



Participants stroll by at a previous Fort Myers Boat Show

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Downtown Boat Show Begins Next Thursday

The 45th annual Fort Myers Boat Show will take place Thursday, through Sunday, November 16 to 19 in downtown Fort Myers. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission is \$12 per person, and children age 15 and younger are free with a paid adult admission. New this year, attendees can skip the lines and pre-purchase their tickets online at <https://tickets.completeticketsolutions.com/FMBS/Online/default.asp>.

Due to Mainsail Lodging & Development's renovation of the Harborside Event Center and construction of an adjacent hotel, the show entrance has shifted to the west end of

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Sand Sculpting Championship Returns To Beach

The 31st annual American Sand Sculpting Championship will be held at Wyndham Garden Hotel Friday, November 17 through Sunday, November 26. The tent will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$7 per person; children age 4 and younger are admitted free.

Master sand sculptors will return to Fort Myers Beach to form the largest sand sculpting event in the United States. The local event has been called a "Must See" and one of the "10 Best Sand Sculpting Competitions in the World" by *USA Today* and *CNN Travel*. The championships are presented by Seminole Casino Hotel.

"This year we celebrate our thirty-first year hosting the largest sand sculpting event in the world," said Fort Myers Beach Chamber President Jacki Liszak. "It's an incredible opportunity to see some of the most talented sculptors on the planet craft one of the most beautiful beaches in the country into amazing works of art."

Solo sculptors will compete in the Singles Division during the first week, and sculptors will team up to compete

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Master sculptor Brian Turnbough's *Finding Peace* captured the Singles Division title at the 2016 championships. He will be among the 14 professionals competing this year.

photo by Bob Petcher

Another Wilson Play At Theatre Conspiracy

by Di Saggau

Playwright August Wilson's Pittsburgh Cycle, also called his Century Cycle, consists of 10 plays, nine of which are set in Pittsburgh's Hill District, the other in Chicago. Theatre Conspiracy showed *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* last year to huge acclaim, and now they are continuing the cycle with *Seven Guitars*. Artistic Director Bill Taylor plans to stage the remaining Wilson plays over the next eight years. This is fabulous news because these plays are each set in a different decade and aim to offer white Americans a different way to look at black Americans. That was Wilson's goal.

Seven Guitars involves a cast of seven people, and these actors are outstanding. The play opens with five friends, Canewell (Derek Lively), Vera (Shaunte Manuel), Red Carter (Curtis Sheard), Hedley (Cicero McCarter III) and Louise (Tijuana Clemons),



Cast members Cantrell Canada and Roosevelt Stewart

photo by Bill Taylor

gathered in the backyard of a home after returning from the funeral of their friend Floyd "Schoolboy" Barton (Roosevelt Stewart), who was mysteriously murdered at age 35. The set is impressive. Later in the show we also meet Louise's niece, Ruby (Cantrell Canada).

It's 1948 and Floyd's death comes

at the same time that his first blues record is becoming a hit. Louise, Floyd's landlady, sings a sexually themed song which throws a bit of cheerfulness to the sad occasion. Then, through a series of flashbacks, we learn about all their lives. Floyd tries to right a year of trials and tribulations with disastrous consequences. The play's recurring

theme is the African-American male's fight for his own humanity, self-understanding and self-acceptance.

This is a rich music-drenched drama revolving around seven different characters. "Everybody got a time coming," one of them says. At one point, Floyd sings the *Our Father* acapella, to the joy of the crowd. It is a highlight of the show. All the actors do a superb job portraying their characters. Their bickering, joking, gossiping and scheming paint a social portrait of what life was like for them during this era. Every member of the ensemble has soaring moments, but it's Floyd's charisma and his anger that remain with us. At the play's end, we learn who killed Floyd and are left with questions as to what might happen from that point on. This is a very serious play but there is also a great deal of humor.

I look forward to seeing another August Wilson play next year. For now, I highly recommend you see *Seven Guitars*, beautifully directed by Sonya McCarter, and playing through Saturday, November 18 at Theatre Conspiracy, located at Alliance For the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For tickets, visit www.theatreconspiracy.org or call 936-3239.*

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Armistice Day Brings Big Peace And Little Changes



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

On November 11, 1918, Fort Myers joined the worldwide celebration as the “War to End All Wars” came to an end. Early in the morning, the streets of downtown erupted into a spontaneous street party.

The front page of the *Fort Myers Press*’s free “victory special” edition said it all, and said it in huge bold letters: “WAR ENDED AT 6.”

The Allied powers had signed a cease-fire agreement with Germany at Rethondes, France, at 5 a.m., which would go into effect six hours later.

Thus, World War I (WWI) ended, as the famous phrase goes, at “the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.”

But as with all momentous events, there were no doubt conflicting emotions.

How could grief and loss not be mixed with joy after a four-year war in which more than 9 million people died worldwide?

In the less than two years that the U.S. was involved in the fighting, there were more than 320,000 American dead, wounded, taken prisoner, or missing. (The war began in Europe in August 1914, but the U.S. did not declare war on Germany and its allies until April 1917.)

An end to the misery alone was a reason for wild celebration to break out, for schools to close, for parades to be planned, and steamboat whistles to sound and church bells to ring – and that’s only a taste of what the day held.

The *Press* described the local revelry as “the wildest and most enthusiastic kind that



Following the outbreak of peace on Armistice Day, November 11, 1918, downtown was a virtual street party. Pictured at Hunter’s Drug Store on the northeast corner of First and Hendry Street are, left to right, Ethel Lorraine Sherouse (Morrow), Mr. Black, Sara Yelvington, Annabelle Hand and Charles Bell Jennings, who displays the large headline, “WAR ENDED AT 6.”
photos courtesy SWFL Florida Historical Society



In 1915, agriculture students at Gwynne High School at Second Street and Royal Palm Avenue tend their garden

could be imagined.”

But as with any war or cataclysm, once the jubilation diminishes, what everyone wants most is to get back to normal life. That armistice brought less dramatic but welcome changes to daily life on the home front. For one thing, volunteer work.

Wartime raised expectations for volunteering to new levels – not to mention sometimes taking the volunteering out of volunteering.

Imagine seeing an announcement in today’s media that the Fort Myers Unit of the Council of National Defense expects all Fort Myers women age 16 and older to register this very week for voluntary service. In a small town, who could escape scrutiny?

All those hardworking Boy Scouts could now stop setting up booths and camping

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Boy Scout Troop number one of the Royal Palm Council set up camp in front of the Earnhardt Building on First Street to sell Liberty bonds in 1918

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Symphonic Choral of Southwest Florida

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Season Opener For Symphonic Chorale

The Symphonic Choral of Southwest Florida will hold its first concert of the 2017-18 season, *Harvest Grain: A Banquet of Song*, perfectly timed for the fall and harvest season.

The concert will be presented twice, first on Friday, November 17 at 7 p.m. at Sanibel Community Church, located

at 1740 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. The second concert will be presented on Sunday, November 19 at 4 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church, located at 4544 Coronado Parkway in Cape Coral.

Each self-produced concert in the 2017-18 season will be presented at no charge to the audience so that anyone in Southwest Florida can experience inspiring choral music at its finest. A freewill donation will be collected during the concert.

Artistic Director and Conductor Dr. Trent Brown will lead the 70-voice chorale in a selection of classical and

contemporary works related to the harvest, food, drink and Thanksgiving, but also examines not only the many life cycles that make up our world but also includes songs that relate to the cycle of human life: birth to death.

Brown said, "*If Music be the Food of Love*, created by Minnesota composer David C. Dickau, is the centerpiece of the concert. It refers both to the food and drink themes that come up in numerous pieces, but also speaks

to the joy of singing."

The concert will present an interesting mix of classical works such as the Second Movement from Brahms' *Requiem* and Donizetti's Chorus of Wedding Guests from *Lucia di Lammermoor* to contemporary choices such as Gwyneth Walker's *Crossing the Bar*, and Eric Barnum's *There was a Time*.

For more information, visit www.symphonicchorale.org.

Comic-Con November 18

The Southwest Florida Comic Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Fort Myers Airport at Town Center on Saturday, November 18 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The event will feature more than 100 exhibitors that cater to a wide-spectrum of interests including comic books, magazines, toys, games, movies, television, anime, manga, cosplay,

artwork, sketches and apparel plus much more. In addition, a roster of comic industry professionals and fandom-related celebrities will be in attendance for attendees to meet and greet.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$50 for VIP and \$100 for platinum level.

Holiday Inn Fort Myers Airport at Town Center is located at 931 Interstate Commerce Drive in Fort Myers. Visit www.swfloridacomicon.com to purchase tickets and for more information.

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Visitors browse vendor booths during the Garden Festival at Edison & Ford Winter Estates photo provided

Estates To Host Garden Festival

Edison & Ford Winter Estates will hold its Edison Garden Festival on Saturday, November 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, November 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dozens of vendors from all over the state of Florida will have exotic and tropical plants and trees, along with garden art and supplies for sale. Vendors and Edison Ford horticulturists will be on site to assist with plant selection and to answer gardening questions.

The Edison Ford Garden Shoppe will be open and stocked with unusual,

native and heritage plants that have been proven to thrive in Southwest Florida. Ceramic flower pots, garden art and gardening gift items will also be available.

Plant vendors will have palms, vegetables, bromeliads, hibiscus, butterfly plants, African violets, orchids, air plants, herbs, succulents, cactus and many hard-to-find species, as well as garden supplies and gift items, including mulch, trellises, pottery, cut flowers, hats and jewelry available for sale.

The festival will also feature live music and refreshments.

Parking and admission to the Garden Festival is free. Tours of the homes, museum and lab are not included. For more information, call 334-7419 or visit www.edisonfordwinterestates.org.

Concert At St. Columbkille

Broadway and national touring and recording artist Mark Sanders will perform a new mix of Broadway and mix standards at St. Columbkille Catholic Church-Iona Hall, located at 12171 Iona Road in Fort Myers on Monday, November 13 starting at 7 p.m.

Sanders will delight and inspire you with his powerful tenor voice singing songs from *Fiddler On The Roof*, *My Fair Lady*, *Les Miserables*, *West Side Story*, *Phantom of the Opera* and much more.

Special guests at the concert include Eric Alsford (piano), David Dusylovitch (violin), TJ Glowacki (bass), Scott Crawford (drums), Dave Harler (trumpet) and Nashville guitarist Darin Favorite.

Admission is a donation of \$20, which will benefit the musical ministry of St. Columbkille. Tickets can be purchased from the church office or at the door. Advance tickets will help in acquiring open



Mark Sanders photo provided table seating.

For more information, call 489-3973.✴

Dock Jumping To Support Shelter Dogs

The Hogs and Air Dogs national dock jumping competition will take place at Six Bends Harley Davidson Dealership Friday through Sunday, November 17 to 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The event will benefit the Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS).

Dogs of all ages will be jumping for the ultimate bragging rights, all in an effort to help those in need at GCHS. Special games called "Fetch It," "Catch It" and "Chase It" will also be held throughout the three days of competition.

There will be an above ground pool set up with a trailer also known as the dock brought in for this special event.

Lee County Sheriff Office will have a SWAT display, motor unit display, seat belt convincer, Sheriff's Canine Unit and special appearances from McGruff and Sparky the Fire Dog.

Ultimate Air Dogs, a national dock jumping company, is putting on the benefit. It is free to attend. Dogs are welcome as long as they are on a leash.

Six Bends Harley Davidson is located at 9501 Thunder Road in Fort Myers. For more information, contact Jen Gaytan at 707-8476 or SWFLDogDiving@gmail.com.

Visit www.HogsandAirDogs.com to learn more.✴

Live Music At The Heights Center November 15

The Heights Foundation will kick off their first Heights Party Band concert on Wednesday, November 15 from 7 to 10 p.m. at The Heights Center, located at 15570 Hagie Drive in Fort Myers. The evening will include rock and roll, blues and country-rock from classics like Eric Clapton, Steve Miller, Bob Dylan, Badfinger, Marshall Tucker and more. The party band consists of a group of rotating high-quality local musicians who will call The Center home for several concerts each year. Admission is \$10 per person and includes complimentary appetizers and a cash bar.

The concert will feature well-known local musicians including Grammy Award-winning songwriter (*Butterfly Kisses*, *Why'd You Come in Here Lookin' Like That?*) Randy Thomas and his wife Lori, Rob Robinson, Kevin Kenworthy and Doug Jefferson.

"The Heights Center is a great venue for us. We will bring together high-quality musicians for fun, casual evenings," said Randy Thomas. "We'll be playing our versions of some of our favorite classic rock, blues and country-rock songs."

To purchase tickets, visit www.heightsfoundation.org/heightspartyband. Tickets will also be available at the door. For more information, call 482-7706.✴

Midpoint Bridge Evening Closure On Veterans Day

Midpoint Memorial Bridge will be closed for the Midpoint Madness Veterans Day 5K from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, November 11.

Motorists are encouraged to use the Cape Coral Bridge or the U.S. 41 and Business 41 bridges as alternate routes. Lee County Department of Transportation will put message boards out to alert and remind motorists.

For more information about the annual nighttime Veterans Day event, contact the Fort Myers YMCA at www.swflymca.org or the Fort Myers Track Club at www.ftmyerstrackclub.com. Pre- and post-race events will be held at Royal Palm Square at the base of the Midpoint Bridge on the Fort Myers side.

For more information about the Lee County Department of Transportation, visit www.leegov.com/dot or email traffic concerns to LeeTrafficTOC@leegov.com.✴

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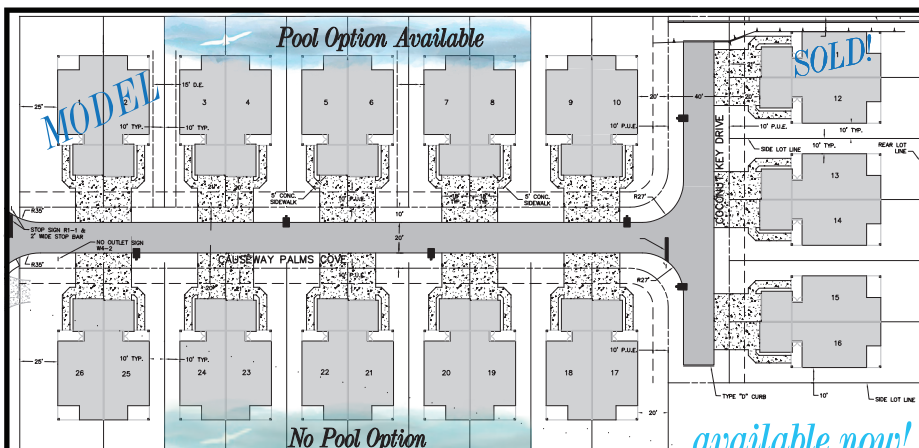
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Fort Myers Art:

How Fort Myers Became The City Of Palms



by Tom Hall

Group art show City of Palms opened on November 3 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. Two years in the making, it features images shot by Dennis Church,

Lawrence Massing, Roy Rodriguez and Sandra Yeyati that interpret the nickname given to the City of Fort Myers nearly 100 years ago by nurseryman James E. Hendry.

