



Dogs and their owners gather under a reunion tent

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Festival To Celebrate Golden Retrievers

The 9th annual GoldenFest will be held at the Doggy Heaven canine park at the Shell Factory & Nature Park in North Fort Myers on Sunday, March 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is

hosted by Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida (GRRSW).

There will be vendors, exhibits, pet portraits, dock dog diving, a pet spa, a doggy garage sale, refreshments, a huge raffle and silent auction, and other activities. Raffle and auction items range from attraction, theater, dinner cruise and hotel tickets to rounds of golf, gift cards and lavish gift baskets. Vendors

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A Farcical Whodunnit At Lab Theater

by Di Saggau

The Musical Comedy Murders of the 1940s isn't really a musical as much as it's a farce about murders that took place during a recent Broadway flop, and the murders that take place inside the home of wealthy Elsa Von Grossenkneuten (Danielle Channell). The unknown killer is called the Stage Door Slasher.

Elsa has gathered some theater artists to hold auditions for a new musical. This includes the director (Steven Coe), the Irish tenor Patrick O'Reilly (Dave Matthew Chesebro), the struggling comedian Eddie McCuen (Mark King) and the chorus girl Nikki Crandall (Madelaine Hayes). They are joined by the snobbish Broadway producer Marjorie Baverstock (Pat Clopton), the flamboyant composer Roger Hopewell (Nathan Ross) and the never-sober lyricist Bernice Roth (Stacy Stauffer). There's also undercover cop Michael Kelly (Mike Edouard), who is looking for the slasher.

In the opening scene, we see a mysteri-



Kayleigh O'Connell and Dave Matthew Chesebro

photo courtesy Tom Hall

ous masked person murder Elsa's maid, Helsa Wensel (Kayleigh O'Connell). We are surprised when in the next scene, we see Helsa again with a slightly changed personality. How can it be? The humor is at its best when O'Connell is on stage.

She is a master of swooping in and out of

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The StepCrew

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Step Dancers To Perform At Shell Point

Shell Point Retirement Community continues the Performing Arts program of its 2017-18 Concert Series with The StepCrew at the Village Church at Shell Point on Thursday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 and the concert is open to the public.

The StepCrew is a dancing sensation that will take audiences on a breathtaking journey, bringing together three styles of exhilarating dance forms: Ottawa Valley step dance,

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Enhanced Miracle Game Promotions On Tap For Season



Catcher Stuart Turner receives a pitch during a game

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The Fort Myers Miracle 2018 promotions calendar includes more post-game fireworks displays, giveaways and family-friendly events than ever before.

The season's first promotion – free tickets – will be available beginning Sunday, March 25. Baseball fans can pick up vouchers at participating Wendy's locations across Southwest Florida for the

first Friday game of the season on April 6, which will feature a pre-game happy hour, in-game entertainment by the ZOOperstars! characters and post-game fireworks.

Again this season, post-game fireworks shows will follow Friday night home games, as well as Opening Night (April 5)

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Changing Scene At Main And Broadway



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

About 60 years ago, three people stood at a microphone, officiating at a ceremony held by American Legion Post 38 on the Lee County Courthouse grounds. The scene is the northeast corner of Main and Broadway, and visible in the background is much of the busy Main Street block. Note that large tail-finned car parked on Broadway (center right) – a stylistic reminder of the period. The ceremony was one of many events organized over the years by the Rabe O. Wilkison post 38. During the 1960s, many local World War II veterans were still in their prime and the post was very active in community affairs in Fort Myers.

This event was probably a monument dedication or an observance of a veteran-related holiday. In the background, people are dispersing, suggesting that the event is wrapping up. Uniformed men with rifles balanced on their shoulders (left background) – probably the honor guard – are already headed for the sidewalk on Main Street. The block looks much as it does today, for all the buildings on the north side of Main are still standing. The two two-story buildings (center background), constructed in the 19-teens, mark the entrance to Patio de Leon. A waffle shop, whose sign hangs under the awning, and a shoe store frame the patio entrance at street level. To the left stands the Belmar Building, facing Broadway and occupying most of that block.



Circa-1960, American Legion Post 38 holds a ceremony on the Lee County Courthouse grounds. The people are unidentified. In the background is the north side of Main Street. At right is First Federal Savings and Loan at the Broadway corner.
photo courtesy American Legion Post 38



The north side of Main looks much the same about six decades later, but First Federal Savings on the corner (right) was demolished in the 1970s. The monument on the left honors World War I veterans.
photo by Gerri Reaves

In 1960, Fischel & Dowdy Jewelers occupied the corner storefront of that 1925-1926 building, and offices occupied the three smaller storefronts facing Main. However, one big difference since 1960 is that First Federal Savings and Loan (S&L) (right) is gone. That \$80,000 single-story S&L had opened in 1956, the business’s second permanent home since being founded in 1934. Locals still remember how attractive the S&L was; nevertheless, it was demolished a little more than 20 years after its construction – a victim of expansion. In 1978, First Federal opened a new multi-story headquarters just south of the one pictured here. Today, that “double-silo” building is the Lee County Administration Annex East. The spot where the 1956 structure once stood is now part of a city parking lot. Since 1960, the patio buildings and the Belmar have changed too. Now a law firm, the Belmar sports an umbrella-like awning. The renovated patio buildings now lack balconies, and bars are located on each side of the patio entrance. Walk down to the corner of Main and Broadway and imagine tail-finned cars cruising downtown. Then visit the following two research centers to explore more Main Street history. 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 more information, call 332-8778 or visit www.leecountyblackhistorysociety.org. Sources: Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society.**

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Blues Benefit To Support Heights Children

Blues by the Bay, an evening of live music, food and drinks, will be held at the St. Charles Yacht Club on Tuesday, March 27 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Guests will enjoy samplings from the area's finest restaurants, fine wines, a signature Blue Bay Martini, champagne and live music by a rockin' blues band.

Live auction items will be offered and all proceeds will benefit the School Success programs for at-risk children in the Harlem Heights neighborhood in Fort Myers. Event sponsors include Edison National Bank/Bank of the Islands and Entech. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. Dress is resort casual.

"Our School Success programs include our charter school, academic tutoring, after school and summer camp programs, scholarship and college access assistance, school supplies and tuition support," said Kathryn Kelly, president and CEO of The Heights Foundation. "Each program is geared to meet the specific needs of children and young adults who seek to further their education."

Tickets are now on sale for \$125 each



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and space is limited. Guests can upgrade to VIP level and receive tickets to the exclusive pre-party at a private home in St. Charles Yacht Club as well as VIP benefits.

St. Charles Yacht Club is located at 15900 St. Charles Harbour Boulevard in Fort Myers. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit www.heightsfoundation.org/blues or call Karen Lesza at 482-7706.✱

event may participate in weekly training sessions held each Saturday from 8 to 10 a.m. until April 21.

"This is a great event for fitness enthusiasts or anyone looking for a way to challenge themselves in support of a good cause," said Kurt Goerke, director of health promotions for the American Lung Association in Florida. "Some of our participants climb in these events around the country, while others ascend the stairs just here in Fort Myers."

Local fundraising topped the \$50,000 mark for the first time last year, and organizers hope to repeat that goal. Event proceeds help send kids with asthma to summer camp, provide support to patients with lung illnesses and fund lung cancer research.

Fight for Air climbers can participate individually or as a team. Registration is \$25, and each climber must raise a minimum of \$100 in donations to participate.

The Oasis Tower One is located at 3000 Oasis Grand Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.climbfortmyers.org or call 908-2685.✱

One-Woman Show At Alliance

Alliance for the Arts presents a limited run of *Grounded* by George Brant at Theatre Conspiracy from Thursday, March 22 through Sunday, March 25.

Directed by Theatre Conspiracy Founder and Artistic Producing Director Bill Taylor, the play stars Katie Pankow as The Pilot. This one-woman show targets our assumptions about war, family and the power of storytelling.

Grounded is the story of an ace fighter pilot who becomes pregnant and gets reassigned to operating drones from a windowless trailer on an Air Force base in the desert outside Las Vegas. Hunting terrorists by day and coming home to her family by night, the pilot struggles to navigate her dual identities between the desert where she lives and the desert where she fights.

