 Amazing Feats of Basketball World Tour to the Germain Arena in Fort Myers on Sunday, December 10 at 3 p.m. to take on their long-time adversaries the Washington Generals. The Harlem Globetrotters will face a revamped Washington Generals team that recently launched a more competitive profile over the summer, making an appearance at The Basketball Tournament. The new tournament-tested team is looking to

snap a 47-year losing streak against their world famous rivals during their 2017-18 season. With a star-studded roster featuring Big Easy Lofton, Ant Atkinson, Hi-Lite Bruton, Thunder Law, Bull Bullard and Cheese Chisholm – plus female stars TNT Lister, Ace Jackson and Hoops Green – the Globetrotters’ show is unrivaled in the world of family entertainment. Their games will showcase incredible ball-handling wizardry, rim-rattling dunks, trick shots, hilarious comedy and unequalled fan interaction. After the game, Globetrotter stars will sign autographs and take photos with fans.

Tickets start at \$21 and can be purchased at www.harlemglobetrotters.com, www.ticketmaster.com, by phone at 800-745-3000 or the Germain Arena box office.✴



Angler Jon Kukuk was among the 136 anglers and guides last year photo provided

RedSnook Tournament To Raise Awareness

Conservancy of Southwest Florida’s annual RedSnook Catch and Release Charity Tournament will be held Friday, November 3 through Sunday, November 5 to raise awareness of the need for clean waterways and water quality’s influence on the Southwest Florida ecosystem. Those who wish to support the cause, but cannot compete in the tournament are invited to attend the Friday Night Kick-Off Party at the Conservancy Nature Center on Friday at 5:30 p.m. It will be followed by two full days of fishing and an awards

reception. The three-day fundraising event will support the work of the Conservancy, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the fishing industry in Everglades City as it struggles to recover from the extensive Hurricane Irma damage. “We look forward to the RedSnook tournament each year because it brings the community together for a weekend of fun, all while raising awareness and advocating for Southwest Florida’s most valuable natural resources,” said Rob Moher, Conservancy of Southwest Florida president and CEO. “This year, we have the additional opportunity to lift up our neighbors as we continue through the hurricane recovery process by supporting a region that was greatly impacted by the storm.” The Friday Night Kick-Off Party will feature dinner, drinks and the opportunity to participate in an auction and prize drawing. Tickets are available at www.conservancy.org/redsnook. A celebratory awards reception for anglers and guides will be held at the Community Foundation of Collier County on Sunday evening. “Recreational and sport fishing are reliant on clean and abundant water, and the RedSnook Catch and Release Charity Tournament helps keep this resource beautiful and viable for years to come by supporting initiatives that protect our region’s waterways,” said RedSnook Co-Chairman Henley Shotwell of Surf & Turf Custom. For more information about the Conservancy of Southwest Florida’s RedSnook Catch and Release Charity Tournament, email NikkieD@conservancy.org, call 403-4200 or visit www.Conservancy.org/RedSnook.✴

Scholarships Now Available

The Boston Red Sox Foundation, in partnership with the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, will once again be awarding \$5,000 scholarships in the spring of 2018 to one deserving senior from each of the 13 public high schools in Lee County. The scholarship is for academically talented students who are pursuing a two- or four-year degree at any college or university and have shown a commitment to community service are are. To apply, contact Courtney Wood at courtney@leeschoolfoundation.org.

org, 337-0433 or online at www.leeschoolfoundation.org/programs/student-programs/wp-takestock/. Applications are due by Monday, December 18. Scholarship funds are raised annually from proceeds of the Red Sox annual Swings for the Sox Golf Tournament. “Unfortunately we had to cancel this year’s tournament due to Hurricane Irma, but the Red Sox Foundation still committed to providing the funds for these scholarships,” said Katie Haas, vice president of Florida business operations for the Boston Red Sox. “Education is an important area of focus for our foundation and we are excited to once again provide scholarships to our promising students who will be this community’s next leaders.”✴

SPORTS QUIZ

- 1. Hall of Famers Tony Gwynn and Rod Carew combined for how many batting-average titles?
- 2. How many home runs did Babe Ruth hit in World Series play?
- 3. Who is the only football coach to lead the University of North Carolina to multiple ACC championships?
- 4. Bismack Biyombo set a Toronto Raptors record in 2016 for most rebounds in a playoff game (26). Who had held the mark?
- 5. The Minnesota Wild set a franchise record in the 2016-17 NHL season for victories (49). What had been the team’s highest total?
- 6. In 2016, Claressa Shields became the sixth American to win the Val Barker Trophy for best boxer in the Olympic tournament. Name three of the five others.
- 7. Si Woo Kim, in 2017, joined three others as the only PGA golfers in the past 25 years to win two tournaments before the age of 22. Name two of the three others to do it.

ANSWERS

1. Fifteen – Gwynn with eight and Carew with seven. 2. He appeared in 10 World Series, and hit a total of 15 home runs. 3. Bill Doolley (1971, ’72, ’77). 4. Jonas Valanciunas grabbed 19 rebounds in a playoff game earlier in 2016. 5. The Wild won 48 games in the 2006-07 season. 6. Louis Laurie (1936), Norvel Lee (1952), Howard Davis Jr. (1976), Paul Gonzales (1984) and Roy Jones Jr. (1988). 7. Sergio Garcia, Jordan Spieth and Tiger Woods.

Triathlon Officials Present Donation



Tracey Galloway and Kate Gooderham with a donation check

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Even though the scheduled 7th annual Galloway Captiva Triathlon at the South Seas Island Resort was canceled due to Hurricane Irma, officials of the charity event announced they were still able to raise over \$35,000 for Community Cooperative and its Healthy School Pantry Program. The fundraising provides emergency food for more than 6,000 local children and their families each year.