In case you don't know the story, the town's infatuation with palm trees dates back to 1897. That's when a big-time merchant from New York City decided to build a tourist hotel on the river on the eastern edge of the business district. He called his establishment the Fort Myers Hotel. But on the advice of his gardener, O'Neill planted dozens of royal palms on the grounds. They grew so rapidly, that the grandiose palms quickly became the talk of the town.

A consummate marketer, O'Neill quickly changed the name of his hotel to the Royal Palm and advertised both



An artistic view of McGregor Boulevard

his hotel and the trees in newspapers throughout the northeast. Tourists flocked to the little cow town on the Caloosahatchee, where you could catch tarpon from the docks.

Thomas Edison wasn't a tourist. He'd bought land and built a winter residence and botanical lab and gardens as far back as 1886. That was the year he married Mina Miller, and a couple of years later, they started a family of their own. At that time, the only way to get to Fort Myers from Edison's home in

South Orange, New Jersey was to take a train south to Cedar Key, board a schooner to Punta Rassa and then wait for a steamboat to take you upriver. It was a taxing trip for adults. It was out of the question for a couple with three minor children. And while there may have been other factors to explain their 14-year absence from Fort Myers, that's the principal reason that Thomas and Mina Edison didn't visit Fort Myers or their beautiful winter home between 1887 and 1901.

When he returned in 1901, the royal palms at Hugh O'Neill's hotel were firmly established and the electrical wizard became an ardent admirer. So much so that he offered to plant the palms along Riverside Drive (which is what McGregor was named prior to

image courtesy www.artswfl.com

1915) from Monroe to Manuel's Branch if the city would agree to maintain them.

It turned out that it wasn't as easy as Edison imagined. He'd contracted with two of the leading businessmen in town, William H. Towles and W.T. Hull. The first 1,100 royal palms that they purchased in an effort to fulfill their contract with Edison died when their importation from Cuba was blocked by a quarantine following an outbreak of yellow fever on the island. They then found 700 royal palms in the Big Cypress, but they died too. Towles and Hull were finally able to import 1,300 trees from Cuba.

Towles and Hull were men of their word. They absorbed the cost of the first two shipments, losing nearly \$2,500 in the process of fulfilling their contractual obligations to Edison. The city was not as honorable. It failed to take care of the transplants and many of the trees died. But Edison was undeterred. In 1913, he purchased 250 more royal palms to replace the trees that had died, and donated 178 more the following August.

That's when James E. Hendry, Jr. got involved. Joined by Edward L. Evans and William Jeffcoat, the trio became Fort Myers' very first park commission. Their initial efforts to spray, fertilize and tend to both the older and new trees paid off. The royal palms began to thrive even though the maintenance was forgotten for a while during the town and country's preoccupation with events in Europe during World War I.

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

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Estates To Host Big Band Performance

Edison & Ford Winter Estates will host its monthly Rhythm on the River music celebration with the Memory Makers Big Band tribute ensemble on Friday, November 17 at 5:30 p.m. The band will play popular hits from the 1930s and 1940s in the river pavilion.

A limited number of chairs will be provided; however, guests may bring a folding chair. Guests are also encouraged to bring a jacket or blanket as the event will be outdoors.

Event tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. A cash bar will be available.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.EdisonFordWinterEstates.org or call 334-7419.✧

Memory Makers Big Band tribute ensemble performs at Edison & Ford Winter Estates photo provided

Taste Of The Islands This Sunday

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) will hold its 36th Taste of the Islands on Sunday, November 12 from noon to 5 p.m. at Sanibel Community Park, next to The Community House at 2173 Periwinkle Way.

The guest judging panel, consisting of Morganna Anholt, Harold Balink, Rob Green, Bill Jarvis and John Leithe, will vote for their favorite dishes which are entered into five categories: Best Appetizer, Best Seafood, Best Meat, Best Vegetarian and Best Dessert. The panel will also award the Taste of the Taste award to the best restaurant in the competition.

Fourteen restaurants from Sanibel and Captiva will be participating in the annual event and will be offering signature items for guests to sample at a cost of six CROW Bucks or less. Participating

restaurants are Blue Giraffe, The Bubble Room, The Clam Shack, Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille, Il Cielo, Labella Vita Ristorante, Matzaluna, Rosie's Cafe & Grill, Sanibel Deli & Coffee Factory, Sanibel Fish House, Sanibel Sweet Shoppe, Shima Japanese Restaurant & Sushi Bar, Thistle Lodge Beachfront Restaurant and The Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market.

The LCEC Killa-Watts will provide live music throughout the day. Guests are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs but no coolers or pets will be allowed.

Attendees are invited to go inside The Community House to meet some of CROW's animal ambassadors, attend one of CROW's programs at 12:30, 2 or 3:15 p.m. and bid on items in the silent auction.

Admission to Taste of the Islands, which can be purchased online or at the event, is \$7 for adults and free for children less than 12 years of age. Attendees of the Taste can cast ballots to decide the winner of the coveted People's Choice



Guests listen to live music and sample island fare at a previous event photo provided

award, a fan favorite. Winners will be announced at 4:30 p.m.

Bank of the Islands/Edison National Bank is the Presenting Sponsor. This is the eighth year in a row that the bank has

led the sponsorship for CROW's signature fundraiser.

For more information, visit www.CROWClinic.org/articles/36th-taste-of-the-islands.✱

Symphony Concerts

Southwest Florida Symphony will hold the first of two small stage concerts at Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on Tuesday, November 14 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. From Baroque to Jazz features The Yaron Gottfried Jazz Trio performing pieces based on the music of Mussorgsky.

From Baroque to Jazz brings a new revolutionary and contemporary interpretation presented as a complete suite of 12 movements arranged, composed and orchestrated for jazz trio (piano, bass and drums) and an orchestra of wind instruments, vibraphone, organ and strings.

Cost is \$30. Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First St. in the historic downtown Fort Myers River District. Visit www.sbdac.com for tickets and more information.✱

Alliance Holiday Sale And Show

The Alliance for the Arts will host its Arts & End Holiday Sale and Craft Show in the gallery and gift shop on Saturday, November 11 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Local artists will present and sell hand-crafted items in a wide variety of mediums and styles. Attendees will see a wide range of artistic creations, including candles, sculpture, ornaments, picture frames, paintings, prints, jewelry and more. In addition, the artists attend in order to personally display their work, giving attendees the opportunity to meet them and discuss their creations in person.

The art sale will also feature activities throughout the day, including a community collaboration project, a free holiday card-making workshop, artist's demos and live music.

The sale takes place during the Off the Wall Exhibit: 200 Pieces Under \$200. This non-traditional art show

features works of all mediums priced at \$200 or less. All sales are "cash and carry," meaning purchasers will get to take the piece with them when they buy it, instead of waiting until the end of the exhibit. The exhibit runs through December 2.

"We hope that this event and exhibit encourages others to consider buying local art when shopping for gifts," said Krista Johnson, exhibitions coordinator at the Alliance for the Arts. "Purchasing local art personalizes your shopping experience and helps stimulate the southwest Florida creative economy."

Alliance of the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard. For more information, call 939-2787 or visit www.ArtInLee.org.✱

Art And Poetry Networking Event

Gulf Coast Leisure's Art and Poetry Networking Event (APNE) will provide its monthly meet-up for artists, musicians and creatives of all types at The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on Thursday, November 16 at 8 p.m.

General Admission is \$10.

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

Bluegrass In The Theatre

Bluegrass in the Theatre continues at Alliance for the Arts on Sunday, November 19 from 2 to 5 p.m. The lineup features Kindred Spirits, The Other Guys and Sawgrass Drifters.

Doors open at 1 p.m. Seating is limited and is first come, first serve.

Tickets are \$10. Children younger than age 12 are free if accompanied by an adult. Order online at www.ArtInLee.org or at the door. Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.✱

FSW International Education Week

Florida SouthWestern State College will hold International Education Week at the FSW Thomas Edison Campus with a variety of events and guest speakers from November 13-17. All events are hosted by the FSW Center for International Education (CIE) and are free and open to the public.

"International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of

international education and exchange worldwide," according to the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. "This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education promotes programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences."

FSW Thomas Edison Campus is located at 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers. For more information or a schedule of the week's events, contact Whitney Rhyne, director of strategic initiatives, at 433-6943 or Whitney.Rhyne@fsw.edu.✱

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Along The River

The **Fair at Fenway South** returns to **JetBlue Park** this Friday, November 10 through Sunday, November 12 and from Thursday, November 16 through Sunday, November 19. The fair will run from 5 to 11:30 p.m. on Fridays and from 1 to 11:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

The fair will feature rides, a Grizzly Bear Experience, an all-new Pirates of the Caribbean, award-winning Illusionist Lance Gifford, a Las Vegas hypnotist show, a large petting zoo and a Cowtown USA educational exhibit. Live entertainment and shows are free with fair admission.

Admission to the fair is as low as \$4 per person with a two-for-one admission discount available at www.fairatfenway.com. Pay-One-Price unlimited rides wristbands are also available at a discount through the website before the start of the fair for \$20 each. Individual ride tickets may be purchased at the event.

JetBlue Park is located at 11500 Fenway South Drive in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.fairatfenway.com.

Bell Tower Shops and the Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS) will partner to host a football-themed **Furry Fans Yappy Hour** block party at Center Court this Friday, November 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. Bring your four-legged friends out to play at the dog-friendly shopping, dining and entertainment destination.

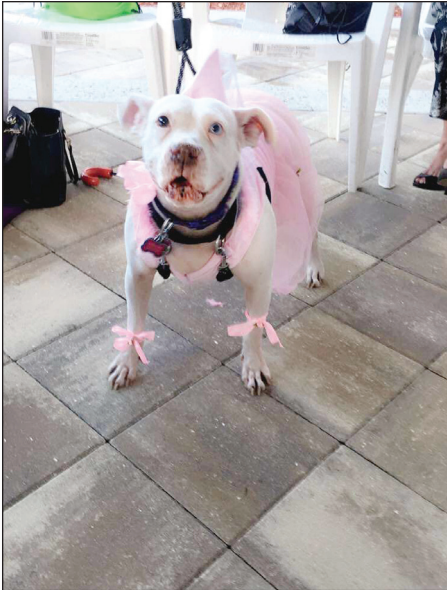
There will be prizes given during a costume contest for owners and pets



Bring your costumed pooch to Yappy Hour at Bell Tower Shops on Friday evening. This month's event calls for costumes in football gear. photos provided

representing their favorite football teams. An on-site \$5 donation to GCHS is requested per dog to enter. There will be live music by Peter Kolter and Constantine Grim of the Electric Mud, a bounce house, a sidewalk chalk station, lawn games and more. Cru's beer and wine proceeds and Omaha Steaks' \$2 hot dogs and \$1 water bottles will be donated to GCHS. Du Soleil Photography will be offering pet portraits, with 25 percent of the proceeds benefiting GCHS.

For more information, visit www.thebelltowershops.com or www.facebook.com/BellTowerShops.



Cultural District this Saturday, November 11 from 6 to 10 p.m. The crawl is a rain or shine event. Vendors will set up at various locations in the Royal Palm Square, offering their handmade and fine-crafts during the event. Musical performances at the Royal Palm Square are also scheduled for the night.

For more information, visit www.socoswfl.com.

The River District Alliance (RDA) will host the **Downtown Fort Myers Bike Night** on Saturday, November 11 from 6 to 10 p.m. It is free to attend.

Thousands of bikes will line the streets of historic downtown, vendors will be throughout and three stages of live music will all be part of the event. Bands will include The Rockers, Bad Latitude and Tolerance Zero.

No registration or fee required for bikes. For vendor and sponsorship information, email riverdistrictplanning@gmail.com or riverdistrictevents@gmail.com. For more information, visit www.fortmyersriverdistrictalliance.com.

Sixteen restaurants have sign up for the 35th annual **Taste of the Town** at the **Alliance for the Arts** on Sunday, November 5. This is the signature fundraiser for the Junior League of Fort Myers.

Restaurants will compete for awards and bragging rights. Each year, restaurants provide "tastes" of their best dishes at low prices to showcase their food to the public.

For more information, call 277-1197 or visit www.jlfm.org. For updates on Taste of the Town, visit www.jlfmtaste.com.

Shell Point Concert From Baroque To Jazz

Shell Point Retirement Community's 2017-2018 Concert Series welcomes Southwest Florida Symphony to the stage for a From Baroque to Jazz concert performance at the Village Church on The Island at Shell Point on Thursday, November 16 beginning at 7:30 p.m. The concert will showcase a trio of compositions performed by Southwest Florida Symphony's world-class musicians, including *Pictures at an Exhibition*, *Capriol Suite* and *Appalachian Spring Suite*. The event is open to the public, with tickets available for purchase online at www.shellpoint.org/concerts or by phone at 454-2067.

Fused with jazz influences in a distinctive arrangement, the Southwest Florida Symphony performance of *Pictures at an Exhibition* is fresh, innovative and unique. Yaron Gottfried's remake brings a new, revolutionary and contemporary interpretation based on the timeless masterpiece by Modest Mussorgsky.

Also on the program is Peter Warlock's *Capriol Suite* for strings, based on tunes from Arbeau's Orchesographie, a study of late 16th



Conductor Nir Kabaretti photo provided century French social dance. The unique baroque rhythms, clear melodies and the short, repeated musical forms are well-suited for jazz development and improvisation.

Southwest Florida Symphony's rendition of Aaron Copland's *Appalachian Spring Suite* will conclude the performance, featuring familiar folk melodies crafted with Copland's traditional Americana influence that are designed to inspire and satisfy.



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Chamber Music Masters Return To Art Center

The Díaz Trio returns to downtown Fort Myers for the first concert of the Chamber Music Series at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on Friday, November 17. Cocktail hour begins at 7 p.m., while the performance starts at 8 p.m.

Tickets for general admission are \$35 in advance and \$40 the day of the show. Chamber Music Series tickets are \$105. Visit www.sbdac.com for tickets.

One of the few professional string trios in existence today, the Díaz Trio has become one of the finest chamber ensembles in the United States. Composed of three internationally acclaimed artists – Andrés Cárdenes, Roberto Díaz and Andrés Díaz – the trio performs regularly in recital and at festivals around the world. In

1993, at the invitation of Isaac Stern, the trio performed at Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall to celebrate the next 100 years of music-making at Carnegie Hall.

Other appearances include performances in Miami, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Seattle, Pittsburgh, Boston, El Paso, Austin and Lincoln Center in New York, as well as the Mostly Mozart Festival at Kennedy Center, Newport Festival, St. Augustine Festival, Cape and Islands Chamber Music Festival, Festival de San Miguel de Allende in Mexico, St. Cyprien International Festival of the Arts on France, the Kuhmo Festival in Finland and an extensive tour of Chile. Their debut tours of Canada, in collaboration with Canadian pianist Angela Cheng and guitarist Norbert Kraft, were a resounding success. For several years, the Díaz Trio was the trio in residence at the Brevard Music Center.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.naxos.com/person/Diaz_Trio/32571.htm. ✨



The Díaz Trio

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Free Trolley Service Resumes

LeeTran's seasonal downtown trolleys are back in action after resuming November 9.