Pankow is a classically trained actress based in South Florida. She has previously starred in *Lend Me A Tenor* at BIG ARTS Strauss Theatre, *Swell Party* at Theatre Conspiracy; *The Odd Couple* (female version) at Off-Broadway Palm and *Ajax in Iraq* at the University of Florida. A bit of a jack-of-all-trades, Pankow is a published poet, an award-winning radio news journalist and a decorated artist.

"This visceral production demands a strong female actor who can own the show, and we're thrilled to welcome



Katie Pankow

photo provided

Katie, one of the best in southwest Florida," said Taylor. "*Grounded* is a riveting play filled with powerful storytelling about the dualities of war and family."

Individual tickets are \$25, \$11 for students or \$22 for Alliance members. Performances run March 22 through 24 at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on March 25.

Theatre Conspiracy at Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the box office at 939-2787 or visit www.ArtInLee.org/Theatre.✱

Register For Endurance Stairclimb Event

Registration and training are underway for the American Lung Association's 8th annual Fight for Air Climb to be held at The Oasis Tower One on Saturday, April 28 at 9 a.m. During the unique endurance event, participants will climb 31 flights of stairs in the residential high rise to raise money for lung disease research, education and advocacy.

More than 300 people are expected to climb 535 steps, including local firefighters who will ascend in 45 pounds of full gear (helmet, hood, pants, coat, gloves, boots and air pack). Firefighters have an increased risk for lung disease from the exposure to gases, chemicals and smoke in the line of duty. Other participants will climb in support or memory of people touched by lung disease or in support of their own fitness goals.

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Local Breweries Gain Medals

Point Ybel Brewing Company was among six local breweries to capture awards at the 2018 Best Florida Beer Championship Professional Competition in Tampa on March 4.

The 16120 San Carlos Boulevard brewing company took home a Gold medal in the Desert Stout category with Cinnamon Toast Brunch.

"We are honored to receive this award and so proud of our brew team Jordan Weisberg and Dave Wronski," said Point Ybel Brewing Company owners Walt and Amy Costello.

Fort Myers Brewing Company also won a gold medal in the Coffee/Chocolate Beer category with Chocolate Stout as well as Silver Medal in the Kettle Sour Ale category with a Contemporary Gose called Prickly Pear Gose and a Bronze medal in the Sweet/Strong Stout category with a British-Style Imperial Stout called Bubblin Crude.

Fat Point Brewing of Punta Gorda took home a bronze in the English Ale category with an English-Style Summer Ale called Big Boca.

Scotty's Bierwerks of Cape Coral received a Silver medal in the Scottish/Irish Ale category with Irish Red Ale.

Momentum Brewhouse seized a Bronze medal in the Strong Ale category with a British-Style Barley Wine Ale called Twisted Cap. Momentum Brewhouse along with Co-brewer Thomas Gambino gained a Silver medal in the Spice/Herb/



Jordan Weisberg photo provided

Vegetable Beer category with a Field Beer called Udderly Crazy.

Most impressively, in The Best of Show Awards, Big Blue Brewing of Cape Coral captured the Best Beer In Florida with Lightest Thing Ya Got as well as the Best Brewpub In Florida. Fort Myers Brewing Company won the Best Small Batch Beer In Florida for its Chocolate Stout.

The Brewers Ball is an event for all of the category-winning commercial beers which were showcased during an afternoon of live music, awards and one of the best beer raffles in Florida. Trophies are given for the top three commercial beers and homebrewed beers.✱

Century-Old Park To Open For House Tour

Six homes in historic Dean Park near downtown Fort Myers will showcase southwestern Florida history and Craftsman-style architecture when they are open to the public on Saturday, March 24 from noon to 4 p.m.

Dean Park, just east of downtown Fort Myers, was designated a historic district in 1997 and named to the National Register of Historic Places in 2013. It was the vision of John Morgan Dean, a wealthy developer from Rhode Island, who began building homes in the neighborhood in 1916 and recorded "Dean Park" as one of the city's earliest subdivisions in 1920.

The houses on the tour include Shangri-La, an old Florida style home built on Billy's Creek in 1922, and the elegant Robb house, built on Rhode Island Avenue in the English Arts and Crafts style by Virgil C. Robb, the co-founder of the Robb and Stucky Furniture Company.

On First Street – once dubbed Millionaires' Row – visitors can walk through the impressive home first owned by Dr. Gordon Henry and his wife, Esther. The house still retains its

original stone columns, exposed beam ceilings, wide eaves and expansive porches that are the hallmark of the Craftsman style.

Three other homes complete the tour: a handsome 1921 bungalow – now beautifully landscaped – located on Providence Street and originally owned by Judge George Whitehurst and his wife, Myra; a charming 1930s cottage facing Palm Avenue; and a Michigan Avenue home that is one of at least six similar bungalows constructed on that street by early Fort Myers developer Henry C. Case.

Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased in advance at www.deanpark.org or at Remedies Parlor, 2541 Thompson Street and at Zero In Real Estate, 2256 First Street in downtown Fort Myers.

Tickets will also be available on the day of the tour for \$25 at the information/registration table in The Triangle, a small park located at the corner of Providence Street and Rhode Island Avenue in Dean Park. A rain date is scheduled for Sunday, March 25, also noon to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be offered at three of the homes.

A history of all the homes in Dean Park can be found in its newly updated website at www.deanpark.org. Click on the Interactive Map to see a photo of each home and its history.✱

Generous Cape Reception On March 22

The Cape Coral Community Foundation invites the Southwest Florida community to an evening of networking, celebration and generosity at the 2018 Generous Cape Reception. The annual event unites recipients of generosity, our local nonprofit organizations, with those who give so generously, our business and community leaders. The celebration will be held at the Cape Coral Yacht Club on Thursday, March 22 at 6 p.m.

During the Generous Cape Reception, six people will be recognized for giving back to the community, and one extraordinary philanthropist will be presented the Elmer Tabor Generosity Award. Finalists for this special award are Dr. Brad Middaugh, Karen Scott, Scott Kashman, Elaine Green, Keith Grossman and Gloria Tate. All nominees are known for their outstanding service in the community, have a record of exceptional generosity, show civic and charitable responsibility and demonstrate leadership that inspires others to a life of generosity. Grants will be awarded to local nonprofits, and the foundation will pay tribute to outgoing board members.

"The Generous Cape Reception is a very special event that celebrates what's at the heart of our foundation – generosity," Cape Coral Community Foundation CEO Michael Chatman said. "It's a feel-good evening recognizing and connecting outstanding individuals, companies and organizations to inspire

generosity."

There will be a musical performance from the Southwest Florida Symphony Trio, heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Tickets are \$65 in advance. Space is limited, so attendees are encouraged to register online in advance at www.capecoralcf.org/events.

The Cape Coral Yacht Club is located at on 5819 Driftwood Parkway. For more information, call 542-5594 or visit www.capecoralcf.org.✱

Fashion Show To Raise Funds For Republicans

The annual fashion show fundraiser, Spring Fling, is being held by the Fort Myers Republican Women's Club at The Helm Club, The Landings on Tuesday, March 27. A red, white and blue theme will be utilized. Fashions by Razzle Dazzle will be for the club members who serve as models. Oasis JROTC cadets will serve as escorts for the models. The event replaces the regular monthly business meeting and features a silent auction.

The public is invited to attend. The day's activities include a card party beginning at 10 a.m. Donations for door prizes, raffle items and the silent auction are being accepted. The luncheon will feature the traditional money hat. A social hour and silent auction begin at 11 a.m. The fashion show and luncheon begin at noon. Tickets are \$35. Reservations are required by Thursday, March 22.

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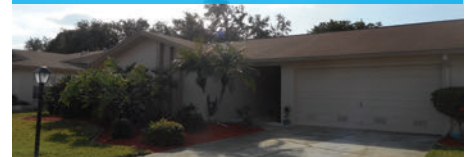

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Fort Myers Art:

Early Works On Paper By Local Artist To Be Sold



by Tom Hall

For Marcus Jansen's upcoming 50th birthday and celebrating 30 years in the arts, UNIT A plans to release some of Jansen's most sought-after early works on paper signed and numbered in pencil due to popular demand.