"The success of this event is due to the outstanding coordinated efforts of the event planning team of Ken and Kate Gooderham and Angie Ferguson, as well as our volunteers, sponsors and, of course, the race participants," said Tracey Galloway, CEO of Community Cooperative. "We hope all those who signed up for the race feel proud to know that the proceeds are benefitting families who need support and help, now more than ever."

"We were disappointed to cancel this year's race due to Hurricane Irma, because we always look forward to seeing all of our athletes have fun, reach goals and make a difference in our community, but the safety of all our volunteers and athletes had to be a priority," said Kate Gooderham of Gooderham & Associates and Southwest Florida Events. "We are grateful for the opportunity to still support a great charity and know that even if the race didn't happen, we are still helping to feed thousands of children across Southwest Florida."

More than 850 adults and 225 children compete annually in the triathlon, with some 70 volunteers working the two-day event. The 8th annual Galloway Captiva Triathlon is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, September 15 and 16, 2018.*

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Broadway Palm

be joyful.

The first act is dazzling with its Cirque de Soleil-type gymnastics and jaw-dropping magic including a talking disembodied head. The caliber of the singing and dancing is impressive, and there is so much energy on stage. The

second act slows down a bit as Pippin continues his journey for the true meaning of life.

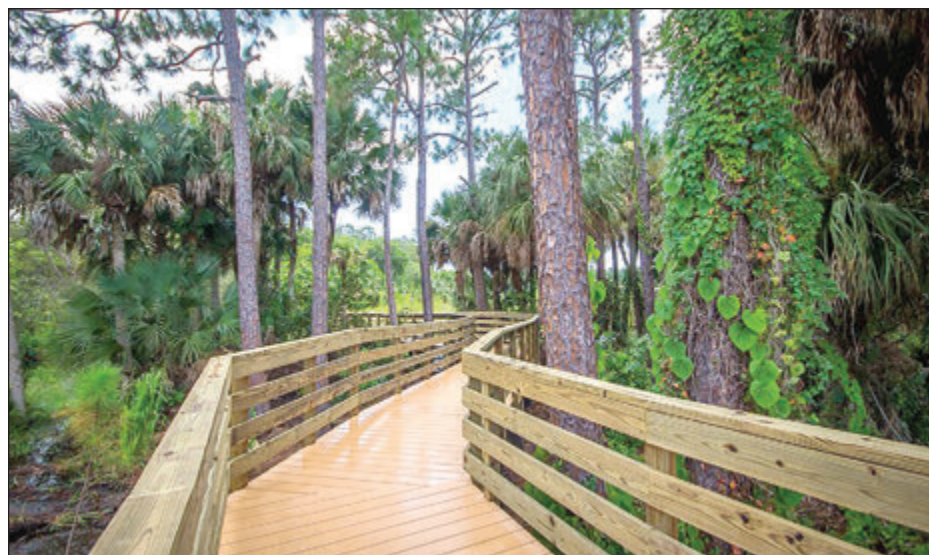
Pippin is funny and energetic with a talented and passionate group of performers. It plays through November 18 at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. For tickets, go online to www.broadwaypalm.com or call 278-4422.*

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Heights Elementary Slough

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Phase Completed For School Slough

Officials and students at Heights Elementary held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 16 to celebrate the completion of the first portion of their Slough Restoration Project. The project involved three years of fundraising and working to obtain permits and approvals.

The idea of restoring the slough began when Diane Salko, the previous school principal, and the PTA board decided to use donations from their annual school auction to restore the boardwalk located on the wetland

property parallel to the school.

In the past, the boardwalk was used by classes to observe the wetlands. Class pictures were also taken there. By restoring the boardwalk, the students of Heights Elementary will be able to return to the wetland area to experience hands-on learning of native southwest Florida plants and animals.

With the support of the current principal, Doug Palow, and the help of Matt Horton with Ensate Design, Brent Stokes of Stokes Marine, and general contractor Steve Shimp, the first section of the boardwalk is complete. The plans include another 220 feet of boardwalk, an outdoor classroom area and an amphitheater.*

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PACE Center students and staff

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PACE Center Students Provide Hurricane Relief

Students at PACE Center for Girls, Lee County participated in a day of community service, in partnership with their sister center, PACE Center for Girls, Collier at Immokalee to provide hurricane relief.

As Immokalee was one of the hardest hit communities following Hurricane

Irma, many PACE girls and their families are still in need of resources and supplies. Staff and students from PACE Lee prepared approximately 30 bags of food and 50 hygiene kits containing basic toiletries/ They then delivered them to PACE Collier at Immokalee.

"There is still an urgent need for assistance in the Immokalee community, where our students reside," said Kelly Parker, PACE Collier's program director. "The food that we received today will be delivered immediately, and will help us fill the gap for our families."

PACE is a strength-based program

that features a positive behavior modification system for its students. Volunteerism is a key factor in the PACE program, and all students are required to maintain 100 percent participation in service-learning activities. Additionally, centers focus on different character traits each month. The character trait for October trait is citizenship.

"We are proud of the way the PACE girls exemplified our character trait of citizenship. Today's partnership between the PACE Collier and PACE Lee centers brought our students together to serve their community and help others," said

Meg M. Geltner, PACE Lee's executive director.

Girls found an immediate connection with one another, and enjoyed the time connecting with their "PACE sisters." After delivering the food and hygiene kits, students from both centers spent the day together sharing their collective stories and experiences within the PACE program.