Both the Blue and Gold Line trolleys provide free access to and from historic downtown Fort Myers to allow hassle-free shopping, dining and entertainment without having to drive and park.

The Blue Line runs from the Oasis

condominiums to West First Street and McGregor Boulevard, then to Rosa Parks Transportation Center, Fowler and Second streets and then returns to the Oasis Condominiums.

The Gold Line runs from Rosa Parks Transportation Center, over the Caloosahatchee Bridge to North Fort Myers, and then loops back via North Key Drive to Beau Drive and Hancock Bridge Parkway, then back across the bridge, down First Street and returns to Rosa Parks.

The downtown trolleys run until

April 18, 2018.

Along with seasonal changes, three permanent route changes will go into effect:

Route 130 will now have Sunday service; the route runs between Summerlin Square and Edison Mall.

Route 50 service on Sunday will no longer travel on Gladiolus Drive and San Carlos Boulevard. It will follow its normal Monday through Saturday path and will provide service to HealthPark Medical Center. Route 50's time schedule from Monday to Sunday has

been revised and will now be an annual schedule.

The Route 60 stop at Miromar Outlets will move to a new location near the Gap Factory Store on the north side of the mall.

Schedules can be found at www.RideLeeTran.com. For questions, call LeeTran Customer Service at 533-8726 and press option 1, or email rideleetrans@leegov.com. To learn more about LeeTran, visit www.RideLeeTran.com. ✨

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PAULA MARIE ALBERT

Paula Marie Albert, 75, of Fryeburg, Maine passed away on October 26, 2017 in her home surrounded by family. She was born on March 4, 1942 in Providence, Rhode Island to George A. and Mary (Conway) Schupp. She moved to Fryeburg in 1976 and was the co-owner of Albert Farms and Maine Turf Company.

Paula was a member of the Fryeburg Historical Society, Fryeburg Library Club, National Audubon Society, Portland Camera Club, North Country Camera Club, and extremely proud to be the

second woman in the nation to serve as a member of the board of directors of the Farm Credit System of the United States.

In 1992, Paula earned a bachelor's degree in business management at the University of New Hampshire; in 2001, a master of liberal arts degree from Harvard University. She was an award-winning photographer, accomplished watercolor painter and recently learned the craft of creating eclectic jewelry.

Paula loved to sail the Maine coast on her Tartan 40, the *Paula-Monique*. She was an avid birder, with an encyclopedic knowledge of bird species in Maine and near her winter home in Fort Myers, Florida. For over a decade, she shared that knowledge at the "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge in Sanibel, Florida and helped to rescue, rehabilitate and release countless birds with CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife). In Maine, she volunteered with the Maine Fish and Wildlife Heron Project, recording the health of great blue heron nest colonies.

Paula is survived by her husband of 47 years, Douglas; children Robert and his wife Kimberly of Scarborough, Maine; Thomas and his wife Karen of Conway, New Hampshire; Douglas, Jr. and his wife Kayla of Mt. Hood, Oregon; and Monique and her partner Alan of Austin, Texas, as well as her grandchildren Jesse, Mabel, Maggie, Olivia, Esmée and Normand.

As per Paula's wishes, the family will hold a private gathering at the farm to celebrate her life.

In lieu of flowers, send donations to Visiting Nurse Home Care & Hospice, P.O. Box 432, North Conway, NH 03860.✽

Catholic Women Sunset Cruise

On Friday, November 10, Sanibel Catholic Women will hold a Sunset Cruise, a fundraiser for hurricane relief for Guadalupe Social Services at Im-mokalee.

"We hope this event will be the first of many that will enable our Catholic community to reconnect over the coming season," the group announced.

Boarding begins at 4 p.m. with cruising from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cruise goes up the bay to South Seas Island Resort in Captiva and back. The cost is \$25 per person. RSVP to info@sanibelcatholicwomen.org if you plan to attend.

Passengers, who are invited to wear red, white and blue in honor of Veterans Day, can pay in cash before boarding the cruise. Bring a pot luck to share and bring your own beverages.✽

Holiday Bazaar At Cape Church

There will be an annual Holiday Bazaar at the First Congregational Church on Saturday, November 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is held inside and outside.

More than 70 vendors will be selling arts, crafts, collectibles, produce, plants, local honey, homemade candy and bake goods. There will be a raffle, and lunch will be offered.

First Congregational Church is located

at 312 Santa Barbara Boulevard in Cape Coral. For more information or to be a vendor, call 218-1447.✽

Homeless Challenge To Raise Awareness

The 2017 Homeless Challenge will take place at Citygate Ministries Church on Saturday, November 18 from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. During this event, participants will become familiar with the social services network and methods of everyday survival for those who live on the streets. This challenge will provide participants with an experience that has the power to effect change.

The Homeless Challenge is held during Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month. Lee County Homeless Coalition is encouraging residents to donate nonperishable food or clothing to nonprofit member agencies serving homeless families and individuals in Lee County, volunteer to serve meals at Lee County meal sites, offer pro bono professional services to provide aid to the homeless, ask employers or schools to host or sponsor a fundraising event, or donate funds to a nonprofit shelter, food pantry or FPL's Care to Share program.

To learn more about the event or help, contact Janet Bartos, executive director of the Lee County Homeless Coalition, at 322-6600 or visit www.lee-homeless.org.✽

Churches/Temples

ALL FAITHS UNITARIAN CONGREGATION

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

ALL SAINTS BYZANTINE RITE CATHOLIC

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

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX

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

BETH SHILOH MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE

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

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

BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRIES

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

CHABAD LUBAVITCH ORTHODOX

Friday 6:30 p.m. 5620 Winkler Road, chabadswf.org, 433-7708.

CHAPEL OF CYPRESS COVE

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

CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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

CONGREGATIONAL

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

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

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

CYPRESS LAKE BAPTIST

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

CYPRESS LAKE PRESBYTERIAN

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

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

FAITH FELLOWSHIP WORLD OUTREACH

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

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

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

FORT MYERS CHRISTIAN

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

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

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Sunday 7:45 and 10 a.m. 19691 Cypress

View Drive, lambogodchurch.net, 267-3525.

NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER

Friday 6:30 and 7 p.m. 8505 Jenny Cae Lane, nbcministry@embarqmail.com, facebook.com/nbcministry, 556-0416.

NEW COVENANT EYES

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

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

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Friday 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. tjswfl.org, 14486 A&W Bulb Road, 433-0201.

THE NEW CHURCH

Sunday 11 a.m. 10811 Sunset Plaza Circle #401, newchurchflorida.com, 481-5535.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Sunday 10:30 a.m. 13411 Shire Lane, uucfm.org, 561-2700.

UNITY OF FORT MYERS

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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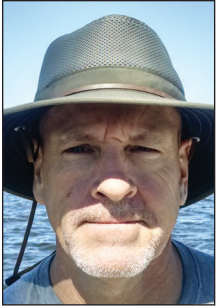
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CROW Case Of The Week:

Black Skimmer



by Bob Petcher

The black skimmer (*Rynchops niger*) is known for its unusual knife-thin bill and its feeding methods. The lower part of the water bird's beak is actually larger than the top portion, a

unique feature that few other American birds possess.

Black skimmers get their name from dragging the lower mandible of their long red and black bills through the water as they glide along the surface in hopes of catching small fish. They will feed on aquatic prey – like herring, pinfish and mullet – up to roughly half a foot in length. They also dine on small crustaceans. Interestingly, black skimmers may travel up to five miles from their breeding colony in search of food.

Black skimmers can be found during daylight hours or even at night. They are mostly active in the dawn and dusk hours, and their use of touch to snag fish allows their feeding process to be successful in low light or darkness.

The appearance of a black backside, black crown, white underparts and short red-colored legs is similar to a puffin, but the dagger-like bill and long, pointed

wings will set the black skimmer apart.

This species is the only American representative of the skimmer family. The other two are the African skimmer and the Indian skimmer.

At CROW, an adult black skimmer was admitted to the clinic after it was found unable to fly at South Seas Island Resort on Captiva. CROW medical officials conducted an initial exam and found bruising on its left distal wing – the part of the wing furthest away from the body or point of limb attachment. The report also involved a slight droop of its left wing, tattered primary feathers and some tattered tertiary feathers, but x-rays did not reveal any fractured bones.

"The left wing was bruised, which could have happened from a collision with something or falling to the ground. The feathers were likely damaged due to the wing drooping because of pain and inflammation, which caused the feathers to drag on the ground," said Dr. Julia Hill, CROW veterinary intern.

The patient was given fluids for mild dehydration along with pain medications. Hill pointed out black skimmers can present a challenge when being treated in captivity due to their "unusual feeding habits."

"Skimmers are difficult to keep in captivity because they typically do not eat on their own and must be force-fed while in our care," she said. "They are small birds with high metabolic needs, so they may need to be fed four to five times a day to maintain weight."

The patient's injuries were expected to mend without much further help.



Patient #17-3685 was released Sunday at Bunche Beach

photo by Brian Bohlman

"Bruising (soft-tissue trauma) will often resolve on its own over time, but providing anti-inflammatories can also help, as well as supporting the wing with a body wrap," said Dr. Hill.

During the past weekend, the black skimmer made significant headway in recovery.

"The patient is doing exceptionally well and actually learned to eat on its own in captivity," added Dr. Hill. "It was moved outside a couple days ago and was observed to be flying well, so will most likely be released in a couple days. Since skimmers live in large colonies, we

are planning on releasing it back to the colony nearest to where it was found."

CROW officials later reported that the patient was indeed released Sunday at Bunche Beach after spending nearly two weeks at the clinic.

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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Fishing Action Rebounds Quickly



by Capt.
Matt Mitchell

Weather played a major role for fishermen early in the week as cold mornings and strong winds pushed any kind of fishing action back deep in the mangrove

creeks. As the week progressed, temperatures rebounded and fishing action quickly got better. A 10-degree-plus swing in water temperature over a week's period is really not that unusual this time of year and, if you learn to understand the movements of the fish, you can still consistently catch them.

After being blown out early last week due to extreme wind and a second major cold front, my expectations were very low once back on the job as we were seeing 62 degree water temperatures. Heading back into sheltered mangrove creeks, I was pleasantly surprised to catch lots of small snook and mangrove snapper. This was at least enough action to keep my anglers busy for a few days until the warm-up. With a gradually warming weather pattern each day, fishing options improved. We slowly began to make the switch and started fishing more out in the open. We followed the fish out into

the sheltered bays and mangrove creek entrances and points as they gradually moved out of the creek systems.

By later in the week, conditions had basically got back to our normal November fishing with redfish being caught on oyster bars during the higher tide periods along with lots of mangrove shoreline snook too. Sheltered bays with grass bottom and sand pot holes came to life with some of the best sea trout action we have seen in months. Anglers fishing deeper mangrove channels while using shrimp caught some of the first keeper-sized sheepshead of fall.

Our water has finally began to clear up outside the passes and in the northern sound for the first time since Irma. Mackerel, ladyfish and bonita schools can all be found within sight of the beaches as this temperature drop really kicked the annual southern bait migration into high gear. Sight-fishing these blitzes out along the beaches is some of the fastest paced action of the year and is very predictable as long as our water temperature stays in the low 70s. Whats not predictable out along the beaches is what other species you may run across. Keeping an open mind and having the gear to back it up can produce tripletail, cobia, kingfish, sharks and tarpon, just to mention a few. Even though the white pelicans of winter have started to arrive, we are still fishing a fall pattern.

*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.**



Mike Kelly from Missouri with a top-of-the-slot redfish caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week
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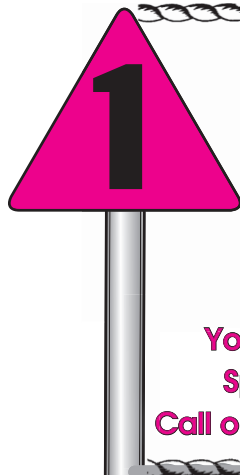
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Plant Smart

Torpedograss

by Gerri Reaves

Torpedograss (*Panicum repens*) is found in a wide variety of habitats throughout the state, in marshes, pastures, disturbed sites, canals, ditches, lakes, alongside roads, and even in neglected yards.

It's spread so extensively that it is listed as a category-1 invasive species by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council. Species in that category have caused "documented ecological damage."

It outcompetes native vegetation to form extensive colonies, especially in shallow fresh water or near it, and is a serious pest in citrus groves.

It can survive in water up to six feet deep, where it forms thick mats. Because it is drought tolerant too, dry spots pose no problem for it either.

Once it's established, eradicating it is very difficult.

Thought to have been first introduced to the U.S. in Louisiana, it was first collected in Alabama in 1876, where it probably arrived from South America.

It is good for grazing and foraging and useful to both livestock and wildlife, so it's easy to understand why it was originally imported and even cultivated.

It spreads via creeping or floating horizontal rootstalks called rhizomes, which have sharply pointed hard growing tips. Those tips justify the term "torpedo," and inspire a couple of other names too, dogtooth grass and bullet grass.

Other names include coastal Bermuda grass, couch panicum, creeping panic, panic rampant, quack grass and wainaku grass.

It has sturdy upright jointed stems, or culms, that are hairless.

The sheathed leaves have hairs on the upper surfaces and pointed tips.

The stiff leaf blades measure up to 10 inches long and one-sixteenth to one-fourth of an inch wide.

They alternate on the stem, grow in a plane and are flat, folded, or rolled inward.

The inflorescences, which are three to eight inches long, are open-branched, straw-colored, upward-pointing panicles. The fruits are extremely small.

If this grass appears in your yard, it's best to get rid of it. Be sure not to spread or leave behind even a fragment of a rhizome, though, or it will reestablish itself. Even mowing can spread this aggressive plant.

Sources: *Common Grasses of Florida and the Southeast* by Lewis L. Yarlett; *Weeds of South Florida* by George Rogers, PhD; *Weeds of the Southern United States* by James F. Miller et al.; <https://plants.ifas.ufl.edu>; www.floridagrasses.org; and www.nrcs.usda.gov.

Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.✱



The grass has sturdy stems, alternate leaves, and delicate branched inflorescences

photos by Gerri Reaves



Torpedograss, a category-1 invasive species, can grow almost anywhere

Hurricane Debris Removal Resumes

Lee County will begin its second pass of Hurricane Irma debris removal beginning Monday, November 13. Residents are encouraged to use the weekend to put all hurricane-related debris at the curb. The second pass will be the final opportunity for hurricane debris pickup.

The second and final pass will be for both construction and demolition (C&D) and horticulture. Lee County anticipates the second pass to be completed during December 2017.

Residents should continue to keep piles of C&D, such as roofing materials or damaged fencing, separate from

horticulture. This will allow the haulers to remove as much debris as possible and in an efficient manner. Visit www.leegov.com/Irma for specific instructions on how to properly separate debris.

Tree stumps that have been removed from the ground and placed at the curb and are 24 inches in diameter or smaller, will be collected as regular debris. Stumps that are larger than 24 inches in diameter must be documented and, due to the size, may require different equipment for removal. These stumps may be left during the normal collection schedule and will be picked up when the proper equipment is available for removal.

Residents may continue to use the public drop-off sites for storm-related debris. For more information regarding public drop-off sites, visit leegov.com/Irma.