The Fort Myers-based artist is frequently in the news and is featured in the March 2018 edition of *Artillery* magazine,

which writes that "Jansen employs abstraction to explore psychic chaos and conflict, in traditional AbEx style, but in his hands, improvisation opens the valves of feeling (to paraphrase Francis Bacon) and experience; he re-enacts or works through (his words) memories of war in the arena of the canvas, creating enthralling panoramas that pit the terrible beauty of destruction against our conflicting moral sentiments. Pictorial space is inconsistent or ambiguous, as in a dream (or in a damaged building near collapse). Tiny figures wander through the detritus, like the tourists and gypsies in paintings of classical or Gothic ruins by Hubert Robert and Caspar David Friedrich."

Artillery is distributed nationally through galleries, museums, Barnes & Noble and other select book stores, as well as at art fairs, on college campuses and in every room of both the Los Angeles Standard and San Francisco Phoenix Hotels.

Writing for *Artillery*, art critic DeWitt Cheng continues: "Jansen ... never lapses into melancholic musing; the inclusion of incongruous elements (car tires, pigs, toadstools, soccer balls, numbers and



A collage of early works by Marcus Jansen

photo courtesy www.artswfl.com

letters, flags) that one might find half-buried in any contemporary disaster scene – from our media smorgasbord of war, famine, pandemic, fire, flood, landslide, hurricane, and drought – lends urgency and contemporaneity to his visions. The shadowy survivors picking through the ruins – soldiers, drawn from memory, as well as figures taken from photographs and paintings – are tragic figures, like Goya's survivors and victims, but rendered without hyperbole, and all the more affecting for that reserve. While Jansen's large, epic, contemporary history paintings are dazzling tours de force, his smaller canvases are more personal and less rhetorical and frequently reminiscent of Francis Bacon and Lynn Foulkes. Jansen might be reviving the

moral ethos of 1930s painting for our troubled times."

The limited edition, numbered early works on paper will first become available on Saturday, March 31. To obtain one for your collection, email unitaspacinfo@gmail.com. Availability is subject to change.

Bonita National Winners In Several Categories

The third and final Bonita Springs National Art Festival of the 2018 season closed recently with the announcement of winners in several categories.

Sculptor Riza Pishgahi took honors as the overall Best of Show. Oil/acrylic painter Ziao Jiang was chosen as Best of 2D, with mixed media 3D artist Sabra Richards garnering Best of 3D honors.

The following 12 artists received Awards of Distinction:

Kimberly Wilcox, sculpture
Antanas Ulevicius, sculpture
Lyn Sedlak-Ford, mixed media 2D
Abby Warman, oil/acrylics
Kue King, metal
Boris Kramer, sculpture
Wooster & Peaselee, graphics
Tricia Young, jewelry
John Furches, graphics
Don Plumridge, oil/acrylics
Wayne Gao, mixed media 3D
Massie Wang, oil/acrylics

Officials from the Center for Visual Arts Bonita Springs extend their sincere thanks to every artist who participated in its nationally-ranked art festivals this season, to the hundreds of volunteers who made the shows possible, and the tens of thousands of patrons who attended them and made the events so successful.

*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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Palmetto Palms RV Resort will be hosting a Craft and White Elephant Sale on Saturday, March 17 from 8 a.m. to noon. Coffee and donuts will be available. The public is invited.

Palmetto Palms RV Resort is located at 19681 Summerlin Road in Fort Myers. For more information, call Marge Gregg at 466-5331.*

Walk 4 Hope

To kick off National Parkinson Awareness Month, Hope Healthcare Parkinson Program is hosting Walk 4 Hope at Lakes Regional Park on Saturday, April 7 at 10 a.m.

The one- to three-mile walk will help raise awareness and support the local Parkinson community. A registration fee of \$25 per person includes event T-shirt and light refreshments.

Lakes Regional Park is located at 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers. Register at www.hopeparkinson.org/walk or call Michelle Martin at 985-7727. To ensure correct shirt size, register by March 16. Corporate sponsorships are available.*

Spring Egg Hunt

The City of Fort Myers Recreation Division invites all children up to age 6 to join in the annual Spring Egg Hunt at Centennial Park on Sunday, March 25. The event begins at 10 a.m. with free children's activities including a

sidewalk chalk area and bean bag toss. Concessions will be available as well as a photo opportunity with the bunny.

Some 4,000 eggs will be placed in Centennial Park and a special visitor is expected. Children must be able to walk on their own; parents will not be able to assist. There will be a drawing for special prizes following the egg hunt. Children should bring their own basket to collect the eggs.

There is no registration or fee required. Plan to bring the kids and enjoy a memorable Fort Myers tradition.

For more information, contact Matt Fairchild at 321-7527 or mfairchild@cityftmyers.com.*

Coconut Point Concert Series

The first concert series of the season at Coconut Point will feature The U.S. Stones, a Rolling Stones Tribute Band, on Friday, March 23 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Bring your own chairs or hit the dance floor during this outdoor concert featuring the best hits from one of the world's most famed English rock bands. Coolers are not allowed.

The free monthly concerts feature impersonators of some of the world's most popular acts. Event sponsors include Talent Ventures and Coconut Point.

The concerts will be held on the grassy lawn beside Florida Blue at Coconut Point, 23106 Fashion Drive, Suite 107 in Estero. For more information, call 992-9966.*

Symphonic Chorale Presents Bernstein At 100



Dr. Trent Brown and Abbey Allison
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The Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida will present Leonard Bernstein at 100 in the chorale's final self-produced concerts of the 2017-18 season. The concerts will be held at New Hope Presbyterian Church on Saturday, March 24 at 7 p.m. and at Bower Chapel at Moorings Park on Sunday, March 25 at 4 p.m.

Leonard Bernstein would have

been 100 years old in 2018 and was one of the most prodigiously talented musicians in American history. He is best known as the music director of the New York Philharmonic from 1958 to 1969, film scores for *On the Waterfront* and *West Side Story*, symphonies and choral works such as *Chichester Psalms*, which the Chorale will perform in Yiddish, with organ and harp accompaniment.

Dr. Trent Brown, artistic director and conductor of the chorale, said, "Our performance celebrates the work of Bernstein, but also looks at the works that influenced him. When Bernstein conducted Haydn, Mozart, Stravinsky and Gershwin, his tastes developed. The chorale looks back to those influences, as well as pondering new directions after the legacy of Bernstein."

Bernstein, as a composer, conductor, author, music lecturer and pianist, was one of the first American musicians to receive world-wide acclaim. The Symphonic Chorale is proud to celebrate his accomplishments and talent as they present many of his best-known compositions.

Both concerts of Leonard Bernstein at 100 will be presented free of charge by the chorale, although a goodwill donation taken at the concert is appreciated. Pre-register for seating is requested at www.symphonicchorale.org prior to the concert.

New Hope Presbyterian Church is located at 10051 Plantation Road in Fort Myers. Bower Chapel at Moorings Park is located at 130 Moorings Park Drive in Naples. Call 560-5695 for more information.✳

Film Screenings At The Alliance March 24

The Fort Myers Film Festival will present multiple screenings at the Alliance for the Arts on Saturday, March 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. No reservation is required. A \$10 suggested donation helps keep programming affordable and accessible.

The day's screenings are as follows:
10:15 a.m. – *The Arcade Creek Project: A Mosaic of Sustainability* (30 minutes); *Eradication. Restoration. Education.* The largest student run environment study in the world

11 a.m. – *Let It Shine: The Story of the Women's March* (22 minutes); There are certain things in life that only work if you show up. Democracy is one of them.

11:30 a.m. – *Gauze: Unraveling Global Health Care* (26 minutes); 24 countries. 174 hospitals. 65 international healthcare experts. One documentary film that compares/contrasts healthcare around the world.

12:15 p.m. – *Lost Springs* (40 minutes); The last frontier was Florida. We're experiencing an environmental genocide and all of Florida will suffer this fate unless we have leadership that agrees the protection of our waters is a priority. It's the law, and we have a right to clean water in our state. Experiencing

a landscape scarred by government failure, an artist must come to grips with the impending loss of her subject matter: a collection of majestic freshwater springs exposed only for a short time before being smothered and forgotten beneath waters held back by an aging and purposeless dam.

For more information, visit www.artinlee.org/fmff2018 or call 939-2787.✳

Dog Walkathon

The Southeastern Guide Dogs 4th annual Fort Myers Walkathon will be held at JetBlue Park on Saturday, April 14 beginning at 8 a.m.