"I'm glad that we were able to come here today and meet the other PACE girls," said one PACE Lee student, Jackie. "It feels good to give back and be a part of something important."✱

FSW Earns National Ranking

Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) has been ranked 26th among the 30 best community colleges by *College Choice*. Nationally, there are more than 1,600 community colleges.

"We're pleased to be recognized on a national level for the opportunities our students have here at FSW," said Dr. Jeff Allbritten, FSW president.

In order to compile the list, *College Choice* correlated data from Aspen Institute's College Excellent Program and individual community colleges. Several factors helped determine the ranking, including first-year retention rates, three-year graduation rates, and credentials awarded. Additional consideration was given to the percentage of non-traditional and minority students, the percentage of Pell grants and minority graduation rates for a diversity score. *College Choice* also factored online tuition rates.

Earlier this year, *College Choice* ranked FSW 31st in the country in its 50 Best Community Colleges list. The Community for Accredited Online Schools ranked FSW 40th out of 394 state universities, colleges and vocational schools in Florida as one of the best colleges offering online learning.

College Choice is an independent online publication dedicated to helping students and their families find the right college. They publish rankings and reviews that make choosing the best college easier, as well as resources to help students get into, pay for and thrive at the college of their choice.

Visit www.FSW.edu for more information.✱

members interested in reviewing instructional materials available for adoption. Online access to student materials will be available on October 25 at www.lee schools.net.

The Lee County Public Education Center is located at 2855 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.✱

Author To Speak

The Gulf Coast Writers Association will hold a meeting at at Zion Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 21 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Whether you're a writer, graphic designer, or just trying to promote your business; this is a meeting you don't want to miss. Maryann Cypressy, president of What's Up SWFL, will be talking about creating a strategy, what makes good content and more.

Zion Lutheran Church is located at 7401 Winkler Road, Fort Myers. First time guests are free, as always. Call 770-906-7885 for more information.✱

College Hosts Pop-Up Adventure Play

Florida SouthWestern State College's (FSW) School of Education will host Pop-Up Adventure Play on Saturday, November 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. The event will take place at the Practice Field (across from the Lockmiller Child Care Center) on the FSW Thomas Edison Campus, 8099 College Parkway, in Fort Myers.

Pop-Up Adventure Play is free and open to children of all ages.

"At Pop-Up Play, children are invited to play however they wish with everyday materials that can be used in many different ways, such as cardboard boxes, paper towel tubes and art materials," said Dr. Julia Kroeker, professor of Early Childhood Education at FSW. "These materials are open-ended and have limitless possibilities; a box could be a racecar, a castle or a slide."

"Child-directed play has numerous benefits for children in all areas of development, including fostering problem-solving and communication skills, physical development, creativity and more," Dr. Kroeker said. "When children choose what and how to play, they are motivated by their own interests to learn and grow."

For more information or to pre-register, contact Dr. Kroeker at 489-9382 or email Popupplay.fsw@gmail.com.✱

Publisher Showcase Event

The Publisher Showcase Event is an opportunity for publishers who submitted materials for the state adoption in Grades K-12 Science to display their instructional materials and present overviews of their programs. The event will take place at the Lee County Public Education Center in the Caloosahatchee Room on Wednesday, October 24 from 4 to 7 p.m.

The showcase is open to principals, teachers, parents and community

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Alliance Photography Exhibit Winners

Photographers submitted more than 180 pieces for consideration in the Alliance for the Arts' October exhibit, Your Best Shot. Juror Steve Chase narrowed the list to 50 pieces which were unveiled to the public during an opening celebration on October 6.

Roy E. Rodriguez was awarded \$300 for Best In Show for his piece *Memories Are Reflections*. Hilda Champion won second place with her photography *Reach!* Del Holt won third place for *Illuminati #one*. Susan Marie Carlo and Penelope Breen received honorable mentions.

Chase's photography has been exhibited throughout the state and nationally. His films have been screened at festivals both nationally and internationally.

The exhibit runs until October 28. Admission to the gallery is free, but a \$5 suggested donation helps keep arts

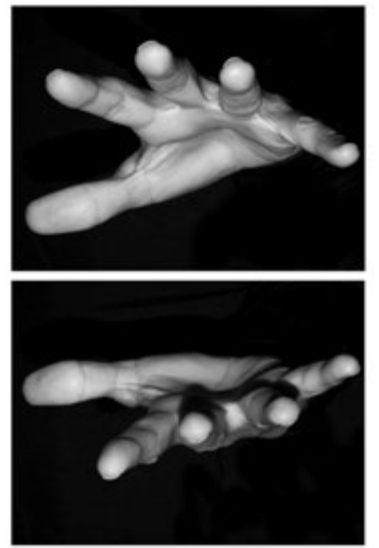


Memories Are Reflections by Roy E. Rodriguez

programming accessible.

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Reach! by Hilda Champion



Amy Matsumoto Ulrich and Christopher Matsumoto



Holly Zimmerilla and Thomas Marsh



Illuminati #one by Del Holt



From left, Dan McGahey, Carolynn McGahey, Ken Buschle and Carolyn Gora



From left, London Amara, Mila Bridger and Todd Schusterman

dearRPharmacist

Vegas Shooter Was On Psyche Meds



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: The country was dazed and mortified by the mass killing in Las Vegas in which Stephen Paddock opened fire on the concert crowd from his Mandalay Bay hotel room. I was

actually in Mandalay Bay for a conference on the same days he was there. I left before it all went down.

As soon as I heard what happened, I just knew medications were involved. The fastest way to go from normal to insane is with a drug, usually one that alters brain receptors like those prescribed for anxiety, insomnia or severe depression.