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Foundation Sets \$5 Million Matching Fund

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation's Board of Trustees along with David and Linda Lucas recently announced a major funding milestone for the nonprofit's future \$5 million Collaboratory and Tech Hub. The fund was made possible by the Lucas' gifting of \$2.5 million and



Brian & Becky Lucas, Megan Lucas Spears & Travis Spears and David Lucas (seated)

inspiring 83 other generous supporters to join in raising the additional \$2.5 million match.

"David and Linda are no strangers to great causes, and they have been involved in many transformational contributions to our community, but this is a first-ever milestone endowment for the foundation by living donors," said Larry Hobbs, MD, chair of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation. "Our ability to serve the community has just been greatly enhanced, and we cannot thank David and Linda and our fellow donors enough for seeking ways to make an impact they can be part of now."

The \$5 million fund will be used for the Foundation's work in the new space in the historic Atlantic Coast Railway Depot in downtown Fort Myers.



Sarah Owen, Kappy King, Carolyn Rogers and John King

"This gift is important because it is not for the building but for the work that will happen inside," said Sarah Owen, president and CEO of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation. "Nonprofits will have access to technology, data and expertise that will enhance their important, change-making work. The community will also have space to work, explore challenges and solve problems together and for special events and gatherings."

According to Owen, endowment gifts are designed to last forever and offer the community sustainable dollars now and for generations to come. She said the current renovation of the train depot and the additional expansion is designed to foster collaboration, community convening and philanthropic work involving all sectors of the community.

A public-private partnership of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation and the City of Fort Myers is currently transforming the Atlantic Coast Railway station and construction of a 15,000-square-foot LEED addition to create a campus that includes the foundation's second regional headquarters and state-of-the-art shared space for the community and tenants.

When complete in summer 2018, the collaboratory will feature vibrant spaces for work, gatherings and special events. In addition, plans include state-of-the-art technology that encourages regional collaboration.

The Community Foundation is funding the project with a \$10 million New Market Tax Credit deal, or NMTC, a program that encourages economic development in distressed neighborhoods. Florida Community Loan Fund provided the NMTC allocation and U.S. Bancorp Community Development Corporation is an investor on the project. Whitney Hancock Bank provided additional financing.

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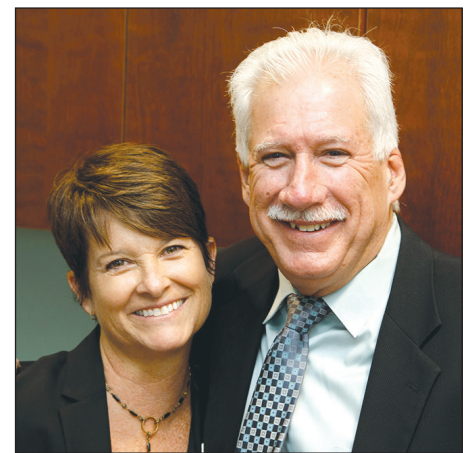
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Pancake Breakfast

Bayside Estates Men's club will host its monthly Pancake Breakfast to the public on Sunday, November 12 from 8 to 11 a.m. The breakfast, which will be held in the Bayside Recreation

Hall, features all-you-can-eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, coffee and orange juice for the cost of \$5. For \$1 more, get a made-to-order omelet.

Bayside Estates is just off San Carlos Boulevard, south of Pine Ridge Road. Signs are at both entrances. The next breakfast will be on December 10.

Partner Named At Fort Myers Firm

Veronica Larriva, a certified public accountant with McHale, PA, has been named a partner in the firm. She began working for Jerry McHale in 2008 and, in 2014, earned her CPA license in the state of Florida. She has a master of science in accounting and taxation with a minor in business management from Florida Gulf Coast University's Lutgert College of Business, where she graduated with honors.

Larriva has 10 years of experience in specialized forensic accounting, litigation support and bankruptcy analysis, focusing on damages analysis, fraud investigation and detection, embezzlement analysis and Ponzi schemes.

In January 2017, she received the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants' (FICPA) Horizon Award, which recognizes the brightest young CPAs in the State of Florida. Larriva speaks fluent English and Spanish and has an advanced level of Portuguese.

An active leader in several local organizations, she is a current officer and past chair (2016-17) of the FICPA Southwest Florida Chapter, a chair of the FICPA Florida Gulf Coast University Accounting and Tax Conference



Veronica Larriva photo provided

(2017-2018), a committee member of the FICPA Valuation Litigation Support Conference, a member of the Red Shoe Society of the Ronald McDonald House Charities and a past committee member of the Young CPAs.

Her professional affiliations also include the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE).

For more information, visit www.mchalepa.com or call 337-0808.✪

Law Firm Attorney Named Fellow

Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A. attorney Scott A. Beatty has been selected as a Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America (CLSA).

The CLSA is an invitation-only international honorary association composed of preeminent lawyers specializing in construction law and related fields. Fellowship is limited and selective, with lawyers being invited into Fellowship upon a proven record of excellence and accomplishment in construction law at both the trial and appellate levels.

Beatty serves on the firm's executive committee and is a shareholder in the firm's Business Litigation division. He focuses his litigation practice in business disputes, construction and lien law litigation, contract disputes, collections and foreclosures. Beatty also has an active real estate litigation practice, handling boundary and border disputes, as well as title insurance claims.

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

Beatty has been honored throughout



Scott Beatty photo provided

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

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

For more information, visit www.henlaw.com.✪

Foreclosure Process Workshop

Lee Clerk of Court's Foreclosure Process Workshop will be held at Fort Myers Regional Library on Wednesday, November 15 at 1:30 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.

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Financial Focus

Multiple Factors When Creating Retirement Plans



by Jennifer Basey

When you create your financial and investment strategies for retirement, what will you need to know? In other words, what factors should you consider, and how will these factors

affect your investment-related decisions, before and during your retirement?

Consider the following:

Age at retirement – Not surprisingly, your retirement date likely will be heavily influenced by your financial situation – so, if you have to keep working, that's what you'll do. But if you have a choice in the matter, your decision could have a big impact on your investment strategy. For example, if you want to retire early, you may need to save and invest more aggressively than you would if you plan to work well past typical retirement age. Also, your retirement date may well affect you when you start accepting Social Security payments; if you retire early, you might have to start taking your benefits at age 62, even though your monthly checks will be considerably smaller than if you

waited until your "full" retirement age, which is likely to be 66 or 67.

Retirement lifestyle – Some people want to spend their retirement years traveling from Athens to Zanzibar, while others simply want to stay close to home and family, pursuing quiet, inexpensive hobbies. Clearly, the lifestyle you choose will affect how much you need to accumulate before you retire and how much you will need to withdraw from your various investment accounts once you do.

Second career – Some people retire from one career only to begin another. If you think you'd like to have a "second act" in your working life, you might need some additional training, or you might just put your existing expertise to work as a consultant. If you do launch a new career, it could clearly affect your financial picture. For one thing, if you add a new source of earned income, you might be able to withdraw less from your retirement accounts each year. (Keep in mind, though, that once you reach age 70½, you will have to take at least some withdrawals from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.) On the other hand, if you keep earning income, you can continue putting money into a traditional IRA (until you're age 70½) or a Roth IRA (indefinitely) and possibly contribute to a retirement plan for the self-employed, such as a SEP-IRA or an "owner-only" 401(k).

Philanthropy – During your working years, you may have consistently donated money to charitable organizations. And

once you retire, you may want to do even more. For one thing, of course, you can volunteer more of your time. But you also might want to set up some more permanent method of financial support. Consequently, you might want to work with your legal advisor and financial professional to incorporate elements of your investment portfolio into your estate plans to provide more support for charitable groups.

As you can see, your retirement goals

can affect your investment strategy – and vice versa. So, think carefully about what you want to accomplish, plan ahead and get the help you need. It takes time and effort to achieve a successful retirement, but it's worth it.

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.✱

Director Named To FSW Office

Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) announced that Joe Turner has been named director of institutional promotions & development.

In this role, Turner is responsible for establishing and expanding community engagement and involvement with the college. This includes developing and expanding special events opportunities with local civic, social and business groups. He will also develop and manage fundraising initiatives for FSW Athletics.

Turner joined FSW in 2015 as coordinator of alumni relations. Prior to joining FSW, Turner was the director of public relations and alumni affairs for Hodges University. He graduated from Wayne State University in Detroit with his bachelor's degree in media arts.

Visit www.FSW.edu for more information.✱



Joe Turner

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Historic Downtown

out downtown all day to sell Liberty bonds. True to their slogan, "Every scout to save a soldier," those scouts did their part to fund the war effort.

The many Red Cross volunteers could at least ease up on holding campaign events and preparing medical supplies.

One of the more pleasant everyday changes that peace brought would be an eventual end to food rationing. No longer would the United States Food Administration posters urge citizens to send meat, fats, wheat and sugar to the troops because it was "the fuel for fighters."

People were urged to be thoughtful about food, and above all, not waste it. Saving food, along with other activities, was equated to patriotism.

Another bit of advice from the Food Administration? Buy local food. Soundfamiliar?

Agriculture students at the Gwynne High School could now plant gardens and raise livestock just for the fun of it, not because of the looming threat of food shortages.

Shoppers could look forward to buying commodities like silk, which many had pledged not to purchase during wartime.

Presumably, even the local draft board could take a rest, and men no longer



These women on the downtown riverfront on Armistice Day 1918 are "singing 'cause the war is over" photo courtesy IMAG History & Science Center

faced being sent overseas.

And, best of all, families and friends could stop worrying whether a loved one would be killed or injured and instead look forward to his return.

From the first, Armistice Day was an ambiguous holiday. In the couple of decades after the 1918 Armistice, the day in Fort Myers was characterized by both celebration – parades, fish fries, horse races, band concerts, balls -- and a sizeable measure of reverent

remembrance of those who sacrificed – religious services and civic ceremonies.

But holidays, like everything else, evolve.

President Woodrow Wilson officially proclaimed Armistice Day in 1919 after the signing of the Treaty of Versailles.

In 1938 – and on the eve of World War II (WWII), we should note – legislation made it a day dedicated "to the cause of world peace."

However, in 1954, with WWII and

the Korean War in mind, the day was officially renamed Veterans Day in honor of American veterans of all wars.

Today, November 11 is chiefly a day of reverence, gratitude and respect for veterans. No longer is it a day for unashamed celebration or a day dedicated to world peace.

But perhaps in today's world, it's no longer possible to discern a definite end to war. Walk through downtown and contemplate the various ways that Armistice Day changed daily life 99 years ago.

Then learn more about how war has affected Fort Myers 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 leecountyblackhistorysociety.org.

Sources: Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society.✱

Superior Interiors

Design Windows With Creativity And Flair



by Marcia Feeney

When you're flipping through the pages of your favorite design magazine or even looking at model homes, what catches your eye first? Would it surprise you

to know that most homeowners find their eyes drawn to creatively designed window treatments?

Why? Well, maybe it's because most homeowners have a wide variety of window shapes, styles and sizes to address when decorating their own homes. We're always looking for fresh ideas...or maybe... we're simply daunted by all the windows we're dealing with and the myriad of choices available.

One of your first decisions is recognizing what you want to accomplish when you cover your windows. Some homeowners are adamant about not obstructing wonderful vistas, while others have an unsightly view they want to mask. In addition to whether you want to cover or enhance your view, basic light and privacy needs, sizes, shapes and styles must be taken into consideration. If everything is carefully considered in creating a custom window treatment design, the finished product will be a window treatment that enhances not only a window but your entire room, while offering the necessary privacy and light control.

In some instances, you may even choose to create a window where one doesn't currently exist, such as an underground basement room. By installing shutters or a closed fabric window treatment, you can immediately create the feeling of being connected to the outdoors.

So here is a quick checklist to help you determine the best possible window treatments for your home.

1. Function. How is the window being used? Do you need to block outdoor light? Is privacy your priority? Or, do you have a beautiful view that needs capturing?

2. Focal points. Are your windows a natural dramatic architectural feature of your room? If so, you have a built-in focal point, and should plan your treatments accordingly. If not, then consider working with a professional decorator to make your window treatments true show stoppers.

3. Style. What's yours? Casual? Formal? Traditional? Contemporary? Window treatment designs vary greatly by design style, so think about the ultimate style and feeling you'd like to incorporate into their design.

4. Problems? Are your windows too small? Too large? A carefully designed window treatment can actually be a clever cover-up to any window problem.

Because there are so many fabulous window treatment design options available today, it's wise to start doing your homework early. Visit model homes, read magazines – and start developing your own window design idea file.

And remember, by working with a professional decorator, you're window treatments are guaranteed to be the perfect design and function solution.

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

Center Receives Top Rating From Charity Navigator

Charity Navigator, America's largest and most-utilized independent evaluator of charities, has given the Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida (CAC) the highest rating it can give, four stars. Charity Navigator uses a score system from zero to 100 as a way of measuring a nonprofit's transparency, accountability and how responsible it is financially toward its cause. CAC has scored a perfect score of 100 on accountability and transparency, an 87.90 in its financial use, equating to an overall score of 91.44.

"CAC's exceptional 4-star rating sets it apart from its peers and demonstrates its trustworthiness to the public," said Michael Thatcher, president and CEO of Charity Navigator. "Only a quarter of charities rated by Charity Navigator receive the distinction of our 4-star rating. This adds the Children's Advocacy Center of SWFL to a preeminent group of charities working to overcome our world's most pressing

challenges. Based on its 4-star rating, people can trust that their donations are going to a financially responsible and ethical charity when they decide to support CAC."

"It's important our donors trust that we're using their donations wisely to accomplish our mission of identifying, treating and preventing child abuse and neglect" added Jill Turner, CAC's CEO. "Our 4-star Charity Navigator rating demonstrates to our supporters our good governance and financial accountability."

Since 1981, the Children's Advocacy Center of SWFL, a United Way partner agency, has worked to improve the lives of children and their families through a coordinated response to child abuse and neglect, offering a safe and friendly environment in which to heal. CAC provides abuse determination services as well as therapeutic counseling, parenting education and prevention programs in Lee, Hendry, Glades and Charlotte Counties. All services are provided free of charge.

For more information, call 939-2808 or visit www.cac-swfl.org. Details on CAC's 4-star rating may be found on www.charitynavigator.org.✱



2017 ENPY Awards recipients

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Performance Awards Given

The region's exceptional nonprofits and their leaders, supporters and partners were recently celebrated at the inaugural Excellence in Nonprofit Performance Yearly Awards (ENPYs), which was presented by the Cape Coral Community Foundation at Crowne Plaza Bell Tower in Fort Myers.

From 27 finalists selected by a panel of impartial, non-local judges following an online submission process, one winner was named in each of seven categories:

Organization of the Year – Community Cooperative (received \$750 from the Cape Coral Community Foundation)

Rising Organization of the Year – Valerie's House (received \$750 from the Cape Coral Community Foundation)

Executive of the Year – Samira Beckwith, Hope Healthcare

Board Leader of the Year – Dean Piccirillo, Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce

Employee of the year – Megan Feeney, Goodwill Industries of SWFL

Volunteer of the Year – Ingrid Fuller, Multicultural Centre of Southwest Florida

Business Partner of the Year – Smart Companies

In addition, the Michel Doherty Community Impact Award was presented to Jeanne Sweeney, and the Paul Sanborn Service Above Self Award went to James Gravedoni.