The family fun event that welcomes dogs raises funds for Southeastern Guide Dogs, an internationally accredited guide dog school located in Palmetto, Florida. All services are at no charge for the visually impaired and our veterans. Because the school receives no government funding, all the monies are raised through fundraising events, and the walkathons are the biggest events.

The Fort Myers Walkathon will feature music, entertainment, opening ceremonies, the walk and raffles. The Whispering Pines Clydesdales will be offering carriage rides.

JetBlue Park is located at 11500 Fenway South Drive in Fort Myers. For more information, call Gail Gagliardi at 203-215-6617 or www.guidedogs.org.✳

Banglafest Returns March 31



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The Bangladeshi American Society of Southwest Florida will hold their 7th annual Banglafest at the Alliance for the Arts on Saturday, March 31 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

The goal at Banglafest is to share the Bangladeshi heritage, culture, tradition, music, fashion and authentic cuisine to the diversified society of Southwest Florida. There will be performances in music, song, dance, arts and fashion shows. Renowned artists Anima D'Costa and Si Tutul from Bangladesh are among the presenting artists.

Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.✳

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Along The River

The **downtown Fort Myers River District** will again be the scene for **Music Walk** this Friday, March 16. Restaurants, bars, art galleries and shops will showcase a wide range of music during the evening from 6 to 10 p.m. Expect live jazz and blues to rock, drums and much more. Each month brings new energy to the historic streets of downtown Fort Myers.

Visit www.fortmyersriverdistrictalliance.com to learn more.

The **Shell Factory** will host a comprehensive **hurricane seminar** in its Dolphin Room this Friday, March 16 at 1:30 p.m. Robert Van Winkle, meteorologist at NBC-2, will be the lead speaker of the program that will also feature representatives of the American Red Cross, Lee County Emergency Management, StormSmart and Fireservice.

The free program will provide an emphasis on what both yearlong and seasonal residents need to do prior to the hurricane season.

Participants will be offered free nature park passes for the family and door prizes. Several hurricane-related businesses will also have table displays that feature hurricane preparedness items. Pre-registration is not required.

Speakers will cover topics such as what a hurricane is, when to evacuate, flood damage and storm surge, shelters, how to prepare a hurricane kit, what happens after a hurricane,



A previous kick-off party for the Fort Myers Film Festival at Barbara B. Mann Hall
photo courtesy www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com

and insurance needs. Participants will be provided with a variety of printed materials that will be invaluable in preparing for a hurricane. Hurricane season is in effect from June 1 until November 30.

The Shell Factory is located at 2787 North Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41) in North Fort Myers. For more information, contact Chris Forbes at The Shell Factory at christine@shellfactory.com or 264-6364

The Young Dead will be having an **EP release show at Howl Tattoo and Piercing** this Saturday, March

17 beginning at 9 p.m. The cassette release of *Righteous Violence* is the band's first EP release, and the Young Dead have invited the Nervous Girls from Tampa and Snowmoon from Miami to join the St. Patrick's Day show.

Cost is \$5 at the door. You must be age 21 or older for admittance.

The Young Dead recorded *Righteous Violence* at Six Fingers Studios in Fort Myers and reached out to Austin-based engineers Matt Panera and Max Lorenzen for mixing and mastery. The EP was released on February 14 on Bandcamp, and will be available on cassette and other digital platforms this March.

Howl Tattoo and Piercing is located at 4160 Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.theyoungdead.com.

The Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation is holding its annual

Children's Garden fundraiser, **Brick by Brick Picnic**, at **Lakes Regional Park** this Sunday, March 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. This year's event celebrates the completion of Phase I, which is the ABC Garden.

The Bear Hill Bluegrass Band, specializing in bluegrass music with a little classic country mix, will entertain guests. Denny's and Suncoast Beverage will be donating food and drink. The Zaniacs of Happy Dolphin Press will entertain children, while Wheel Fun, one of the foundation's partners in the park, will provide a bounce house in the garden. Children also will get the opportunity to leave their hand prints on the wall. Parents and children are encouraged to indulge in unstructured playtime in the garden.

General admission is \$25 for adults, \$10 for children age 5 to 12 and free for children younger than age 5. VIP admission is \$100 and includes an engraved brick. Food, beverages, entertainment and parking are included. Tickets are available online at www.lakespark.org.

The fundraising auction features tickets to spring training games at JetBlue Stadium and Hammond Stadium, staycations donated by Marriot and Hampton Inn, an authentic Florida adventure experience by Everglades Day Safari and more.

Lakes Regional Park is located at 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.leeparks.org.

The **Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center** will hold the **Famous Author Lecture Series** with a lecture, lunch and book signing opportunity this Monday, March 19 from noon to 2 p.m.

The program features a forward by Casey Walker, author of *Last Days in Shanghai*, and lecture from Karen

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Science And History Center Gala April 7

The IMAG History & Science Center is preparing to host its annual gala, From the Fort to the Future, to be held on Saturday, April 7 from 7 to 11 p.m. The gala is a celebration of accomplishments in 2017 and IMAG's primary fundraiser for the year.

Sponsorship partners, individual donors and gift-in-kind contributors play an integral role in helping IMAG fulfill its mission. Those interested in attending and supporting IMAG can learn more at www.theimag.org.

The gala will be an occasion to celebrate, as well as to learn about and support the vision IMAG has laid out for the future. The special evening will consist of an auction, heavy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and full access to roam about the center. Guests will be treated to hands-on activities and interactive experiences, including a scavenger hunt, the latest VR exhibit,

the Virtual Battle of Fort Myers and equipment demos from the soon-to-be IMAG Fab Lab.

IMAG's Fab Lab will serve as a collaborative space to learn, problem solve and create using off-the-shelf, industrial-grade fabrication and electronics tools operated by open source software programs. It is among several new endeavors slated for the next phase of development in IMAG's Master Plan that will be highlighted at the gala.

"Our partners are invaluable, they have been on this journey with us since the beginning," said IMAG executive director Matt Johnson. "In order to achieve our near-term and long-range goals, we need their continued partnership. This type of event is an opportunity to express our gratitude, and together, take satisfaction in how far we have come, but it is also a prime time to look ahead and commit time, talent and treasure to ensure that we progress."

The IMAG History & Science Center is located at 2000 Cranford Avenue in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.theimag.org.✧

Festival Highlights Broadway's Golden Age



Opera Theater of Connecticut

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The Sanibel Music Festival will present the Opera Theater of Connecticut (OTC) program *The Gems of Broadway's Golden Age* with a tribute to Leonard Bernstein on Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, located at 2050 Periwinkle Way.

The 1940s ushered in Broadway's Golden Age, starting with the groundbreaking work of Rodgers and Hammerstein, and expanding to include many of music theater's best loved artists and composers. Five professional singers will pay tribute to the works of Comden and Green, Lerner and Lower, Cole Porter and others. The concert also features a tribute to Leonard Bernstein, in honor of his 100th birthday, with some of the best-known songs from *West Side Story*, *On the Town* and more. Artistic Director Alan Mann will provide witty and informative commentary.

The first half of the program includes selected pieces from shows such as *Kiss Me, Kate*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Guys and Dolls* and *My Fair Lady*.

The second half is all Bernstein, featuring *West Side Story*, *On the Town*

and others.

The Sanibel Music Festival will also present Opera Theater of Connecticut (OTC) for an evening of excerpts from favorite operas under the theme of Love, Passion and Revenge on Saturday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ.

The program will include best-known, best-loved arias and ensembles from the works of Verdi, Bizet, Leoncavallo, Puccini, Lehar, Romberg, Strauss and others.

Tickets are \$50 each, available by calling 344-7025, online at www.sanibelmusicfestival.org, at Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way, and at the door one half hour before the performance.

The Sanibel Music Festival, celebrating its 32nd season, presents world renowned artists during the month of March at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ on Sanibel Island. Incorporated in 1987 as a non-for-profit organization, its mission is to present classical music of the highest standard at affordable prices and to promote the careers of young artists through performance opportunities.✪

NASA Engineer To Discuss Space Exploration

Charles Fuechsel, an engineer who worked on numerous NASA spaceflight projects, will present a program to the Scientists Society of Southwest Florida during a dinner meeting at the Clubhouse at Lexington Country Club on Wednesday, March 21 beginning at 5:15 p.m.