Paddock was, in fact, taking a benzodiazepine drug called diazepam (brand Valium), and it was prescribed several months before the massacre. He was supposed to take one 10mg tablet a day.

Did he stay on the drug?
Did he take more than prescribed?
Did he combine it with other medications or alcohol?
Did he suddenly stop it and plunge into severe withdrawal?

Unfortunately, these are questions for which we might never get answers.

I'm certainly not blaming Valium or any benzo for a gunman gone mad. That would be ludicrous. Millions of people take these types of drugs without becoming psychotic. Some benefit. But the news has thrown the anti-anxiety medication into the spotlight, with many folks debating the regulation of prescription psyche drugs.

You could certainly make the case that the diazepam was an epic fail, and Paddock's mental disturbances triggered the crime. But the problem is that it was all intentional and pre-meditated.

There are many people, especially those in the anti-benzo community, who would make the argument that

medications precipitate or induce the rage and insanity that underpins these types of crimes.

A 2015 *World Psychiatry* study of 960 Finnish adults and teens convicted of homicide found that the odds of them killing someone were 45 percent higher during the time frame they took psychoactive medications.

It's well documented that benzos cause personality changes and delirium similar to alcohol since both act on the GABA receptor. GABA is released while you sleep. Both benzos and alcohol bind to GABA receptors and should tranquilize you, but paradoxically, the opposite occurs and you experience just the opposite. If combined with the "FQ" antibiotic class, or corticosteroids or antidepressants, the brain disturbances become even greater.

As an example, a drunk person gets violent and abusive instead of dozing off like you might expect with high GABA. While unusual, benzo use does have the same pharmacological potential to alter personality and cause aggression just like alcohol. That said, do not stop any medications abruptly.

Improper discontinuation of psychoactive medications can result in severe neurological consequences, aggression and suicidal ideation. The reason is because once the GABA is withdrawn, there's no more calming chemicals to offset the anxiety-producing ones. For that reason, psychoactive medications must be tapered. For those of you interested, I have a longer article at my website, so sign up for my newsletter at www.suzycohen.com

There is a weird irony that could take place. Concert survivors or their family members may develop anxiety, nightmares, phobias or PTSD. The irony is that they will most likely be prescribed a benzo similar to the one Paddock took. Benzos are prescribed frequently and without too much thought. Experiencing grief is a natural part of life. There are safe herbal ways to induce tranquility. There are many qualified therapists and professionals who can help, so please consider non-drug interventions before the benzo.

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

Are Avocados Healthy?



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

I was recently talking to a family member who couldn't believe that I eat avocados. They asked, "Aren't those just loaded with fat? How can you eat those?"

The monounsaturated fat in avocados provides you with "good fats" that are very difficult to get in the typical American diet. Monounsaturated fats can help protect your heart by lowering LDL (bad cholesterol) while raising HDL (good cholesterol). They also contain fiber, lutein, potassium, Vitamin E and the phytonutrient beta-sitosterol, which can help maintain healthy cholesterol levels and promote eye health.

Avocados are one of those good-for-you foods, providing you with a fat that contains a lot of added nutrition,

so it makes for a food good choice. However, if you are supposed to be following a lower fat diet, you will need to limit your portion sizes of avocados. Avocados are sodium and cholesterol-free, but have five grams of good fat per serving. The calorie (40) and fat content of 1/6 of an avocado is equivalent to 1 tsp of butter. Yes, the fat is considered "good fat" since it is monounsaturated, but you still need to count the calories and fat. Too much of a good thing can still be "too much." Remember, an entire avocado counts as 6 servings of fat. Sprinkling the avocado with a little lemon juice and tightly wrapping it in plastic wrap will keep it fresh in the refrigerator until the next day.

Don't shy away from avocados. They do the body good! Here's one of our favorite ways to enjoy avocados:

- Guacamole
- 2 avocados, mashed
- 1/2 cup onion, finely diced
- 2 Tbsp fresh cilantro, finely chopped
- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 1/2 tsp salt
- Pinch of garlic powder
- 1 Tbsp fresh squeezed lime juice
- Mix together and top with fresh diced hot peppers and tomatoes.

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.✧

Children's Hospital Earns Accreditation

Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida Cardiovascular Services in Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties have been granted a three-year term of accreditation by the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) in Echocardiography in the area of Fetal and Pediatric Transthoracic. Accreditation by the IAC indicates that Golisano Children's Hospital has undergone an intensive application and review process and is compliant with published standards, thus demonstrating a commitment to quality patient care in echocardiography.

A noninvasive ultrasound study called an echocardiogram is commonly used to evaluate heart structure and function. Each year, more than 35,000 infants in the United States are born with congenital heart defects, making it the most common type of birth defect. It is also the most critical, as congenital heart defects cause more deaths during

the first year of life than any other birth defect. Over the past few decades, however, diagnosis and treatment has improved, allowing almost all affected children to not only grow into adulthood, but to thrive.

There are many factors that contribute to the accurate diagnosis based on echocardiography. The training and experience of the sonographer performing the procedure, the type of equipment used and the quality assessment metrics each facility is required to measure, all contribute to a positive patient outcome. IAC accreditation is a "seal of approval" that patients can rely on as an indicator of consistent quality care and a dedication to continuous improvement.

IAC provides accreditation programs for vascular testing, echocardiography, nuclear/PET, MRI, diagnostic CT, dental CT, carotid stenting, vein treatment and management and cardiac electrophysiology. The IAC programs for accreditation are dedicated to ensuring quality patient care and promoting health care and all support one common mission: Improving health care through accreditation.✧

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Free Admission

and children. A series of rotating stations with themes from vehicle construction to understanding sound waves will challenge visitors to place themselves in the mindset of an inventor.