Cape Coral Community Foundation President and CEO Michael Chatman said, "We are thrilled to bring the ENPYs to Southwest Florida as a meaningful way to recognize those organizations, individuals and businesses who go above and beyond to improve the quality of life of our community. They're not motivated by recognition or awards, which makes it even more special to honor them with this celebration event. As an inaugural class, they set the bar awfully high for these awards in years to come."

Sponsors included Storm Smart, Cape Coral Community Foundation, LCEC, CONRIC PR & Marketing, Suncoast Beverage, News-Press Media Group, Wicked Dolphin, Premier Cape Construction, Lee Health Foundation, HBKS Wealth Advisors & HBK CPAs and Consultants, Regions Bank, Bank of the Ozarks, Rotary Club of Cape Coral, Michelle Doherty & friends, and Stroemer and Company.

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Book Review

Hear My Voice

by Di Saggau



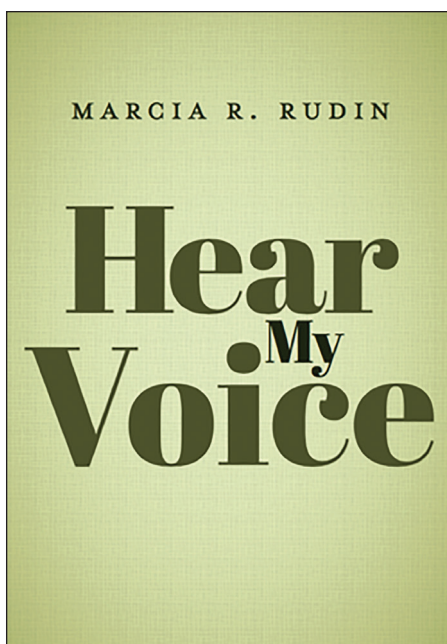
Local author Marcia Rudin has written an historical novel that follows 50 years in the lives of three protagonists. Sister Mona Sullivan wants to become a Catholic priest. If she chooses this path, she must

renounce her vows as a nun and leave the Church. Sandra Miller, one of the first women rabbis, and Elizabeth Adams, one of the first women Presbyterian pastors, must choose between their lovers and their careers. *Hear My Voice* talks about three fictional women, but the public figures mentioned in the book are real. Marcia explains in her Foreword what is fact and what is fiction.

The book begins with brief explanations of each of the three women during an earlier time and then moves on to 1990 when all three are attending a gala dinner to receive an award for their professional accomplishments. They are each recipients of The WomanSpeak Let My Voice Be Heard Award. When the evening draws to a close, each will make a decision that will forever change their lives.

The story is set between 1940 and 1990. Rudin has done remarkable research about events that impacted her characters to make it as historically accurate as possible. This includes changes in both religious and general feminism, especially the changes in the role of women as ordained Jewish and Protestant clergy. I was amazed at the number of major issues in world and religious news that were included in this novel. She told me, "I spent over 10 years writing the novel. Thank God for the Internet. I had to research events and their dates in the world as well as events in the religion world. I especially deeply researched Vatican Council II changes."

Marcia, who majored in religion during college and also taught history of religion at both the high school and college level,



told me, "I have always been intellectually interested in religion and have always been fascinated by nuns. My husband, Rabbi James Rudin, when he was director of interreligious affairs at the American Jewish Committee, worked with very radical nuns wrestling with their role as women in the church and their changing identities because of Vatican II. This includes the two radical nuns in the novel.

Marcia writes in such a manner that we clearly understand the three main characters and what they went through to achieve legitimacy and recognition as female clergy. I learned a great deal about world-wide religious issues that occurred during this 50-year period. The women may be fictional but you will find them all too real in the book and will no doubt find something in each one that you can either relate to or admire for their determination as they struggle to find their own voice. I asked which woman was the most difficult to write about and she said, "Mona, because her life is the most different from my own and because of the research I had to conduct. I read many first hand accounts by nuns regarding their early convent experiences and later transitions. However, she is my favorite character." *Hear My Voice* is available online and at her website www.marciarudin.com.✱

School Smart

by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP



Dear Shelley, My 14-year-old son has been described to me by his Language Arts teacher as a reluctant reader. I am not clear what this really

means. He seems to like school, overall does well and is a good kid. Is this a serious problem? Please give me some information.

Claudia V., Fort Myers

Claudia,

Generally speaking, a reluctant reader is defined as anyone not showing an interest in reading. According to experts, there are four different types of reluctant readers: one, intelligent children or teens who are interested in reading, but lack good reading skills, such as speed and comprehension; two, children who simply have no interest in reading and then are at risk of falling behind; three, kids who have specific learning problems that impede their ability and desire to read; and four, the most challenging one, the student who has excellent skills but has no interest in books or reading. Typically, it is adolescent boys who fall into this category and are the largest number of reluctant readers.

Jon Scieszka, teacher, author and reluctant reader advocate says, "Research shows that boys are having trouble reading, and that boys are getting worse at reading. No one is quite sure why. Some of the reasons are biological. Some of the reasons are sociological. But the good news is that research also shows that boys will read — if they are given reading that interests them.

Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) reports that more than 4,800 books are published a year for teens. However, with so many choices, it can be hard to sort

and select books that interest reluctant readers. YALSA can help with that task. They have published a list of award-winning books for teens (ages 12 to 17) as well as other recommended reading at www.ala.org/yalsa. There is excellent information on their website.

Here are some things you can do that YALSA recommends to help your child become more interested in reading:

Lead by example: let your teen see you reading and visiting the library often.

Sharing books shows you care. Talk about what you read with your teen.

Keep plenty of books, graphic novels, magazines and newspapers around your home.

Empower your teens: let them select books that speak to their interests and hobbies.

Read stories, poems, graphic novels, magazines or books out loud together.

Make sure your teen has regular transportation to the library.

Provide a quiet space for reading in your home and set aside time each day for reading.

Give books or gift certificates to bookstores as gifts.

Listen to audio books when traveling.

Don't forget that reading should be fun, as well as educational, for all ages. Let your teen choose some lighter reading that isn't required for school.

Get good advice: Librarians and school library media specialists are experts at matching the right book to the right teen. Ask them to recommend good books that are appropriate for your teen's age, maturity level and reading ability.

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Authors To Speak At FSW

Florida SouthWestern State College will host award-winning children's authors Alma Flor Ada and Lee Bennett Hopkins as part of the Authors @ FSW Speaker Series on Tuesday, November 14 at 11 a.m. The free event, which is open to the public, will be held in Building AA, Room 177.

Dr. Ada, a Cuban-American, is the author of children's books, poetry and novels including *Dancing Home*, *Under the Royal Palms*, *Where the Flame Trees Bloom*, *Island Treasures: Growing Up in Cuba*, and *Yes! We are Latinos*. She was born in Camagüey, Cuba and grew up in La Quinta Simoni, in a house owned by the family of Cuban revolutionary Ignacio Agramonte. At the age of 15, Dr. Ada traded a quinceañera party for summer school in the United States, thus beginning

her life as a bilingual person. She earned a scholarship to attend Loretto Heights College, where she first encountered discrimination against Mexican-Americans, a discovery inspirational to her diversity appreciation efforts. A professor emerita at the University of San Francisco, Dr. Ada is recognized for her work promoting bilingual and multicultural education in the United States.

Hopkins' books include *Been to Yesterdays: Poems of a Life*, *Alphathoughts: Alphabet Poems*, *Full Moon and Star*, *City I Love and Mama: A Novel*.

A book signing will follow the presentation. Books by both authors are available for purchase at the FSW Thomas Edison Campus bookstore.

Florida SouthWestern State College is located at 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers. For more information, contact Whitney Rhyne at 433-6943 or Whitney.Rhyne@fsw.edu.✱



Dr. Alma Flor Ada



Lee Bennett Hopkins

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Laurie Cowan-Phillips

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Planned Parenthood Adds New Board

Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida (PPSWCF) recently announced a new chairperson and eight new members to the organization's board of directors. The board provides leadership for carrying out the Planned Parenthood's mission of ensuring all Floridians have full access to reproductive care and education across the nonprofit healthcare provider's 22-county service area.

Laurie Cowan-Phillips, former board chair of Planned Parenthood Collier County and vice chair of PPSWCF's Board, will serve as chair for the 2017 board of directors. The new board members include Mandi Ballard Clay of Tampa, Edward Kolesar of Naples, Georgine Lamvu of Orlando, Kate Lannaman of Osprey, Cornelle Maxfield of University Park, Dr. Jennifer Sandoval of Orlando, Ellen Seidensticker of Sarasota and Rev. Dawson Taylor of Naples.

As board chair, Cowan-Phillips brings with her a wealth of experience that will lead Planned Parenthood into the future. Originally from Boston, Cowan-Phillips has over 25 years of

executive experience planning and developing major facilities for such well-respected institutions as Children's Hospital Boston. She has a keen understanding of the mission, goals and objectives of both academic medical centers and community hospitals and their complex organizational and financial structures. Her range of expertise includes strategic planning and project management, capital planning, financial management, real estate acquisition and operations, and facility planning and design. Cowan-Phillips served on the boards of the Tufts Health Plan and the Schwartz Center for Compassionate Health Care. Following her move to Naples, she participated in Greater Naples Leadership and became actively involved in charitable work as a board member of Planning Parenthood of Collier County and Moorings Park, a continuing care retirement community. She is an alum of Boston University, where she received her undergraduate degree from the College of Liberal Arts, and her MBA. She has a Certificate of Advanced Negotiation and Conflict Resolution from the Harvard School of Public Health.

"Our board of directors are a true reflection of Planned Parenthood's strength and resilience," said Barbara Zdravecky, CEO of PPSWCF. "Laurie's expertise coupled with the skills of our diverse board will ensure a bright future for our affiliate as we celebrate 100 years of Planned Parenthood and journey into the next century."

"I am honored to take on the helm as chair of Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida's board of directors," said Cowan-Phillips. "As a woman and mother, I see the positive impact that Planned Parenthood has in our community's each and every day. Over 40,000 patients from across Florida rely on us annually to deliver high-quality reproductive care. We are committed to ensuring that Planned Parenthood is always there for them, no matter what."

New board members will serve two-year terms beginning this year. To schedule an interview with the board chair or any board member, contact Anna at anna.eskamani@ppswcf.org or 407-376-3609.✱

United Way To Benefit From Sushi Dinners

Origami Restaurant in South Fort Myers will be hosting special dinners on Monday and Tuesday, November 13 and 14 to benefit the United Way. Ten percent of sales will benefit United Way's 2017-18 campaign as well as its Hurricane Irma Relief Fund. Samuari Sushi Masters Tom Uhler and John Clinger have been invited to be honorary sushi chefs from 5 to 9 p.m. for this special event. Beth Hendry will be serving as honorary

hostess for the evenings.

Uhler, who will be guest sushi chef on November 13, and Clinger, who will be chef on November 14, both serve on the United Way board. Hendry, who will hostess each evening, is also a board member for United Way.

All money raised in the United Way Campaign stays in the local community to help support the local human service network of partner agencies.

For more information on the United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee, call 433-2000 or visit www.UnitedWayLee.org.

Origami Restaurant is located at 8911 Daniels Parkway in Fort Myers. Call 482-2126 for reservations.✱



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Should An Athlete Be Required To Attend College Before Turning Professional?



by Ed Frank

Once again the question is being raised whether college is really necessary before an athlete can turn professional? The issue came to the forefront when Adam Silver, the commissioner of the National Basketball Association, proposed changing the rule requiring an athlete to attend college two years instead of the present one year before being eligible to play in the NBA.

There is some justification for his proposal. Under the present rule, there is little incentive for a freshman basketball player to even attend classes after his first semester knowing full well he would turn pro at the end of the year. It has become known as “one and done.”

The National Football League stipulates that athletes must attend college three years before vying for a position on one of the NFL’s 32 teams. If the NFL requires three years of college what is wrong with the NBA requiring two? Certainly, the issue is worth debating. But let’s be honest, while many sports have development programs, such as baseball’s minor league system, the NBA and the NFL have capitalized on college football and basketball as their development systems. To qualify on the PGA or the LPGA golf tours, a youngster is not required to first attend college. The National Hockey League, NASCAR, professional soccer and ice skating also do not require college. Neither does professional bowling or the

Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. The riches of professional sports are being denied athletes and their families by first requiring one, two or three years of college, some will argue. So the debate will continue.

Twins Announce Spring Training Schedule

While the seven-month baseball season ended with the Houston Astros winning the World Series, the Minnesota Twins announced their 2018 Spring Training schedule two days later.

The home schedule at the CenturyLink Sports Complex includes 17 games starting with an exhibition game February 22 against the University of Minnesota. The home schedule also includes a rematch of the Wild Card game with the New York Yankees on March 22, four games against the Boston Red Sox and a visit from the World Champion Houston Astros on March 23.

The complete Grapefruit League home schedule:

February 22 – University of Minnesota; 6:05 p.m.
February 25 – Tampa Bay; 1:05 p.m.
February 26 – St. Louis; 1:05 p.m.
February 27 – Boston; 6:05 p.m.
February 28 – Tampa Bay; 1:05 p.m.
March 2 – Toronto; 1:05 p.m.
March 4 – Pittsburgh; 1:05 p.m.
March 6 – Baltimore; 1:05 p.m.
March 10 – Boston; 1:05 p.m.
March 13 – Baltimore; 1:05 P.M.
March 14 – Boston; 1:05 p.m.
March 16 – Tampa Bay; 1:05 p.m.
March 18 – Philadelphia; 1:05 p.m.
March 21 – Pittsburgh; 6:05 p.m.
March 22 – New York Yankees; 1:05 p.m.
March 23 – Houston; 1:05 p.m.
March 25 – Boston; 1:05 p.m.✪

Appreciation Night At Fair At Fenway South

To honor local public employees for their tireless efforts to get Lee County back to normal after the devastation of Hurricane Irma, Fair Productions is holding a Lee County Appreciation Night at the 2017 Fair at Fenway South on Thursday, November 16. Free admission will be available to all Lee County employees, Lee County School District employees, local law enforcement personnel, fire and rescue members, first responders and their immediate families. Proper I.D. must be presented.

According to fair organizer Brian Schuman of the Jordan Schuman Foundation for Kindness, any county organization that would like to have a location at the fair for Hurricane relief donations or for exhibits is welcomed. For more information, contact Jeff Bolonski at 813-677-0121.

The Fair at Fenway South returns to JetBlue Park for two long weekends from November 10 through 12, and again on November 16 through 19. The fair will run from 5 to 11:30 p.m. on Fridays and from 1 to 11:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

New to the fair in 2017 is an all-new Pirates of the Caribbean Show where guests can see pirates walk a high-wire plank and the Grizzly Bear Experience. Award-wining Illusionist Lance Gifford will continue to amaze fairgoers with his fast-paced and highly entertaining magical illusion show. The fair will also include the Las Vegas hypnotist show and a large petting zoo. Live entertainment and shows are free with fair admission.