In today's world of space travel wonders, few remember the shock that was felt in America when Russia launched the first man-made satellite into orbit. Fuechsel will discuss the exciting come-back story of the United States space program as it overtook Russia to become the unquestioned leader in space exploration. He will also speak on the

geo-political climate at the dawn of the Space Age and briefly address the many impressive missions that the U.S. and its international partners have accomplished. He also will help us look into what's next in space exploration.

Fuechsel retired from NASA, where he was an engineer and project manager with NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center as well as a senior executive at NASA Headquarters. He worked on numerous spaceflight projects, designed spacecraft communications and data systems, and directed the flight operations of space-borne astronomical observatories.

Guests and non-members are welcome to attend the dinner meeting by advance reservation. There is a charge for the dinner.

Lexington Country Club is located at 16257 Willowcrest Way in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.science-swfl.org or call 508-728-0755.✪



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Kathryn Kelly and Mark Loren

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Charity Party Benefits Heights Foundation

Mark Loren Designs recently held a Char-ish (Charity and Sharing) party in December at the business Fort Myers gallery where guests had the opportunity to shop at the gallery and benefit local charities.

Five local women of influence were invited and asked to invite 15 to 20 of their friends to celebrate the holiday with

them. The five women participated in a pre-event training evening to allow them to represent the gallery. Each chose a local charity of choice that received a portion of that evening's sales.

Kathryn Kelly, president and CEO of The Heights Foundation and The Heights Center, was one of the women of influence. Her guests were the largest supporters of the event. In addition to The Heights Foundation receiving a donation for \$8,814.75 from the sales, Kelly received a one-of-a-kind necklace designed, created and donated by International multi-award winning jeweler Mark Loren.

"All of the guests were wonderful and

graciously shopped for an extended holiday list as well as dear friends," said Loren. "We enjoyed being able to give back to local charities that do so much good in our community."

The Heights Foundation and The Heights Center are non-profit organizations that work to build strong, self-sufficient families in the Harlem Heights neighborhood of Fort Myers, an area of extreme poverty.

"Mark has been so generous with his time and talents," said Kelly, "He creates and donates one-of-a-kind pieces to

numerous local charities and has served on a number of non-profit boards. We are grateful for his long-time support of The Heights Foundation." Loren was recently honored for his 10-year support of The Heights Foundation's signature fundraiser, Love Your Neighbor.

Mark Loren Designs is located at 13351 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.marklorendesigns.com. For more information about The Heights Foundation and The Heights Center visit www.heightsfoundation.org or call 482-7706.✱

Presbyterian Church Services For Holy Week

Holy Week worship services at New Hope Presbyterian Church will begin on Palm Sunday, March 25 and conclude on Easter Sunday, April 1.

On Sunday, New Hope will have three Palm Sunday worship services to celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem at 8:15 and 9:30 a.m. (traditional) and 11 a.m. (contemporary).

On Thursday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m., come celebrate the Lord's Supper and meditate on the glory of the cross at New Hope's Maundy Thursday Communion worship service.

On Friday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m., New Hope will have a Good Friday worship service that will focus on Jesus' death on the cross with solemn hymns, prayers of thanksgiving, and a message centered

on His suffering for our salvation.

On Easter Sunday, April 1, New Hope will have four worship services at 6:45 a.m., 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. The 6:45 a.m. sunrise service will be held outside on the lawn with bagels, donuts, juice and coffee served after the service.

The 8 and 9:30 a.m. traditional services will be held in the sanctuary. Under the direction of the Traditional Music Director Benjamin Ball, the choir will be accompanied by organ, piano, handbells and trumpet.

The 11 a.m. contemporary service will also be held in the sanctuary with music led by Contemporary Worship Leader Kevin Kenworthy and the New Hope Praise Team. Pastor Eddie Spencer will speak at all four Easter services.

New Hope is located at 10051 Plantation Road in Fort Myers. For more information, contact the church office at 274-1230 or visit www.newhopefortmyers.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.

BIBLESHARE

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.

CYPRESS LAKE UNITED METHODIST

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

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

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Sunday 9:30 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.

FORT MYERS CONGREGATIONAL

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

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KINGDOM LIFE

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

LAMB OF GOD

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

View Drive, lambogodchurch.net, 267-3525.

NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER

Friday 6:30 and 7 p.m. 8505 Jenny Cae Lane, nbcministry@embarqmail.com, facebook.com/nbcministry, 656-0416.

NEW COVENANT EYES

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

NEW HOPE BAPTIST

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

NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN

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

PEACE COMMUNITY

Sunday 10:30 a.m. www.17671PineRidgeRoad.com, 267-7400.

PEACE LUTHERAN

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

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Sunday 9:30 a.m. 111 Evergreen Road, saintnicholasmonastery.org, 997-2847.

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

SOUTHWEST BAPTIST

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

TEMPLE BETHEL SYNAGOGUE

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

TEMPLE JUDEA (CONSERVATIVE)

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.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN

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

WORD OF LIFE

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

ZION LUTHERAN

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

Heights Center Community Impact Grant

The Heights Center recently received an Arts, Community and Culture Community Impact Grant from the Southwest Florida Community Foundation. The grant will aid in developing programs for children and adults to promote opportunities for family and community development by providing various music, art, theatre and dance classes at The Heights Center, which will increase inclusive access to the expressive and cultural arts.

"Part of our mission is to provide the benefits of enrichment and the arts to the Harlem Heights community," said Kathryn Kelly, president and CEO of The Heights Foundation and The Heights Center. "Learning to create and appreciate the arts is important to the development of both children and adults. We are grateful to the Southwest Florida Community Foundation for helping us provide access to the arts at an affordable price for residents of Harlem Heights and the surrounding communities."

Classes in the 14,000 square foot community center will be taught by instructors experienced in each field. There will be no registration fees and low instruction costs.

Group keyboard lessons for children and adults are beginning soon. All

experience level participants are invited, and evening classes are available. Classes are \$15 per week or \$60 per month and include one hour of instruction each week, keyboard and materials.

Additional classes in music, art, dance and theatre will be added throughout the year. Center officials are looking for local artists and musicians interested in teaching classes.

The Heights Center is located at 15570 Hagie Drive in Fort Myers. For more information, to enroll or to inquire about teaching positions, contact Melissa Barlow at 482-7706 or melissa@heightsfoundation.org.

Informal Art Scene In Rural Everglades City

The annual Art-in-the-Glades festival will take place at McLeod Park in historic Everglades City on Saturday, March 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hand-made crafts and local artworks will be available to purchase at reasonable prices.

Don't forget to dress up in green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Vendors are invited to set up a table.

McLeod Park is located at 208 South Copeland Avenue in Everglades City. For more information, call Marya on 695-2905 or visit www.evergladeshistorical.org.

Concert Band To Perform

The Southwest Florida Concert Band will perform a concert at South Fort Myers High School on Sunday, March 18 at 2 p.m.

The concert will open with a stirring Irish march called Kilkenny Brigade to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. There will also be a medley of music from the movie *Grease* including *Summer Nights*, *Greased Lightning*, *Beauty School Dropout* and more.

There will be a special performance of the classic *Trumpeter's Lullaby* performed by John Winters as well as an arrangement of James Bond themes, which include *Goldfinger*, *Skyfall* and *Live and Let Die*, and dance song *Uptown Funk*. The band will perform a dramatic overture composed by James Barnes called *Alvamar* and a Beach Boys medley including *California Girls*, *Surfer Girl* and *Good Vibrations*.

Special guest vocalist Kathryn Engle will join us to sing *O'Danny Boy* and Gershwin's *S'Wonderful*. The concert will conclude with an impressive *Symphonic Suite* from the Wizard of Oz featuring a tuba solo that will leave you wanting more.

All concerts involving Southwest Florida's newest community band are free with donations accepted.

South Fort Myers High School is located at 14020 Plantation Road in Fort Myers. For more information on the 45-member band, the scholarship program and other performance dates, visit www.swflconcertband.org.



Trombone section

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Southwest Florida’s Most Influential Diversity Achievers Celebrated

The Cape Coral Community Foundation celebrated diversity in Southwest Florida by recognizing several of the region’s most influential achievers on February 23. The honorees are influencers and community builders committed to developing stronger, more prosperous communities across the region.