The entire site will be open to the public, including the historic winter homes of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, caretaker's houses, Edison's study, the 15,000-square-foot Inventions Museum and the National Chemical Landmark Botanic Research Laboratory on more than 20 acres of gardens. Inside-the-Homes and Inside-the-Lab

specialty tours will be offered.

Another new exhibit in the museum is the Timeline of Innovation. It is a chronological exhibit of both Edison's and Ford's major inventions. The timeline highlights achievements in dozens of fields and showcases some of the most interesting artifacts. It also depicts how Edison, Ford and others built on earlier innovations to create their own inventions.

This offer cannot be combined with other discounts and excludes river cruise packages. For tour times or more information, call 334-7419 or visit www.edisonfordwinterstates.org.

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates is located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard.✧

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Stuffed Zucchini Flowers

photo courtesy Fresh From Florida

**Stuffed Zucchini Flowers**

20 fresh zucchini flowers
 1 teaspoon mint leaves, finely chopped
 1 ounce onion, grated
 1 ounce zucchini, grated
 1 ounce tomato, grated
 3/4 cup Mexican rice
 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
 2 pinches salt
 2 pinches pepper
 2 eggs, lightly beaten
 3 cups cornmeal

2 tablespoons olive oil

Preparation:

Place the zucchini flowers in cold water to open and make the preparation easier. In a large mixing bowl, place the rice, all the chopped and grated ingredients, half of the olive oil and lemon juice, and a pinch of salt and pepper. Mix well. With a small spoon, take small amounts of the stuffing and fill the zucchini flowers. Fold over the flower ends to seal the stuffing inside. Heat a sauté pan over medium-high heat. Carefully dip the stuffed flowers into the egg mixture, then roll them in the cornmeal. Repeat this process with half of the stuffed flowers at a time. Gently sauté the coated flowers in the oil until golden brown. Repeat in batches until all flowers have been cooked. Serve immediately.

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Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade	332-4488
Florida West Arts	948-4427
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers	288-2535
Gulf Coast Symphony	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic	239-597-1111
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Theatre Conspiracy	936-3239
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Caloosahatchee Folk Society	321-4620
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Horticultural Society	472-6940
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PUZZLES

Answers on page 29

Super Crossword

GOING FOR A SPIN

- ACROSS**

1 Entertainer Lola

7 Analogize

13 Attacking like a cat

20 Eugene locale

21 Canceled out

22 Civil War song about a maiden

23 Sidewalk material

24 Place with lots of slots

26 Presently

27 Sturdy tree

28 Ponce de —

29 Golf bag items

30 A pilot lowers it during approach

35 Greasy of the gridiron

38 Love, in Livorno

39 Aid in raising heavy weights

45 Grayish color

48 Chi follower

49 Escaped

50 Capital of Kazakhstan

51 Brie and feta seller

54 About

56 — -Z (old Camaro)

57 Freezing

58 Bygone New York stadium

59 Suffix with Siam

60 Biohazard face wear

63 Many seized autos

65 iPod maker

67 See

83 Across

68 Weaponize

69 Place to make earthenware

73 — Aviv-Yafo

76 Reverses

78 Bar legally

79 Chopin composition

81 Custodian

83 With

67-Across, protein source for a hive

84 Conked out

87 Et — (and more)

88 Big outback birds

89 In — (stymied)

91 Simple forklift

93 Motive

96 Put to work

98 "Evolve" singer

100 Bladers' wear

102 Barrel along

104 Brit's buddy

105 Helm locale

110 Morales of "La Bamba"

113 "Der —" (Konrad Adenauer's nickname)

116 Never, in Berlin

117 Actress — Flynn

Boyle

118 Easy-to-travel-with suitcases

123 Two-dimensional

125 Arquette of "Crash"

126 1 followed by 100 zeros

127 Dines at home

128 Swim at a shoal, maybe

129 Stuffed shirts

130 Things that nine answers in this puzzle have

37 Fleur-de- —

40 Least strict

41 Decoy

42 Big spiders

43 Actress Mireille —

44 Big name in big trucks

45 Capital of Ghana

46 Smithy, e.g.

47 Relative of a user's guide

49 Have a cow

52 Tokyo, to the shoguns

53 Warm (up)

55 Psalm starter

59 Mother on "Family Ties"

61 Late boxing great

62 — gin fizz

64 Primer pooch

66 Forestall

67 Iris center

70 Tijuana gold

71 Part of TB

72 In the present era

74 Official order

75 Like a sieve

77 Not alike

80 — Mahal

81 Actress Ryan

82 Call in church

83 Crimson Tide, to fans

85 Tick away

86 Bright star in Cygnus

90 — and Hyde

91 Ritzy

92 Level

94 Out — limb

95 Take home

97 Arles article

101 Martial arts actor Steven

102 Sales pitches

103 Distend

106 Metallic bar

107 Ballet, e.g., in Brest

108 Object of a knightly quest

109 Takes home

110 Is off base

111 Momentarily

112 Additionally

114 Yanks (on)

115 Von Furstenberg of fashion

119 Ballpoint fluid

120 LA-to-IL dir.

121 Oozy gunk

122 Past

123 Chapel bench

124 "— -di-dah!"