Wade Shows, one of the largest

carnival companies in North America, will be bringing its rides and attractions to the midway at the event. Many of the fair’s rides appear each year at the Florida State Fair and are being brought exclusively to Fort Myers by the producers of the event, including plenty of rides for younger kids to enjoy. Admission to the fair is as low as \$4 per person with a two-for-one admission discount available at www.fairatfenway.com. Pay-One-Price unlimited rides wristbands are also available at a discount through the website before the start of the fair for \$20 each. Individual ride tickets may be purchased at the event. Vendor space and sponsorships are available. JetBlue Park is located at 11500 Fenway South Drive in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.fairatfenway.com.✪

Coalition Gives To Member Agencies

The Lee County Homeless Coalition recently announced a number of grant awards to member agencies in the amount of \$31,000. This grant opportunity was made available only to members of the Lee County Homeless Coalition. The Coalition works with individuals and agencies to identify potential gaps within our local continuum of homeless care. Members of the Lee County Homeless Coalition are individuals or organizations that are committed to advocating, educating and promoting awareness of issues and obstacles facing the homeless in Lee County through community collaboration, planning, and implementing solutions. Grant funding went to support member agencies such as:

- Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. (ACT) – \$1,000
- Affordable Home Ownership

Foundation, Inc. – \$1,000

- All Soul’s Episcopal Church – \$3,000
- Children’s Home Society of Florida – \$1,000
- Children’s Network of Southwest Florida – \$4,000
- CityGate Ministries – \$5,000
- Community Cooperative – \$1,000
- Lee County Housing Development Corporation – \$1,000
- Lee Health – \$4,000
- The Midwest Food Bank – \$1,000
- SalusCare, Inc. – 4,000
- St. Matthew’s House – \$1,000
- The Salvation Army – \$4,000

The mission of the Coalition is “to advocate, educate, and promote awareness of issues and obstacles facing homeless individuals in Lee County through community collaboration, planning, and implementing solutions.” To participate in the event or learn more about how you can help join the fight against homelessness, contact Janet Bartos at 322-6600. For more information on the Lee County Homeless Coalition, visit www.leehomeless.org.✪

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Sand Sculpting

in the Doubles Division the second week. Participating sculptors include fan favorite “Amazin” Walter McDonald, Melineige Beauregard, Paul Hoggard, Remy Hoggard, Bruce Waugh, Joris Kivits, Brian Turnbough, Bruce Phillips, Bouke Atema, Jophn Gowdy, Jihoon Choi, Bill Dow, Todd Pangborn and Greg Grady, Jr. The festival will feature more than 40 sand sculptures, Quick Sand Speed Sand Sculpting, photo opportunities, Kids Zone, sand sculpting demonstrations and lessons, amateur contests, state championships and the Sand Vendor Village with more than 50 vendors. For more information, visit www.FMBSandSculpting.com or the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SandSculptingFestival. Wyndham Garden Hotel is located at 6890 Estero Boulevard on Fort Myers Beach.✪

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the last Boston pitcher before Rick Porcello in 2016 to open a season 10-0 at Fenway Park?

2. In 1956, the home-run champion of each league faced each other in the World Series. Name them.

3. When was the last time before 2016 that the Atlantic Coast Conference had six ranked football teams in The Associated Press weekly poll?

4. In 2016, Anthony Davis set a New Orleans Pelicans record for most points in a game (59). Who had held the team mark?

5. The 2017 NHL Stanley Cup Finals featured two American-born head coaches. Name them.

6. In 2017, FC Dallas’ Roland Lamah recorded the second-fastest hat trick from kickoff (31 minutes) in Major League Soccer history. Who has the fastest?

7. Thoroughbred trainer Todd Pletcher has seen his horses win five Triple Crown races. What is the only Triple Crown race in which he has not had a victory?

ANSWERS

1. Don Schwall had a 10-0 start at Fenway Park in 1961. 2. Mickey Mantle (52 home runs for the New York Yankees) and Duke Snider (43 home runs for Brooklyn). 3. It was 2006. 4. Jamal Mashburn had 50 points in a game in 2003. 5. Peter Laviolette (Nashville Predators) and Mike Sullivan (Pittsburgh Penguins). 6. Bradley Wright-Phillips (New York Red Bulls), inside of 27 minutes. 7. The Preakness.

Check Presented To FSW Programs And Scholarships

SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. recently presented \$200,000 to Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) to award scholarships to qualifying students within its health care programs. Helping educate Southwest Florida's next generation of health care providers, the organization has granted \$1 million to FSW over the past nine years to support programs and scholarships focused on pediatrics.

In 2015, SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. pledged \$1 million to FSW, payable in five annual installments of \$200,000, to award scholarships to qualifying health professional students with an interest in pursuing pediatrics right here in Southwest Florida. Contributions are raised through the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, SWFL Children's Charities, Inc.'s annual signature fundraising event, and are administered by the school.

"We are grateful for SWFL Children's Charities, Inc.'s continued support for our students and the future of health care here in Southwest Florida," said FSW President Dr. Jeff Allbritten. "The generosity of this organization has been influential in



Officials from FSW and SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. during a check presentation

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our efforts to continually educate rising generations of health care providers, and we are thankful for their lasting commitment so that we can continue preparing local students to better serve our community and children."

In addition to FSW, the organization also supports two other primary beneficiaries, including the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida and Florida Gulf Coast University, and has raised \$18.7 million over the past

nine years in support of these three local beneficiaries.

"Key to our organization's mission of providing children access to the best health care possible, FSW's health care programs are designed to create knowledgeable, trained professionals who are well-prepared to serve our community," said Elaine Hawkins, trustee and president of the board of directors, SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. "Our hope is that this contribution allows these well-deserving

students to focus on becoming the best in their fields and go on to make a difference in the lives of our youngest patients here in Southwest Florida."

SWFL Children's Charities Inc.'s annual signature fundraiser, the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, has raised \$18.7 million over the past nine years, making it the most successful fundraising event in Lee County and one of the top-grossing wine fests in the country. For more information, visit www.swflwinefest.org.

FGCU Earns Civic Awards

Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) continues to reap accolades for its commitment to service learning and community engagement. An awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, November 16 at the annual Campus Compact Gala in Winter Park, Florida.

Florida Campus Compact has recognized Courtney Satkoski, an instructor in integrated studies and director of the Leadership Through Service Live-Learn Community, with an Engaged Scholarship Faculty Award. The university also was named one of four finalists for its Campus-Community Partnership Award.

FGCU student Noelle Stone also will be recognized as a Newman Civic Fellow; her award was announced last spring at Community Engagement Day. Fellows are nominated by college and university presidents and chancellors to acknowledge motivation and potential in public leadership.

Florida Campus Compact is part of a national coalition of college and university presidents committed to the public purposes of higher education and to helping students develop the values and skills of active citizenship through participation in community service. FGCU has been a member since 2000.

"It's another great year for FGCU," said Director of Community Engagement & Service-Learning Jessica Rhea. "This recognition confirms that we consistently demonstrate our ability to improve community life and to instill the values of civic and social responsibility in our students."

Over the years, several individuals as well as programs have received special

Campus Compact recognition. Last year FGCU was awarded Engaged Campus of the Year in the State University System for the third time in eight years, while Stone received the Student Excellence in Service Award and Service-Learning Coordinator Katharine O'Connor won the Community Engagement Educator Award. In 2015, FGCU's Wings of Hope environmental education program won the Campus-Community Partnership Award.

Satkoski, who earned a bachelor's degree in communication in 2004 and master's of public administration in 2007 at FGCU, shines as a role model of engagement for students through her leadership on campus and in the Southwest Florida community. In addition to teaching and overseeing one of FGCU's special-interest residential communities, she serves as a faculty adviser for four student organizations and works with more than 200 students a year on service projects. Off campus, she serves on the boards of the YMCA, Quality Life Center and Hunting for a Cure and is president of the parent-teacher organization at the elementary school her children attend.

Satkoski was singled out for recognition among nominees from throughout the Florida State University System (SUS); state colleges and independent schools are recognized in separate categories in the Campus Compact awards.

"They look at how you engage students in the classroom and how you and the school take engagement from the classroom into the local community," Satkoski said. "Through my experience and connections in the community, I'm able to coordinate the students with the needs in the community. That makes it easier for students to commit to a project and stick with it. Service is a powerful opportunity for students to gain experiential knowledge."

FGCU requires undergraduates to complete at least 80 hours of service-learning, but many are inspired to dedicate far more. Service-learning is integrated in the compulsory "University Colloquium," an environmental and sustainability course, as well as more than 250 courses across many disciplines. Students volunteered 319,783 hours in 2016-17 for about 300 organizations locally and abroad, adding to a cumulative total of more than 2.5 million hours since FGCU opened its doors in 1997.

FSW Ranks High In State For Performance

Florida SouthWestern State College's School of Education has tied for the top state college overall in the Florida Department of Education's (DOE) 2017 Annual Program Performance Reports (APPRs). It also tied for third for overall state colleges and universities combined with FSW ranking 3.4 out of a possible 4.0.

The DOE rankings are based on six performance metrics:

Placement rate of program completers into instructional positions in Florida public schools and private schools, if available and provided and verified by the institution.

Rate of retention for employed program completers in instructional positions in Florida public schools.

Performance of students in prekindergarten through grade 12 who are assigned to in-field program completers on statewide assessments using the results of the student learning growth formula adopted under s. 1012.34.

Performance of students in

prekindergarten through grade 12 who are assigned to in-field program completers aggregated by student subgroup, as defined in the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), 20 U.S.C. s. 6311(b)(2)(C)(v)(II), as a measure of how well the program prepares teachers to work with a diverse population of students in a variety of settings in Florida public schools.

Results of program completers' annual evaluations in accordance with the timeline as set forth in s. 1012.34.

Production of program completers in statewide critical teacher shortage areas as identified in s. 1012.07, which is a bonus metric only.

"What's unique about these rankings is that they are based on how well our graduates' students are performing in the classroom," said Dr. Larry Miller, dean, FSW School of Education and Charter Schools. "We are most proud that our graduates are showing the most gains with students who are at risk of not succeeding in school."

For the first two years following graduation, FSW's School of Education faculty maintain contact and relationships with graduates, providing support through teaching challenges they may encounter.

"We don't stop sharing ideas when our students graduate," said Dr. Joyce Rollins, coordinator of Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education. "We continually provide support and motivation long after our teacher candidates have become teachers. Our field experience is strong and we have some of the best veteran teachers mentoring our students. We have extremely high expectations of our students, and they continually rise to meet and exceed those expectations. These rankings validate all of the efforts that the School of Education faculty and staff put into our program."

Fort Myers Native Serves In Navy

submitted by Lt. Eileen Suarez, Navy Office of Community Outreach

A 2006 Cypress Lake High School graduate and Fort Myers native is serving in the U.S. Navy's silent service submarine community on the island of Guam as part of the staff of Submarine Squadron 15.

Lt. Lauren Spaziano is a public affairs officer serving aboard U.S. Naval Base Guam, supporting Virginia and Los Angeles class fast-attack submarines. She ensures that the great things that the submarines are doing in Guam is highlighted in the media and also builds upon relationships between the Navy and the people of Guam through community relations events.

"My family, friends and the staff from my high school taught me to always put my best foot forward and to do my best in everything I do," said Spaziano. "My dad saw the advantages of being in the military and encouraged me to consider the Naval Academy and the naval service as a career. I have been in for seven years and it has been one of the best decisions of my life."

The Los Angeles-class measures 360 feet long and weighs approximately 6,900 tons while the Virginia-class measures 377 feet long and weighs approximately 7,800 tons. These nuclear-powered propulsion systems help push the submarines through the



Lauren Spaziano photo provided water at nearly 30 mph.

Attack submarines are designed to hunt down and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships; strike targets ashore with cruise missiles; carry and deliver Navy SEALs; carry out intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions; and engage in mine warfare. Their primary tactical advantage is stealth, operating undetected under the sea for long periods of time.

"Lt. Spaziano, along with the rest of my staff, does an outstanding job ensuring our homeported units and

all submarines operating forward in the 7th Fleet area of responsibility are prepared to answer the nation's call whenever necessary," said Capt. David Schappert, commander, Submarine Squadron 15.

"Everything we do in the public affairs shop we do it to the best of our ability. It is important to portray the Navy in a positive light and highlighting what the submarines do," said Spaziano. "Many people do not know where Guam is and that we have a Navy base here. The things that our sailors do here is in incredible, and I always take advantage to showcase their work."

According to Navy officials, submariners are some of the most highly trained and skilled people in the Navy. The training is highly technical, and each crew has to be able to operate, maintain and repair every system or piece of equipment on board. Regardless of their specialty, everyone also has to learn how everything on the sub works and how to respond in emergencies to become "qualified in submarines" and earn the right to wear the coveted gold or silver dolphins on their uniform.

Guam sailors assigned to Submarine Squadron 15 are located at the nation's most strategically important forward-deployed submarine base, and the missions they conduct are at the tip of the spear of forward readiness. These sailors are the forward deployed, first line of defense in the Pacific.

"Most of my accomplishments are centered around the success of my sailors," said Spaziano. "I am always proud to see the development throughout their careers and provide mentorship whenever I can."

Although it is difficult for most people to imagine living on a submarine, challenging submarine living conditions actually build strong fellowship among the crew. The crews are highly motivated, and quickly adapt to changing conditions. It is a busy life of specialized work, watches and drills.

"Being a division officer for a ship was one of the most rewarding things I got to do in the Navy because I got to directly impact sailors and make a difference in their careers and in their lives," added Spaziano. "The Navy has taught me a lot about myself and has developed me into a great and confident leader."✪

Valerie's House To Host Children's Grief Expert

Valerie's House, Inc., a Southwest Florida nonprofit helping grieving children, is hosting a special breakfast presentation in celebration of National Children's Grief Awareness Day on Thursday, November 16. The event will be held inside the Gale McBride Pavilion at the historic Burroughs Home and Gardens, located at 2505 First Street in Fort Myers. The event begins at 8 a.m. with breakfast and a keynote presentation from 8:30 to 10 a.m. An optional break out session will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Andy McNeil, former executive director of National Alliance for Grieving Children, will make his first trip to Southwest Florida and deliver the keynote presentation, Kids Grieve Too: Understanding and Helping Children After a Death. A panel of local high school students who have gone through loss will also take part in the presentation. The event is offered at no cost to members of the community, schools and those who would like to learn more about supporting grieving children.

"Grief continues to be a taboo subject, despite the thousands of children in our community who are impacted by a loss in our community," said Angela Melvin, founder and CEO of Valerie's House. "This event will be very helpful for anyone who wants to understand how best to support grieving children."

Melvin said Valerie's House is keeping the event at no cost to attendees as a gift to Southwest Florida



Andy McNeil photo provided

for supporting the organization over the past two years. Since opening its doors in January 2016, Valerie's House has helped more than 200 grieving children and their families connect, support each other and learn the tools to move forward after a loss. The organization's vision is that no child will grieve alone.

McNeil served as the chief executive officer of the National Alliance for Grieving Children from 2011 to 2017. He is a nationally recognized presenter and trainer, using a balance of humor, teaching and facilitating on childhood bereavement support, adult bereavement issues and group facilitation.