The following people were honored for their work and achievements in Southwest Florida:

Veronica Barber, mentoring programs coordinator and co-founder of the Community Press and AFCAAM Center-Catholic Charities

Dr. Martha Bireda, executive director, Blanchard House Museum

Carl Burnside, principal, Dunbar Senior High School

Jaha Cummings, councilman, City of Punta Gorda

Derrick Diggs, police chief, City of Fort Myers

Javier Fuller, vice president of web development, CONRIC PR & Marketing

Dr. William Glover, senior pastor, Mount Herman Ministries

Edgar Harris, owner, Red Wing Shoes

Larry Hart, Lee County tax collector

Dr. Peter Lewis, family practice and internal medicine, Primary Care of Southwest FL

Barbara Melvin, vice president, First Florida Integrity Bank

James Middlebrooks, educator, entrepreneur, co-founder of Community Press

Juan A. Gonzalez, business owner, consultant and founder of Effective Growth Management

Abdul’Haq Muhammed, founder and executive director, Quality Life Center

Joseph North, attorney, The North Law Firm, PA



Antranette and Michael Forbes

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From left, Cheryl Glover, Mr. and Mrs. James Middlebrooks, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hart, William Glover and Dennis Gingerich

Tasheekia Perry, founder, Crowning Daughters For Success

Lee Pitts, host and executive producer, Lee Pitts Live on Fox 4

Karen Putman-Watson, executive director, Our Mother’s Home of Southwest Florida

Janeth Ramirez, chair of board of directors, Hispanic Chamber of Southwest Florida

Diana Riley, founder, Swinging with Purpose

Antranette Forbes, founder, Lee County Economic Development

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Gail Williams, chief diversity officer, Hodges University



Eva and Juan Gonzalez



Javier and Ingrid Fuller with baby Shelby



From left, Gary Aubuchon with Erica and Al Rich



Janeth Ramirez



Tasheekia Perry



From left, James Middlebrooks, John Tobler, Abdul’Haq Muhammed, William Glover, Juan Gonzalez and Javier Fuller

Operation Open Arms Founder Receives Medal

by Jeff Lysiak

Last Friday afternoon, Capt. John “Giddyup” Bunch – founder of the nonprofit veterans’ organization Operation Open Arms – was awarded the United States Navy’s Distinguished Civilian Service Medal, the highest medal awarded to a civilian not employed by the U.S. government. The award was presented by U.S. Rep. Francis Rooney during a brief ceremony at Matanzas on the Bay on Fort Myers Beach.

Since 1951, only 19 United States citizens have received this prestigious honor, and Bunch is the first recipient from Southwest Florida.

“Our principle has always been being able to donate with dignity and respect for the privacy of those who donate,” said Bunch, a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and charter fishing captain out of Pine Island. “We have sweated bullets to stay alive during our 13 years – going on 14 years – but look what we have become.”

Since it began in 2005, Operation Open Arms (OOA) has been supported by more than 325 businesses, associations and individuals in Florida. In addition to providing “R&R” vacations for both active duty and disabled service members, OOA has facilitated over 100 weddings, more than 1,200 fishing trips and paid for mental health (including PTSD) counseling



Congressman Francis Rooney handing the United States Navy’s Distinguished Public Service Medal to Douglas Suter, board member for Operation Open Arms photos by Jeff Lysiak

services. In all, more than 3,700 troops have been served thanks to OOA’s efforts.

Over the years, OOA has been supported by individuals and businesses on both Sanibel and Captiva every time that Bunch has called upon them to help support a visiting veteran. But head and shoulders above all, “Giddyup” wished to thank the three Jensen brothers: John, Jimmy and Dave.

“Jensen’s has been a bigger part of OOA than any other group,” said Bunch. “I’m not sure that you could find three other men that are great advocates for our troops than the Jensens. Honestly, I can’t think of any time that I’ve asked for something for our troops that they haven’t been there for us. They’re just amazing.”

Upon hearing of Bunch’s latest recognition, Dave Jensen wrote, “Our family believes it’s extremely important to support our military because of the freedoms that we have been afforded through the sacrifices made by the men and women of our armed forces. One way we show our support is by providing assistance to local organizations that give directly to our troops. Captain ‘Giddyup’ has shown great leadership by steering Operation Open Arms in the direction of helping those affected by PTSD.”

In 2016, Bunch was the recipient of the prestigious Outstanding Civilian Service Award by the United States Army. That award is the third highest honor within the Department of the Army Civilian Awards



Detailed image of the Navy’s Distinguished Public Service Medal

scheme that can be bestowed upon a private citizen.

With Bunch unable to attend the March 9 ceremony in person, Congressman Rooney delivered the Distinguished Public Service Medal to Douglas Suter, board member for Operation Open Arms. The citation recognized Bunch “for distinguished public service in support of our servicemen and women.”

Rooney also cited Bunch’s “vision, commitment and personal courage of showing exceptional hospitality.”

For more information or to make a contribution, visit www.OperationOpenArms.org.✱

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Plant Smart

Going To Seed... Why Not?



Native Spanish needle is bound to pop up in a vacant lot photos by Gerri Reaves

by Gerri Reaves

The next time you pass by an undeveloped lot with a big “for sale” sign on it, take a moment to consider just how truly “empty” or “vacant” it might be.

Zoom into the ground and it comes



As growth gobbles up habitat, undeveloped parcels allowed to go wild can benefit pollinators and birds

alive, as bees, tiny butterflies and other insects dance from plant to plant and work the land.

Upon close inspection, that uniformly greenish blur resolves into a mosaic of plants dotted with wildflowers.

A quick survey might reveal native wildflowers like white-petaled, daisy-like Spanish needle (*Bidens alba*) (aka beggarticks); purple and white diminutive creeping Charlie (*Phyla nodiflora*); bright yellow cheesytos (*Stylosanthes hamata*); and delicate blue sand vetch (*Vicia acutifolia*).

Also in the mix will be non-native species such as shrubby false buttonweed (*Spermacoce verticillata*), coatbuttons (*Tridax procumbens*) and

Florida tasselflower (*Emilia fosbergii*).

Also plentiful are invasives such as largeflower Mexican clover (*Richardia grandiflora*) (aka Florida snowflower), and yellow daisy-like creeping oxeye (*Sphagneticola trilobata*) (aka wedelia).

Unwelcome as the latter two are – both are listed as Category II invasive species by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council – at least they provide nectar, which is more than the monoculture of a manicured lawn does.

The only attention such undeveloped parcels usually receive is periodic mowing to keep code enforcement at bay.

Consequently, the land is left to “go to seed” and is quickly taken over by a diversity of weeds.

Once sold and prepared for development, the land is wiped clean of all living things.

Why does this matter?

Many native bee pollinators are at risk. The culprits? Habitat loss and fragmentation, pesticides and introduced diseases.

Neglected parcels can be a boon for bees, butterflies, skippers, wasps, dragonflies and birds.

So, there’s an advantage to not being a perfectionist with your lawn. Consider letting even a few square feet of it go wild to invite the pollinators. Then be amazed by the intricacies of the plant-animal connection.

Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.✧

Speakers Announced For Birding Seminar

Birdwatchers of all levels and interests are invited to explore the science and value of birds in Southwest Florida and beyond during the fourth annual Southwest Florida Birding Seminar on Friday, March 16

from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday, March 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Organized by UF/IFAS Lee County Extension and Conservation 20/20, the seminar will be held at Florida Gulf Coast University and include field trips to local bird hot spots.

On Friday, activities will include:

Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve bird-watching tour: Participants will join a guide for a sunrise tour along the elevated boardwalk at this popular wetland preserve in Fort Myers.

San Carlos Bay - Bunche Beach Preserve bird-watching tour: Participants will join a Lee County Bird Patrol guide to explore the natural beach habitat at this Conservation 20/20 preserve, which is critical to the survival of many shorebird species.

Photographing Birds instructional workshop at Harns Marsh in Lehigh Acres: Participants will learn beginners’ tips for photographing birds, including scouting for birds, anticipating behavior and recommended camera angles to tell a unique story through images.