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King Crossword

- ACROSS**

1 Stroller

5 Goya subject

9 Playwright Levin

12 Emanation

13 Press agent?

14 Affirmative action?

15 Stormy, as weather

17 IRS employee

18 Dwell

19 Bygone anes-thetic

21 "Monopoly" corner

22 "Car Talk" medium

24 Clone

27 Solidify

28 Coconut pro-vider

31 Many millen-nia

32 Lubricate

33 Afternoon social

34 Less or Lomond

36 Whatever number

37 Membership

38 Takes a break

40 Roker or Yankovic

41 Brother of Curly

43 Public cele-bration

47 Extinct kin of the kiwi

48 April payment

51 Boom times

52 Twice-monthly tide

53 String instru-ment

54 "Holy cow!"

55 Recedes

56 Gaelic

Comedy Central

8 Chipped in a chip

9 Not fully developed

10 Lasso

11 Hebrew month

16 Tokyo's old name

20 Gratuity

22 Jockey's character

23 Partner

24 Aviv preceder

25 Court

26 Grow

27 Capricorn

29 Meadow

30 Wrestling sur-face

35 Height of fashion?

37 Record holder

39 Backbone

40 Intent

41 Self-satisfied

42 Crosby pal

43 Dandies

44 Use a tea-spoon

45 New Mexico art colony

46 Wheelbase terminus

49 Kan. neighbor

50 Taxi

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

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

- Biddle

Dyer

Ellery

Franklin
- Hooper

J. Adams

Jefferson

Low
- Madison

Pinckney

S. Adams

Ward
- Washington

Wisner

Wolcott



"I never thought I'd be saying I can't

wait till _____!"

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!

Facet

SEPTAC

Attack

SHAMBU

Cover

PAYCON

Create

SINGED

TODAY'S WORD

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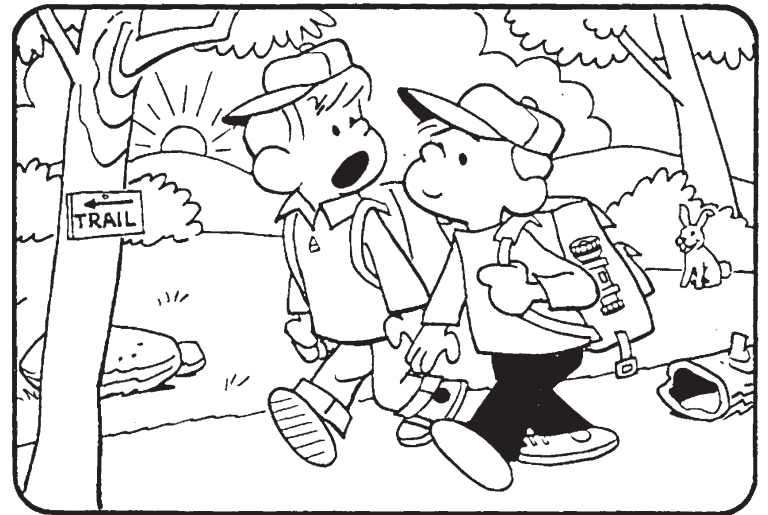
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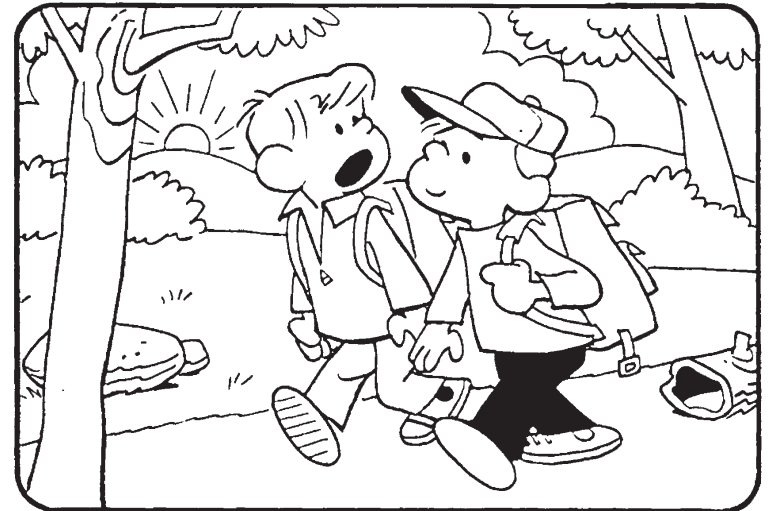
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Sign is missing. 2. Cap is missing. 3. Jacket is missing. 4. Cuffs are missing. 5. Flashlight is missing. 6. Rabbit is missing.

Beaches, Bays And Beyond At Conference

submitted by
Ken and Kate Gooderham,
ASBPA Managing Directors

The full range of coastal concerns will be up for discussion at the upcoming National Coastal Conference at the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center in Fort Lauderdale from October 25 to 27.

The conference, presented by the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA), is titled Beaches, Bays and Beyond to reflect the breadth of issues to be highlighted. More than 180 speakers will address an array of issues during the three-day event.

The conference opens with a half-day plenary session on Wednesday, October 25, which will include the following presentations:

Coastal Research and Science by Jonathan Pennock, director, National Sea Grant College Program,

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA);

Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact by Jennifer Jurado, chief climate resilience officer for Broward County;

Nuisance Flooding and How Often It Will Be Occurring by David Kriebel, professor of ocean engineering at the U.S. Naval Academy;

The Visitor Perspective on Beach Management by Stacy Ritter, president and CEO of the Greater Fort Lauderdale (FL) Convention and Visitors Bureau;

A welcome reception and poster session with more than two dozen presenters.