VITAS Healthcare and Uncommon Friends Foundation are sponsors of the event. To register, go to www.valeriahouseswfl.org or contact ally@valeriahouseswfl.org. For more information, call 841-9186. Space is limited, so register early.✪

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Women Who Made a Difference in the City's Development

By Robin C. Tuthill and Thomas P. Hall

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



James Buchanan from the Lee County School District was a Scanlon Lexus winner
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United Way Launches New Campaign

More than 900 people recently attended the United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee 2017-18 Campaign kick-off at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. Community leaders and volunteers celebrated the start of the first \$10 million campaign for the local United Way.

David Fry, United Way Board chair, welcomed the crowd. "Our United Way has a long and proud history of serving our community. Last year, we celebrated our 60th anniversary. In 1957, a handful of women and men decided Fort Myers needed an organized way to help those in need. A caring community agreed and worked together to make it happen. They formed the organization that you now know as United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee. Over the past 60 years, our United Way has raised and distributed over \$157 million dollars and has helped our community's social service network change the lives of countless numbers of people in our community."

Members of the local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts presented the flags and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chloe Holloway from the Quality Life Center's Teen Program sang *God Bless America*. Major Timothy



United Way Board Chair David Fry

Gilliam of The Salvation Army gave the invocation.

Rachel Pierce and Clay Miller, NBC-2 morning anchors and emcees, announced the final five contestants in the drawing for a two-year lease on a new Lexus from the John Scanlon Auto Group. The five finalists were called to the stage, and James Buchanan from the Lee County School District won the two-year lease on the Lexus IS. The drawing was an incentive for the donors to the 2016-2017 campaign. Everyone who gave \$240 or more to last year's campaign was entered into the drawing and five finalists were randomly selected. Representatives from the Scanlon Auto Group also unveiled the 2017-18 incentive which is a two-year lease on an Acura TLX.

United Way Campaign Chairs Beth Hendry, vice president of Iberiabank; and John Clinger, vice president of Merrill Lynch/Clinger Sizemore and Associates talked about the campaign and the campaign theme The Power of 10." Hendry said, "We needed a special theme to go with the first \$10 million campaign, and that's where we came up with The Power of 10."

Clinger added, "The Power of 10 is more than just a logo. The Power of 10 is more than just a slogan. The Power of 10 is about people. It's about community. It's about keeping 91 percent of every dollar raised right here in Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee counties. The Power of 10 is about our networks. It's about 94 agencies serving the people

offer," said Amber McCown, director of admissions at FSW. "The most popular program at the college is the associate in arts degree, which allows students to tailor their academic plan to fit any major and guarantees seamless transfer to a state university to complete a bachelor's degree. Those who attend will be able to meet with faculty and staff to learn more about this affordable academic program, available support services and more."

Visit www.fsw.edu/openhouse to learn more about this free event. Interested attendees are encouraged to register online in advance, but walk-ins are also welcome.*



United Way Campaign Chairs Beth Hendry and John Clinger with the thermometer

of our community. Helping children who are hungry, families that may be in crisis, helping our veterans find jobs, and supporting our seniors."

"The Power of 10 gives us the ability to expand the network. This year, we were able to add agencies such as Valerie's House which provides a place of comfort and coping after the loss of a parent, sibling or loved one. We were also able to add the MS Center of SWFL which coordinates patient care for those with multiple sclerosis. The Power of 10 is truly the power of all of us," said Hendry.

Next on the program was a video about United Way's role in helping the

community before, during and after Hurricane Irma.

"This is the most important United Way campaign ever. We have to make this goal," Clinger said.

United Way Pacesetter Chairs Bob Shearman of Henderson Franklin and Rob Wilson of Enterprise Holdings announced the Pacesetter results. Pacesetter Companies – those who run their campaigns early to demonstrate United Way support and to encourage others – along with early leadership gifts, have already raised a total of \$5,081,790. This represented a 4 percent increase in Pacesetter dollars raised and the highest dollar amount ever reported at the United Way's Kick Off. The pacesetter total along with early Alexis de Tocqueville donors (\$10,000) and Keel Club donors (\$1,000+) put the campaign at 58 percent of goal.

The top 12 Pacesetter companies include the following:

1. Publix Super Markets \$1,802,506
2. Bonita Bay Group \$500,606
3. Lee Health \$256,980
4. Enterprise Holdings \$218,135
5. Chico's FAS \$200,000
6. FineMark National Bank and Trust \$167,834
7. Lee County School District \$150,820
9. BB&T – Oswald Trippe & Company \$114,437
10. Lee County Government \$95,800
11. Sanibel Captiva Beach Resorts \$61,210
12. O'Donnell Landscapes, Inc. \$58,260

For more information, call 433-2000 or visit www.UnitedWayLee.org.*

FSW Fall Open House Nears

The Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) fall Open House will take place on Wednesday, November 15 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. on the Thomas Edison (Lee) Campus in Fort Myers. Current students, faculty and staff will be available to answer questions and visitors will have an opportunity to take a campus tour.

"Open House at Florida SouthWestern State College provides prospective students with the opportunity to explore all FSW has to

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Build A Better Brain With DHA



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: I bet you feel like you used to be smarter and quicker at making decisions. I hear you and, at age 52, I feel like my brain is still fairly sharp but not like it was at age 30. Let me ask you some

personal questions:
Do you forget things easily?
Do you get derailed from a task easily or distracted by sounds and noises?
What about your IQ?
When my now 24-year-old son was just age 9, a doctor thought he had ADHD, and I came this close to putting him on a stimulant. Even though I declined the medicine, I used natural fish oils high in DHA. He turned out to be naturally brilliant without any of those prescribed stimulants.
I'm not trying to alarm you about medications, but you should be informed so you can choose the best option for your loved ones. DHA fish oils are known to support a healthy brain and attention span in all people, young and old.
Studies have involved children and teenagers who had low levels of DHA and they, not surprisingly, had poor reading scores as well as behavioral problems. Could these children benefit from omega 3 supplementation? Low DHA in children aged 7 through 9 were associated with reading and comprehension that was below average, as well as behavioral issues. Why aren't physicians considering DHA supplementation as a first-line treatment? Probably because the pharmaceutical

sales people aren't hyping those up. Some studies point to DHA supplementation as a method of increasing overall intelligence as you get older. Can you imagine?! They based this finding on kids between age 3 and 5 who had received omega 3 fat supplements as infants. Those kids outscored children who were in the placebo group who did not get the omega fats. By "outscored" I mean they had better results across the board on both vocabulary and intelligence tests.
Omega-3 fatty acids seem to boost and balance your brain function. Basically, I'm saying we're all fatheads and need good fats for our brain that consists of lipophilic cells.
About 60 percent or slightly more brain material is comprised of fat. Of the total fat, DHA makes up approximately 20 percent of your brain's cerebral cortex. That's the part of your brain that helps you think, learn a language, correctly perceive things, reason and comprehend. It is involved in voluntary movement so when you think I need to pick up that pen, your arm automatically does that for you, compliments of your cerebral cortex.
DHA plays an undeniable role for your cerebral cortex and your nerves. It's found in unusually high levels in your neurons (the cells of your brain and spinal cord). That's why patients with a TBI (traumatic brain injury) are told to take omega 3 fatty acids that are high in DHA content.
When you combine DHA fish oil with vitamin D or the calming mineral magnesium, the result can be even more astonishing, especially if you have other signs of cognitive decline such as memory loss, senior moments and problems making decisions.

*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.**

care physician, and it's a great alternative to using the emergency department for nonlife-threatening medical issues – especially during season," said Kris Fay, chief administrative officer of Lee Physician Group. "It gives the community immediate access to quality, hospital-affiliated health care provided by our trusted Lee Physician Group physicians and skilled nurses."
Convenient Care centers are located throughout Lee County and offer quality, walk-in medical care for adults and children in a cost-effective, comfortable environment from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days per week (except some major holidays). No appointment or referral is necessary, and most insurance is accepted.
Outpatient Center at Metro Parkway, is located at 13340 Metro Parkway near the intersection of Daniels Parkway in Fort Myers. It is also home to Lee Physician Group Cardiology offices on the second floor and outpatient cardiology testing services on the third floor. For more information, visit www.LeeHealth.org, or call 481-4111.*

Convenient Care Location Opens

Lee Health will be opening its newest Convenient Care location and medical specialty services in the Outpatient Center at Metro Parkway on Monday, November 20.
Convenient Care offers an alternative to the emergency department for treatment of nonlife-threatening injury or illness with the expertise of skilled physicians in a state-of-the-art clinic. Located on the first floor of the new Outpatient Center, the Convenient Care has 17 exam rooms, including three procedure rooms for laceration repair and abscesses. Convenient Care medical centers are ideal for sprains, strains, cuts, rashes, cold and flu, auto and work-related injuries, and school or sports physicals. Each site is equipped with x-ray capabilities for fractures and broken bones (not protruding through the skin).
"Convenient Care is helpful for individuals who don't have a primary

Doctor and Dietician

Nuts: A Powerhouse Food



by Ross Hauser, MD and Marion Hauser, MS, RD
The snacking industry accounts for a large part of the fat, sugar and sodium intake in the American diet, as well as many empty calories. The empty calorie snacks, like chips and sweets, are nutrient poor, yet contribute to weight gain and the risk of obesity. Frequently, folks consume too many of these foods, yet neglect to eat whole, healthy foods.
One possible solution is to exchange processed snacks for a whole food solution like nuts. But do nuts improve the quality of diet, while reducing empty calorie consumption? Nuts actually do add nutritional benefits. They are high in fiber, vitamins, minerals and phytonutrients. When replacing processed snacks with nuts, the nuts have the potential of reducing saturated

and trans-fat consumption and shifting the fatty acid ratio away from solid fats towards oils, because they are high in monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats and plant-based omega-3 fatty acids.
A huge study, the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), followed the diets of 6,881 children and 10,563 adults, to examine the effect of replacing snacks with tree nuts. They found the diets with tree nuts were significantly lower in empty calories, added sugars, sodium and added fats. They were also higher in potassium, magnesium and mono- and polyunsaturated fats. This study showed that tree nut consumption can improve the quality and nutrient value in diets when they replace empty calorie type snacks.
Nuts have numerous health benefits, including reducing cardiovascular disease, stroke and cancer risk. They are also a powerhouse of nutrients. Tree nuts are where trees come from, so all of the nutrients to start the growth of the tree are packed inside. One important consideration is that nuts are high in fat and calories. So, like any food, eating nuts in moderation is best.
*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.**

Free Autism Screening

Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, in partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, will offer a free autism spectrum disorder screening for toddlers 18 months to age 5 in the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile at the McDonald's located at 12290 S. Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers on November 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
It is estimated that one in every 68 children is diagnosed with some form of Autism Spectrum Disorder, making it more common than childhood cancer, juvenile

diabetes and pediatric AIDS combined. Medical consultants for the project stress that an early diagnosis can make a vast difference for toddlers and their families. They say early intensive behavioral intervention can make an immense difference not just in the development of the child but in their families as well.
The ASD screening is conducted by the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. The screenings are administered by an advanced registered nurse practitioner, who has extensive training and experience in typical child development and developmental disorders.
A physician referral is not required. To schedule a screening, call 343-6838.*

Art Auction For Alzheimer's Resource Center

In recognition of National Alzheimer's Awareness Month, the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center will present an art auction featuring paintings by individuals experiencing the various stages of Alzheimer's disease or other memory impairment.
The 21st annual Brushstrokes from the Soul reception will be held at FineMark National Bank & Trust on Thursday, November 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend the event to view and bid on the artwork. There is no charge to attend; however, an RSVP to

437-3007 is required.
Individuals who receive services from area assisted living facilities, skilled nursing centers and day-stay respite programs created the artwork that will be available for purchase via silent auction at the event. All artwork has been professionally matted and framed. Proceeds benefit the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center.
Mind and Brain Care is the Grand Sponsor for Brushstrokes from the Soul. Mind and Brain Care is dedicated to the prevention, early diagnosis and intervention of dementia.
FineMark National Bank & Trust is located at 12681 Creekside Lane in Fort Myers. For more information about the art show or services offered by the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, call 437-3007.*



Tropical Pan-Asian Calamari Salad

photo courtesy Fresh From Florida

**Tropical Pan-Asian Calamari Salad**

1½ pound calamari, cleaned
 2 tablespoons light or low-sodium soy sauce
 1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar
 2 tablespoons sesame oil
 1 clove garlic, minced
 1 teaspoon ginger root, freshly minced
 1 small red onion, halved lengthwise, then thinly sliced across (about 1 cup)
 1 red bell pepper, sliced paper-thin
 ¼ cup fresh cilantro, chopped
 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes (optional)

2 cups seedless watermelon, cut into small pieces
 Salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste
 Clean and rinse calamari under cold running water, lightly pat dry with clean paper towels, cut tentacles and bodies into the same size, about 1/3 inch wide. Quickly cook calamari in a 5 to 6 quart pot of rapidly boiling salted water until opaque, about 30 to 40 seconds. Drain and immediately immerse in a bath of ice water to stop cooking. In a mixing bowl, whisk together soy sauce, rice wine vinegar, garlic, ginger, sesame oil and pepper (red and black). Let stand at room temperature for 5 minutes. Meanwhile, combine calamari, bell pepper, watermelon, and cilantro in a large bowl, toss with dressing, allow to marinate at least 15 minutes. Garnish with pepper curls and fresh cilantro.