On Saturday, presentations from expert speakers about birds will include:

Yve Morrell, Naples birder and 2017 North American Big Year winner with My Big Year

Tyler Beck, snail kite conservation coordinator at Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission with Snail Kites: A Real Florida Survival Story

Gina Kent, research ecologist and coordinator at Avian Research & Conservation Institute with Swallow-tailed Kites: A 10,000 Mile Journey

Dave McQuade & Tammy McQuade of SWFL Bird Alert with Pelagic Birding in Southwest Florida

Adam DiNuovo, shorebird monitoring and stewardship project manager for Audubon Florida with Education, Monitoring & Nice Legs: The Recipe for Saving the Beach Birds of Florida

Charles Ewell, Lee County bird patrol coordinator with Bird Migration in Florida

Elizabeth White, University of Florida PhD researcher with Florida Burrowing

Owls: What Do We Know, and What Do We Need to Know to Conserve this Species

Registration is \$35 for both days, which includes a catered lunch on Saturday. To register, visit www.2018birdingseminar.eventbrite.com.

For more information, contact Jason Boeckman, Conservation 20/20 coordinator, at jboeckman@leegov.com or 204-1125.✧

Beach Walk With Bird Patrol Guide

Experience the beautiful birds of Bunche Beach with a bird patrol guide on Saturday, March 31 at 7:30 a.m.

Provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation, the beachfront walk is free with paid parking. Participants meet on the beach located in South Fort Myers, off Summerlin Road. Drive south of John Morris Road until it dead ends.

Bunche Beach is excellent for both migrant and resident waders and shorebirds working the mudflats at low tide due to the diversity of micro-invertebrates. Participants may also see waterfowl, raptors and warblers.

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CROW Case Of The Week:

American Bald Eagle

by Bob Petcher



The American bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) is the U.S. national bird that some Native American cultures consider a spiritual messenger between gods and humans. This sacred bird is the national animal of this country.

Bald eagles are so named by their white heads, not because they possess featherless domes.

Adults are mainly dark brown in plumage and wings with a white tail to go with their same-colored head. Juveniles, on the other hand, are lighter brown with brown and white mottled wings and tail. The younger eagles will attain their darker plumage at approximately age 5.

At CROW, a juvenile bald eagle was admitted to the clinic from Estero. Based on the bird's plumage, CROW officials estimate the young patient to be approximately 3 years of age. The intake exam revealed the eagle had two small puncture wounds on its right wing. The tissue around the wounds was noted to be swollen and edematous, which means accumulating an excessive amount of watery fluid in cells, tissues or body cavities.

According to Dr. Robin Bast, CROW veterinary intern, the puncture wounds on the young eagle's wings may have been caused from electrocution, fishing gear entanglement or a fight with another eagle. The swelling does not readily tell how long the patient has been injured.

"Swelling can occur very quickly and could persist for a variety of reasons – infection, edema



Patient #18-0468 prior to wearing a body wrap

photo by Brian Bohlman

or fluid – so it does not directly correlate to the age of the wound," said Dr. Bast. "Based on the eagle's body condition score and that the wound was actively bleeding, the wounds are likely to be more recent."

CROW medical staff took x-rays, which did not indicate any broken bones, and performed blood work.

"The eagle received full body radiographs and blood work to assess the extent of trauma and infection," said Dr. Bast. "Although no fracture was found, the eagle was drooping its wing, possibly due to nerve damage, so it was bandaged for support."

The CROW veterinary intern noted the eagle tends not to hold its wing against its body in a normal resting position. After the patient's wounds were bandaged, it was placed in a body wrap to keep the bandage in place. The young eagle was provided with antibiotics and pain medications.

"The wrap will remain in place until the bird is able to hold the wing normally. Due to the extent of swelling and location of the wounds – wing tip as well as one foot – we are most concerned about electrocution as a potential cause," said Dr. Bast. "If a bird survives the initial event, tissue can die-off within the next four to seven days."

Since its intake on March 8, CROW medical staff have changed the patient's bandage daily and provided physical therapy. Even after a weekend of care, the patient's injuries have not improved, and the prognosis appears gloomy.

"Despite treatment, abnormal swelling persists and yesterday (March 12) the eagle underwent surgery to debride some necrotic (dead) tissue," said Dr. Bast. "The prognosis for release is extremely guarded – if the tissue necrosis spreads further, then the bird will not be able to survive."

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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Finally Some Redfish Rehab



by Capt.
Matt Mitchell

So far, March has felt more like winter than spring, and our fishing has reflected that. Major temperature swings and strong winds have made staying on consistent fishing a challenge. I've been catching fish every trip although it has required changing up the day's target species often to bend the rods. Add unpredictable weather to some of the worst nonmoving tide days we have seen for a long time, and angling options were few.

During these nonmoving tide times, any bit of current you could find seemed to make all the difference in the world. Fishing in the passes was a good choice as these were the only places that had any water movement at all. During windy periods, if you could locate a shoreline or narrow cut that the wind moved the water through, you were in the right place. By being extra patient, you could always grind out a few fish in the passes when they just would not bite anywhere else.

My usual go-to of winter fishing in the 'Ding' Darling creek systems ground to a halt again this week. I had days of not seeing a single fish in the usually filled-with-life shallow clear water. All I can think of is that these creeks may have

experienced some effects of red tide – not enough to cause a big fish kill but just enough to make the fish relocate. Riding through these creeks and not even seeing a mullet jump or a sheepshead push out of the channel is just freaky.

During the colder windy periods, it was all about shrimp fishing again. Sheepshead and black drum became our fish of choice. Docks in and around the passes held good numbers of sheepshead and put some meat in the cooler for my clients. Small chunks of shrimp fished close to barnacle-crusted pilings and structures caught lots of these fish and saved the trip. You just never really know what you will catch dock fishing, and this proved true with a few redfish, black drum and small gag grouper along with the sheepshead in the mix.

The 10-degree-plus drop in our water temperature, which came almost overnight, ground our snook bite to a quick stop. When targeting snook on shiners one afternoon this week post-cold front with my clients who only wanted to catch snook, we went place to place looking at basically hundreds of snook laid up in all the places they usually get during cold periods. We did manage to catch five under slot-sized snook, though the action as expected was slow at best. These fish will feed after a few warmer days or targeting them just before another cold front passes through.

The most memorable action of the week came while fishing for redfish on the eastern side of Captiva. With no moving water, I picked a narrow creek mouth that the wind was funneling into, and we set up pitching tail-hooked pinfish up under the trees. After a few minutes of nothing,

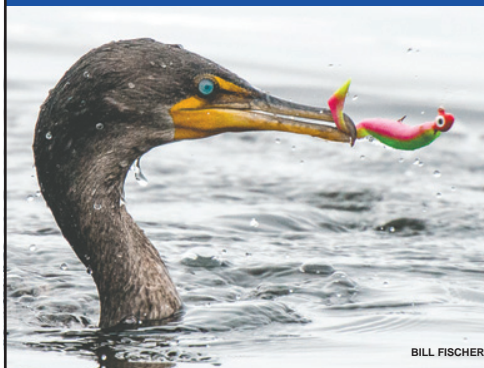


Pam and Kevin Murray with a 29-inch redfish caught and released with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week photo provided

we then caught a 28-inch red followed up shortly by a 23-inch red then a 29-inch monster. We then worked other shorelines in the same area without success. This was the best redfish bite I have been on in weeks. It was a much needed pick-me-up for me after what was all in all another tough week on the water.

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

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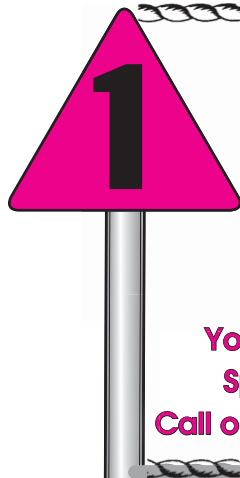
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Report Horseshoe Crab Spawning Sightings With App



Mating horseshoe crabs

photo by Connie Mier

Spring is peak mating season for horseshoe crabs, and biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) encourage sighting reports with the new FWC Reporter application.

Horseshoe crabs mate year-round, and it is most common to see groups along the shore in March and April. To identify mating pairs, look for a smaller male on top of a larger female. Beachgoers will likely have the best luck spotting horseshoe crabs around high tide, within three days of a full or new moon. The next new moon is Saturday, March 17.

These sighting reports provide important information about population distribution to the FWC. Although horseshoe crabs have existed for about 450 million years, their numbers have

declined due to overfishing and loss of habitat.

If you see a horseshoe crab on its back, gently pick it up (holding both sides of the shell) and release it back into the water. Simple actions like this help conserve this species and the many other species that depend on it.