Thursday and Friday will feature six concurrent 20-minute sessions running all day Thursday and until noon on Friday. These will include dedicated sessions on:

Letting Stakeholders In: The Case for Using Marine Spatial Plans to Improve Stakeholder Engagement in Decision Making

Potential Flood Risk Management Sediment Tracers: A Diagnostic Tool to Inform Sediment Pathways in the Coastal Zone

Dune Management Challenges on a Developed Coast

Coastal Systems & Public Policy

Additional sessions will focus on:

Beach Management, Planning, and Policy

Wetland Restoration and Restoration

Technique

Modeling and Managing Risk

Identifying Sand Sources & Shore

Restoration

Living Shoreline Projects

Managing Beaches to Increase

Resiliency

Potential Sources of Coastal Funding and Communications

The Role of Dunes in Increasing

Coastal Resiliency

Coastal Policies, Regulations, &

Agency Interaction

Regional Sediment Management

Flooding Hazard Assessment &

Mapping

Preparing for Sea Level Rise

Tidal Inlet Modeling & Management

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Methods for Promoting & Evaluating

Coastal Sustainability

Beach Nourishment, Design and

Performance

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Beach Erosion, Morphodynamics, &

Ecosystem Modeling

Nearshore Process Collaborative

Research

Science & Safety of Rip Currents

Northeast Florida Post-Mathew

Impacts & Recovery

Understanding and Assessing Storm

Impacts

Hurricane Mathew: A Forensic Study

The conference is open to all

interested coastal advocates, who can

register and pay for the conference

online at www.asbpa.org. Single-day

registrations are available, and a

complete conference program and list

of sponsors is available at the ASBPA

website.

Founded in 1926, the ASBPA is a

501(c)3 nonprofit that advocates for

healthy coastlines by promoting the

integration of science, policies and

actions that maintain, protect and

enhance the coasts of America. For

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	FRIDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 84 Low: 77		SATURDAY Sunny High: 87 Low: 79		SUNDAY Sunny High: 85 Low: 78		MONDAY Sunny High: 80 Low: 73		TUESDAY Sunny High: 81 Low: 74		WEDNESDAY Sunny High: 84 Low: 76		THURSDAY Sunny High: 81 Low: 74
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Sat	1:40 am	8:32 am	3:30 pm	7:55 pm	Sat	12:45 am	8:34 am	2:35 pm	7:57 pm	Sat	2:05 am	9:08 am	3:23 pm	9:12 pm	Sat	3:50 am	11:48 am	5:40 pm	11:11 pm
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Thu	4:26 am	12:29 pm	8:43 pm	11:16 pm	Thu	3:31 am	12:31 pm	7:48 pm	11:18 pm	Thu	4:24 am	12:07 pm	6:52 pm	11:05 pm	Thu	6:36 am	1:16 am	10:53 pm	3:45 pm

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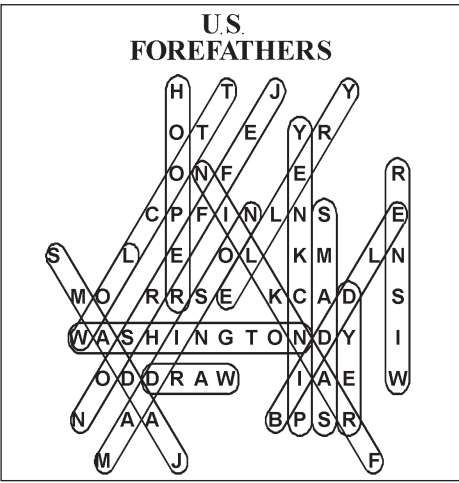
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MAGIC MAZE



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My Stars★★★★

FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 23, 2017

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're eager to Ram headfirst into that new project. But before you do, find out why some of your colleagues might not appear to be as gung-ho about it as you are.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) All that dedicated hard work you've been putting in pays off better than you expected. So go ahead, reward yourself with something befitting a beauty-loving Bovine.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to take on that new challenge. And if your self-confidence is sagging, instead of telling yourself why you can't do it, list all the reasons why you can.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) This is one time when you might want to put some distance between you and the job at hand. It will give you a better perspective on what you've done and still need to do.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Resist that occasional lapse into Leonine laziness that sometimes overtakes the Big Cat. Don't cut corners. Do the job right at this time, or you might have to redo it later.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You know how you like to do things. And that's fine. But watch that you don't impose your methods on others. A current financial crunch soon eases.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Someone might try to take advantage of your generosity. But before your sensitivity toward others overwhelms your good sense, check his or her story out carefully.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your strong Scorpion sense of fairness lets you see all sides of a dispute. Continue to remain impartial as you help each person work through his or her particular grievance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Trust your keen Sagittarian insight to help you see through an offer that might not be all it claims. A closer look could reveal disturbing elements.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With the Goat exhibiting a more dominant aspect these days, you could find it easier to make your case in front of even the most skeptical audience.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Take things nice and easy as you continue to build up your energy reserves

for a big change that's coming with the full Hunter's Moon on Oct. 29.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Recent news from someone you trust could help you make an important decision. Also, be prepared to confront an upcoming change in a personal situation.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can be firm in your own views, but also flexible enough to welcome the views of others.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Oct. 23, 2002, about 50 Chechen rebels storm a Moscow theater, taking some 700 people hostage, and demand that Russian military forces withdraw from predominately Muslim Chechnya. Russian special forces pumped in a narcotic gas, knocking nearly all of the terrorists and hostages unconscious.

- On Oct. 24, 1969, movie star Richard Burton dazzles wife Elizabeth Taylor when he buys her a 69-carat Cartier diamond ring costing \$1.5 million. The famous diamond was the product of a fight in which Burton called Taylor's hands large and ugly.

- On Oct. 25, 1929, Albert B. Fall, secretary of the Interior, is found guilty of accepting a bribe while in office. Fall accepted a \$100,000 interest-free "loan" in exchange for granting a valuable oil lease on federal land.