Yields 6 servings.*

HORTOONS**A HIDDEN FACT ABOUT FLORIDA TOLL BOOTH EMPLOYEES... EVERY FRIDAY IS NO PANTS DAY.**

HORTON

THE RIVER

WEEKLY NEWS
 FROM THE BEACHES TO DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS

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Lee County Sheriff's Office	477-1200
Florida Marine Patrol	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
Poison Control	1-800-282-3171
HealthPark Medical Center	1-800-936-5321
Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce	332-3624
Foundation for Quality Childcare	425-2685
Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce	454-7500
Fort Myers Beach Library	463-9691
Lakes Regional Library	533-4000
Lee County Chamber of Commerce	931-0931
Post Office	1-800-275-8777
Visitor & Convention Bureau	338-3500

ARTS

Alliance for the Arts	939-2787
Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall	481-4849
BIG ARTS	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	278-4422
Cultural Park Theatre	772-5862
Edison Festival of Light	334-2999
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
The Schoolhouse Theater	472-6862
SW Florida Symphony	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy	936-3239
Young Artists Awards	574-9321

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Angel Flight	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center	731-3535
American Business Women Association	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL	339-8046
Audubon Society	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR	482-1366
Caloosahatchee Folk Society	321-4620
Cape Chorale Barbershop Chorus	1-855-425-3631
Cape Coral Stamp Club	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists	415-2484
Embroiderers Guild of America - Sea Grape Chapter	239-267-1990
FM UDC Chapter 2614 - United Daughters of the Confederacy	728-3743
Friendship Force Of SW FL	561-9164
Garden Club of Cape Coral	239-257-2654
Horticulture and Tea Society	472-8334
Horticultural Society	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation	939-7278
NARFE (National Active & Retired Federal Employees)	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL	667-1354
Sons of Confederate Veterans	332-2408
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association	561-2118
Kiwanis Fort Myers Beach	765-4254 or 454-8090
Kiwanis Fort Myers Edison	694-1056
Kiwanis Fort Myers South	691-1405
Gateway to the Islands	218-5768
Iona-McGregor	482-0869
Lions Club Fort Myers Beach	463-9738
Lions Club Fort Myers High Noon	466-4228
Lions Club Estero/South Fort Myers	898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County	768-0417
Organ Transplant Recipients of SW Florida	247-3073
POLO Club of Lee County	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society	472-6940
United Way of Lee County	433-2000
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Burrough's Home	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates	334-7419
Fort Myers Skate Park	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium	321-7420
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Koreshan State Historic Site	239-992-0311
Langford Kingston Home	239-334-2550
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center	765-8101
Skatium	321-7510
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Southwest Florida Museum of History	321-7430
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PUZZLES

Answers on page 29

Super Crossword

SPIRITUAL
ADVANCEMENT

- ACROSS
- 1 Carried, as a load

6 University in Druid Hills, Georgia

11 Old TV's "Mayberry —"

14 Mythical man-goat

19 Sub in WWII

20 Coloratura Callas

21 The "E" of REO

22 Milo of films

23 Toot one's own horn

24 Tidy up

25 Seoul soldier

26 Bridle straps

27 Start of a riddle

31 Volcano stuff

32 Basilica seat

33 — Lorraine (region of France)

34 Break bread

37 Riddle, part 2

44 Made up for

46 Cupid's counterpart

47 Mello — (drink brand)

48 Paint type

49 Trembly tree

51 Pepsi or Tab

55 Picnic spoiler

56 Pitching star

57 Clog or pump

58 Skylight?

60 No-frills shirt

61 Riddle, part 3

67 Actress Long or Vardalos

68 Hurry-scurry

69 People with power

70 Riddle, part 4

82 Lac liquid

83 Bumper finish

84 Assistant

85 Man-mouse connector

86 eBay offers

88 Stitches

89 Signed one's name to

91 Up and about

93 Weeps

95 Slushy drink

96 Gave in exchange

97 End of the riddle

104 Me, in Lyons

105 Old game consoles

106 Near-infinite time span

107 Shiny stone

110 Riddle's answer

117 Student

119 Hill VIP: Abbr.

120 Sky hunter

121 Feel jubilant

122 Beneficial

123 Ending for Sudan

124 "Pippin" Tony winner

125 Lamp spirit

126 Overly fond type

127 Old JFK flier

128 Paid to play

129 Braying ones

DOWN

1 Friend of Forrest Gump

2 Some double reeds

3 Household insect trap

4 Curiosity org.

5 Caesar's dying words

6 Was a roast host, say

7 African land

8 Russian city

9 Iranian coin

10 Yin's partner

11 Throw again, as dice

12 Like silky down

13 Authoritarian decree

14 Black magic

15 On a cruise

16 Sleeping bag fabric brand

17 Osaka coin

18 Coll. dorm supervisors

28 Barreled

29 Fezzes, e.g.

30 Learning loc.

35 More homely

36 Gives a call

38 "Liftoff!" preceder

39 Really annoy

40 Ward off

41 Prior to, to a bard

42 Swindle

43 Beyond, to a bard

44 "Woe!"

45 Tijuana nosh

49 "I caught ya!"

50 Fa-la link

51 Bovine chew

52 Eye, to a bard

53 Mauna —

54 Make it

57 Mown paths

58 Before long, to a bard

59 Ex-governor Carlson

62 Savings acct. earnings

63 Blu-ray —

64 Unvarying

65 Suffix with block

66 Suffix with balloon

70 Skype setup

71 Coiffure

72 An amplifier receives it

73 "— you in?"

74 Drag

75 Ambulance inits.

76 "Star Trek" actor George

77 Rush along

78 Mix in

79 Holders of frankfurters

80 Maumee Bay's lake

81 36 inches

87 Month no. 9

89 German "I"

90 Born, in Lyons

91 Klee's forte

92 Took a chair

94 Waldorf's Muppet partner

95 Formal reply to "Who's there?"

96 Scads

98 Biblical verb suffix

99 Lectern platforms

100 "Hondo" actor James

101 Official seal

102 Lie at rest

103 Bewailed

108 "The Office" actress Kemper

109 Deals (out)

111 Belgian/ French river

112 Den fixture

113 Pressing tool

114 Nasal spray, e.g.

115 Dreamcast company

116 Firewood splitters

117 Peas' place

118 ET carrier

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King Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Eye layer

5 Poorly illuminated

8 Answer an invite

12 Send a naughty photo

13 Environmental prefix

14 Elevator name

15 Goblet part

16 Carrion-eating birds

18 Highly ornate

20 Most up-to-date

21 Satan's purchase

23 Pod occupant

24 Snapshots

28 Omit

31 Web address

32 Diarist Samuel

34 A Gabor sister

35 Settled a debt

37 False teeth

39 Wire measure

41 Kitchen, e.g.

42 On the schedule

45 Tropical fruit

49 Blends

51 "American —"

52 Sandwich

8 GPS findings

9 One who jogs sans togs

10 Competes

11 "Hey, you!"

17 Spigot

19 Masterstroke

22 Shunned person

24 Young dog

25 Playwright Levin

26 Reached a peak

27 Short story?

29 "— Got a Secret"

30 — de deux

33 Old portico

36 Marks mean-

ing "same as above"

38 Baseball arbiter

40 Romanian money

42 Urban blight

43 Old Italian coin

44 Sketch

46 Hebrew month

47 Relaxing discipline

48 Brewery products

50 Away from WSW

MAGIC MAZE ● CONTAINERS

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

Corral

Dumpster

Eggshell

Flask

Jar

Luggage

Pitcher

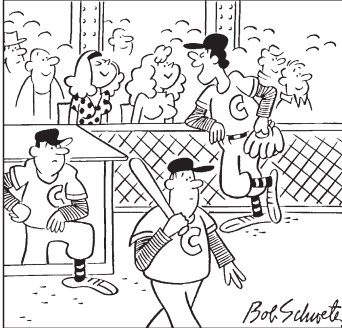
Pouch

Safe

Silo

Tanker

Thermos



"I'm now a free agent — I just got _____!"

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!

Civil _____

Sever

ENDURS

Reason ☐ ☐
VOMITE

Cause **DICENU** ☐ ☐ _____

TODAY'S WORD



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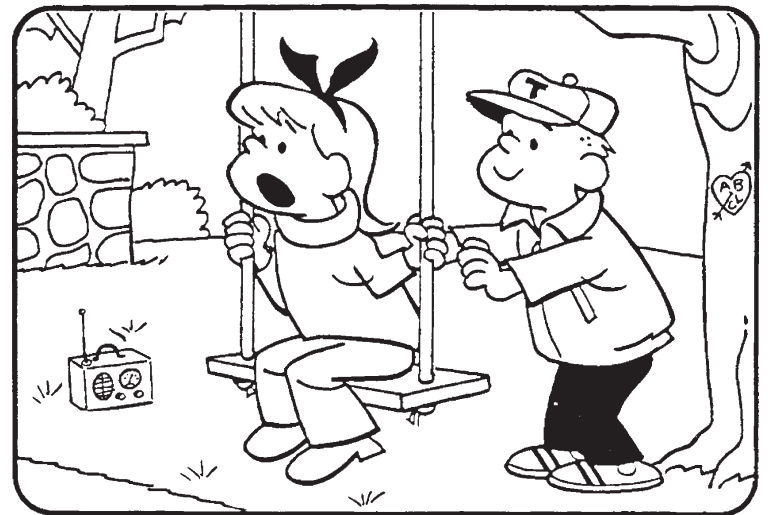
To play Sudoku:

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

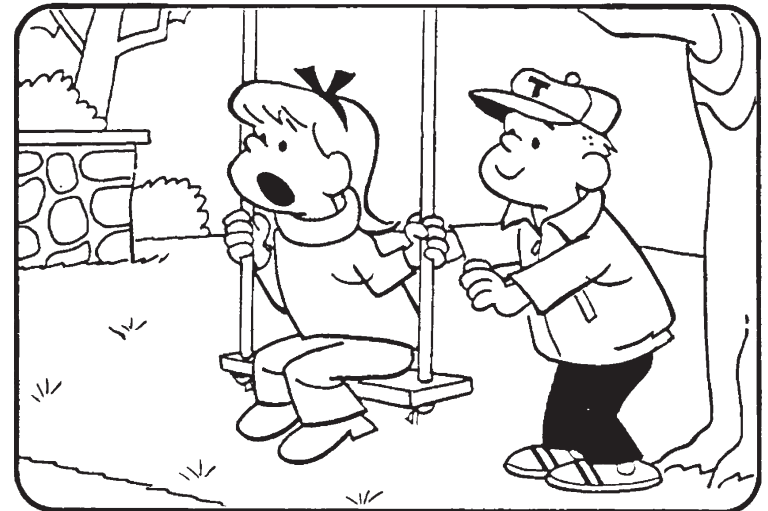
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HOCUS-FOCUS

**BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF**



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Radio is missing. 2. Bow is smaller. 3. Swing seat is smaller. 4. Girl's legs are shorter. 5. Arm is moved. 6. Tree carving is missing.

From page 1

Boat Show

Centennial Park. Attendees will enter the show at First and Carson Street (next to Joe's Crab Shack). Displays will be set up all along the river stretching from Centennial Park through the downtown area along Edwards Drive to the city yacht basin.

Parking will be available for \$5 in the large grass lot at First Street and Altamont Avenue (next to Publix). A free shuttle will bring attendees to the show entrance.

"The marine industry is booming in Southwest Florida and along with redevelopment in the downtown area, this year's redesigned and expanded layout features more boats, products and services than ever," said John Good, show manager for the Southwest Florida Marine Industries Association.

The Fort Myers Boat Show offers a unique combination of outdoor and in-water display areas. More than 500 boats, 160 accessory booths, 130 different boat lines and a variety of how-to and boating information displays will be present at this year's show.

Numerous food and drink options will also be available throughout the show from barbecue and seafood to the Yacht Basin Pub.

A special feature of this year's show



Boats in the city yacht basin

includes appearances by well-known Capt. Paul Hebert of the *Wicked Pissah* from *National Geographic's* show *Wicked Tuna*. He will be onsite Friday, Saturday and Sunday to meet boat show guests at the Maui Jim booth.

The always popular Fishin' Frank's Fishin' Village will have its own mini-fishing show. Highlights will include tackle displays with factory representatives on hand, a seminar area with local charter captains discussing inshore and offshore fishing, and the popular fishing simulator, which gives visitors a chance for a virtual battle with

everything from bass to marlin. The casting tank is also returning to allow attendees to learn how to cast like the pros with daily casting and cast net demonstrations.

In addition to boats, attendees will find the largest display of accessory items and marine services of any boat show on Florida's west coast including electronic equipment, motors, boat lifts, docks and clothing.

For more information, call 656-7083, email info@swfmia.com or visit www.goboatingflorida.com/fort-myers-boat-show/. ✨

Pet Adoption Fees Reduced For Veterans

In honor of Veterans Day, Lee County Domestic Animal Services is offering two adoption specials this month, including reduced adoption fees of \$40 for shelter pet vets. All animals available for adoption will be included in the promotion through November 30.

In addition, Animal Services will celebrate Veterans Day on Saturday, November 11, with free adoptions for all veterans with an approved adoption application. Proof of military service is required. A free pet food pantry will be available for anyone serving in the military.

The Calendar Girls will start the celebration with a performance at 10:30 a.m. when the adoption center opens. Movers for Mutts: Two Men and a Truck will be donating adoption goodie baskets for the first 20 adoptions on November 11 as well.

Visit www.leelostpets.com to see pets available for adoption. The adoption center, located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, is open 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. ✨

	FRIDAY Sunny High: 78 Low: 69		SATURDAY Sunny High: 79 Low: 70		SUNDAY Sunny High: 81 Low: 68		MONDAY Sunny High: 76 Low: 67		TUESDAY Sunny High: 75 Low: 66		WEDNESDAY Sunny High: 76 Low: 67		THURSDAY Sunny High: 78 Low: 69
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Fri	4:26 am	12:34 pm	8:44 pm	None	Fri	3:31 am	12:36 pm	7:49 pm	None	Fri	4:46 am	12:15 pm	6:51 pm	None	Fri	6:36 am	1:08 am	10:54 pm	3:50 pm
Sat	6:08 am	12:09 am	9:17 pm	1:39 pm	Sat	5:13 am	12:11 am	8:22 pm	1:41 pm	Sat	6:21 am	12:29 am	7:48 pm	1:25 pm	Sat	8:18 am	3:25 am	11:27 pm	4:55 pm
Sun	8:02 am	2:02 am	9:45 pm	2:34 pm	Sun	7:07 am	2:04 am	8:50 pm	2:36 pm	Sun	7:44 am	1:59 am	8:42 pm	2:24 pm	Sun	10:12 am	5:18 am	11:55 pm	5:50 pm
Mon	9:32 am	3:18 am	10:11 pm	3:20 pm	Mon	8:37 am	3:20 am	9:16 pm	3:22 pm	Mon	9:04 am	3:05 am	9:37 pm	3:18 pm	Mon	11:42 am	6:34 am	None	6:36 pm
Tue	10:43 am	4:14 am	10:35 pm	3:59 pm	Tue	9:48 am	4:16 am	9:40 pm	4:01 pm	Tue	10:29 am	4:06 am	10:26 pm	4:10 pm	Tue	12:21 am	7:30 am	12:53 pm	7:15 pm
Wed	11:41 am	5:00 am	10:57 pm	4:31 pm	Wed	10:46 am	5:02 am	10:02 pm	4:33 pm	Wed	11:28 am	4:59 am	11:05 pm	4:59 pm	Wed	12:45 am	8:16 am	1:51 pm	7:47 pm
Thu	12:32 pm	5:39 am	11:18 pm	4:59 pm	Thu	11:37 am	5:41 am	10:23 pm	5:01 pm	Thu	12:07 pm	5:45 am	11:35 pm	5:43 pm	Thu	1:07 am	8:55 am	2:42 pm	8:15 pm

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Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Lilo And Zeus

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My adoption fee is \$25.

Hi, I'm Zeus. I'm a 13-year-old male domestic shorthair who is another of the Super Seniors that are featured this week. I am not a happy camper here at the shelter. I much prefer the comforts of a home. I just needs the back of a couch or a windowsill to hang out in, and you won't even know I'm there.

My adoption fee is \$25. For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at www.LeeLostPets.com. When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

The shelter is open for adoptions from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through 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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Lee County Domestic Animal Services

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Earl Grey And Tara

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



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Acreage	Cape Coral	2002	5,839	\$1,250,000	\$1,100,000	0
Town and River	Fort Myers	2017	2,793	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	0
Wildewood	Fort Myers	2004	3,532	\$1,095,000	\$988,000	671
Town and River	Fort Myers	1993	2,949	\$1,079,000	\$1,000,000	118
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1990	3,807	\$949,900	\$782,500	156
Anchorage at Bonita Bay	Bonita Springs	1997	2,471	\$840,000	\$780,000	72
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