- On Oct. 26, 1825, the 425-mile Erie Canal opens, connecting the Great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean. Much of the canal was dug by Irish laborers who had to rely on primitive tools. They were paid \$10 a month, and barrels of whiskey were placed along the canal route as encouragement.

- On Oct. 27, 1873, farmer Joseph Glidden submits to the U.S. Patent Office his design of a fencing wire with sharp barbs, an invention that will forever change the face of the American West.

- On Oct. 28, 1918, sailors steadfastly refuse to obey orders from the German Admiralty to go to sea in one final attack on the mighty British navy. In total, 1,000 mutineers were arrested despite repeated orders, leaving the Imperial Fleet immobilized.

- On Oct. 29, 1998, nearly 40 years after he became the first American to orbit the Earth, Sen. John Glenn, Jr., is launched into space again as a payload

specialist aboard the shuttle Discovery. At 77, Glenn is the oldest human ever to travel in space.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was beloved 20th-century American poet, memoirist and civil-rights activist Maya Angelou who made the following sage observation: "Perhaps travel cannot prevent bigotry, but by demonstrating that all peoples cry, laugh, eat, worry, and die, it can introduce the idea that if we try and understand each other, we may even become friends."

- You might be surprised to learn that in terms of holiday retail sales, Halloween is second only to Christmas.

- If you're a fan of beer and/or space, you might be interested in Celeste Jewel Beer. This ale, created by Delaware-based Dogfish Head Brewery, has a unique ingredient: moon dust. Yep -- lunar meteorites were crushed into dust, then steeped in Dogfish Head's Oktoberfest offering. The resulting libation, it's said, possesses a subtle but complex earthiness, with notes of doughy malt, toasted bread, subtle caramel and a light herbal bitterness.

- Those who study such things say that there is enough phosphorus in your body to make about 250 matches.

- Bayreuth Festspielhaus is an opera house north of Bayreuth, Germany. The venue is dedicated to the performance of works by Richard Wagner, and the 19th-century German composer himself chose and adapted the design. A key component is the seating: Not only are the seats arranged to give all attendees an equal and uninterrupted view of the stage, but they're also rather uncomfortable. It's been reported that Wagner intentionally chose exceptionally hard wooden seats to prevent the audience from treating his operas as fun.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"One of the primary tests of the mood of a society at any given time is whether its comfortable people tend to identify, psychologically, with the power and achievements of the very successful or with the needs and sufferings of the underprivileged." -- Richard Hofstadter

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Today's Word
MONDAY

TRIVIA TEST

- MYTHOLOGY: The Roman god Cupid was known by what name in Greek mythology?
- GEOGRAPHY: Mount Fuji is found on which island in Japan?
- BIBLE: The proverb "the writing is on the wall" can be found in what book of the Bible?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Fifteen"?
- ASTRONOMY: What is a parsec?
- BIRTHSTONES: What is the official birthstone for those born in June?
- U.S. EXPLORERS: What U.S. flying pioneer was nicknamed "The Lone Eagle"?
- MONEY: Prior to the euro, what was the common currency of Greece?
- FOOD & DRINK: What kind of tree produces bay leaves, which are used in cooking?
- MUSIC: How many strings do most violins have?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

- Eros 2. Honshu 3. Book of Daniel, Chapter 5 4. Beverly Cleary 5. A parsec is a unit of length, approximately equal to 3.26 light years 6. Pearl 7. Charles Lindbergh 8. Drachma 9. The bay laurel tree 10. Four

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My adoption fee is \$30.
Our cats are getting in on the #FindYourFido action as well! Hi, I'm Garfield. I'm a 2-year-old male domestic shorthair who is your classic cartoon cat. I'm a big softy that likes to hang around in your lap all day. In addition to the \$30 special, our cats are adopt one get one free.

My adoption fee is \$30.
For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at www.LeeLostPets.com. When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these



McClaine ID# 713007 photos provided
or any other pets are still available.
The shelter is open for adoptions from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.
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Garfield ID# 632360
vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Science Diet pet food.
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Pixie And Frosty

Hi, I'm Pixie. My owners lost their home due to a foreclosure, so I need to find a new place to live. I am a very sweet, declawed 11-year-old girl. I just love to sit on laps, so I would be perfect for an older person that wants a calm kitty. I'm spayed and up to date on all vaccinations. I'm currently staying with a foster family, but a meet-and-greet can easily be arranged. My adoption fee is \$55.

Hi there. I'm Frosty. I am a handsome, all white declawed male kitty with beautiful long hair. I'm 7-years old, which is still pretty young. I am very friendly and loving with people, but I prefer to be the only pet in the house.

I'm neutered and up to date on all vaccines. I'm living with a foster mom and dreaming of my new forever home. My adoption fee is \$75.

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Pixie photos provided



Frosty

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Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
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Glen Lakes	Estero	2007	4,174	\$1,500,000	\$1,323,750	122
Buttonwood Harbor	North Fort Myers	1996	3,205	\$1,195,000	\$1,030,000	142
Metes and Bounds	Sanibel	1979	3,000	\$1,195,000	\$1,050,000	448
Summerfield	Estero	1999	3,067	\$1,050,000	\$985,000	180
Devonwood	Fort Myers	2002	3,799	\$949,000	\$840,000	62
Wildcat Run	Estero	2007	3,945	\$899,000	\$850,000	91
Paseo	Fort Myers	2012	2,327	\$575,000	\$550,000	139
Aster Place	Fort Myers	2008	3,018	\$574,900	\$560,000	206
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