The FWC asks the public to report sightings through one of several options. Go to www.myfwc.com/contact and go to "Horseshoe Crab Nesting Activity" for the "Florida Horseshoe Crab Spawning Beach Survey" link. The FWC Reporter app is free to download on Apple or Android smartphones or tablets from the App Store and Google Play. You can also report findings via email at horseshoe@myfwc.com or by phone at 866-252-9326.*

America's Boating Course

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a boating organization that serves South Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach, Bonita Springs, and Estero, will be hosting America's Boating Course as a two-part class beginning Saturday, April 7 from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The second session will be on Saturday, April 14 from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Topics covered include hull design, docking, anchoring, handling boating emergencies, reading channel markers and many other topics to make each boating experience safer and more enjoyable. Successful completion of this course entitles the boater to six months free membership in the United States Power Squadrons with the purchase of a 12-month membership. In addition, students who join the squadron will also be eligible for a free three-hour On The Water training session.

Cost of the course is \$60 with a \$30 fee for a second person sharing the instruction materials. Cost includes lunch after the second Saturday class.

This course is recognized by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. The State of Florida passed legislation requiring anyone born after January 1, 1988 to have passed a safe boating course and obtain a Boating

Safety Education ID card, which is valid for life, in order to operate a boat with more than 10 HP. Each student will receive a card/certificate from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission upon completion of the class.

San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron Classroom is located at 16048 San Carlos Boulevard. For more information or to register, visit www.scbps.com or call the squadron office at 466-4040 and leave a message.*

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Ostego Bay Marine Science Center campers check what's inside a fishing net
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Marine Science Center Offers Kids Summer Camp

Children ages 6 through 15 are being sought for the Ostego Bay Marine Science Center Summer Camps, a tradition in the Fort Myers area.

The summer camps are held every year in June and July and are taught by state certified teachers who lead the campers on boat and beach excursions, teach about sea grass communities,

plankton populations, mangrove tangles and bird nesting areas.

"Our camps offer that special re-connection with nature, build friendships and create fond memories," said Joanne Semmer, president of the Ostego Bay Foundation. "We're finding the parents that participated as children in our summer camps of the past are now bringing their own children to learn about nature."

The 2018 summer camp schedule involves Sea Stars from June 4 to 8; Sea Stars & Loggerheads from June 18 to 22; Loggerheads from June 25 to 29; Sea Stars & Loggerheads from July

9 to 13; Tiger Sharks from July 16 to 20; and Sea Stars & Loggerheads from July 23-27.

Camps run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. All instructional materials provided. Register early as camps fill up quickly.

Endangered Whooping Cranes Protection

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with many partners led by state wildlife agencies, conservation groups and zoos, to secure the whooping crane's recovery. They were first classified as endangered in 1967. Once numbering as few as only 14 cranes, they now number about 700 and live both in the wild in the United States and Canada, and in captive facilities where they can safely breed.

The Service's Whooping Crane Recovery Team is proposing to move 14 whooping cranes that live at Kissimmee Prairie in central Florida to a larger and more robust population of cranes in Vermilion Parish, Louisiana. Both crane populations are non-migratory.

The Whooping Crane Recovery Team is encouraged by the progress in the Louisiana crane population, which was established in 2011. One hundred whooping cranes have been released into southwestern Louisiana since then, and 53 survive today. The Florida crane population, however, has experienced a high rate of mortality and low reproductive success related to habitat conditions, predation and power line strikes.

In addition to the Florida and Louisiana populations, more than 300 cranes migrate from Canada annually to their wintering grounds at Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in Texas.

The Service, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries are working together on the proposed move.

As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Service has drafted an environmental assessment related to this proposal. The draft is available at www.fws.gov/lafayette/.

Public comments will be accepted until April 9, 2018.

The public may submit comments, or requests for or more information, by any of the following methods:

Email: Lafayette@fws.gov. Include "Whooping Crane EA" in the subject line

Fax: Attention: Joseph Ranson, 337-291-3139

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In-person drop-off, viewing, or pickup: Call 337-291-3100 to make an appointment (necessary for view/pickup only) during regular business hours at 646 Cajundome Boulevard suite 400 in Lafayette, Louisiana

The Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center is located at 718 Fisherman's Wharf on Fort Myers Beach. For more information or to register, visit www.ostegobay.org/marine-science-summer-camp or call the center at 765-8101.✱

In person viewing: Vermilion Parish Library at 405 E. Victor Street in Abbeville, Louisiana

For more information, contact Joseph Ranson, field supervisor, at 337-291-3100 or David A. Oster, fish and wildlife biologist at 337-291-3121.✱

Power Squadron Yard Sale

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, will be holding a yard sale at its classroom site on Saturday, March 24 from 8 a.m. to noon. Many boating items will be included in the sale

The squadron is located at 16048 San Carlos Boulevard in Fort Myers.✱

Free Vessel Safety Checks

America's Boating Club and the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, is offering free vessel safety checks for area boaters. The free inspections are authorized by the United States Coast Guard.

Upon passing of the examination of the boat, the squadron inspector will present the boater with a 2018 Vessel Safety Check sticker, indicating that the boat has passed a safety check. In the event of a boat not passing inspection, no notice is given to law enforcement. It will be up to the boater to correct the infraction and contact the squadron for a new inspection. The inspection sticker is valid for one year.

Many insurance companies offer discounts on boat insurance with the passing of an inspection. Contact the squadron at 466-4040 and make an appointment for a vessel safety check examiner to come to your boat for this free service.✱

Ballpark Car Show

Southwest Florida Spring Nationals Car Show will be held at JetBlue Park on Saturday, March 31. Show times are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Presented by Roadhouse Promotions, Inc., the judged classic car show includes all makes and models of classic cars, hot rods, stock and muscle cars. There will be food, music and fun for the whole family. Free parking. Admission is \$10 for adults, while children age 12 and younger and active military are admitted free.

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

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Dealing With An Old Term Policy



J. Brendan Ryan, CLU, ChFC, MSFS

Question: I have had a \$500,000 20-year term policy that is in its 19th year. I am 70 years old, healthy and want to stay insured for another 10 or 20 years.

What are my choices?

Answer: There are a few things to consider.

Your present policy costs \$3,000 per year for one more year. If you want to renew it past that, the next year will cost \$22,000 and more and more each year thereafter.

Keeping it for just one more year at that low premium is very tempting, I am sure, before you try to replace it with a modern, more affordable policy. But, there are two downsides to that if you want to have affordable coverage for the long haul. One downside is that getting a new policy next year will cost you more for the whole new term period of the new policy compared to buying it this year because you will be getting it when you are one year older than you are now. The more serious downside is that, while you can keep your premium low for another year, waiting until next year to get a new policy may destine you to be stuck with just your present policy.

I say this because your health may change between now and next year, and you may not be able to qualify for replacement coverage next year. While you are healthy now, unexpected strokes, cancer, heart disease, etc. can happen any time. A perfectly healthy friend and client of mine was recently and unexpectedly diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) and now can hardly breathe or swallow. It can happen out of the blue.

Assuming that you are indeed in good health today, you can get a \$500,000 term policy today with:

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A guaranteed-level premium for 20 years for \$9,500 per year (no renewal after that).

The policies that do renew after the guaranteed period have premiums that grow in leaps each year thereafter. It is likely that you will drop the policy down the road before you die. In that sense, it is a use-it-or-lose-it proposition. If you had gotten a permanent, cash-value policy instead of the term policy 19 years ago, you would not be facing this dilemma today.

As an alternative, you should consider a universal-life (UL) policy today that has a benefit for long-term care (LTC) built in. Such policies are normal life-insurance policies that pay a death benefit to the named beneficiary except for any portion that is consumed during lifetime for LTC. And as much as the full death benefit can be used for your LTC, if needed.

With a UL policy, the premium is projected to be stable, not increasing. So, it is a benefit that you and/or your beneficiaries can rely on in the future. A \$500,000 UL policy today will cost you \$14,000 per year. If you wait till next year, it will be more expensive, and any change in your health may not allow it at any cost.

So, today, this will give you \$500,000 of death benefit or even that full amount in LTC benefits at a payout rate not to exceed \$20,000 per month – completely free of income tax – to reimburse incurred LTC expenses up to the full \$500,000. Here it not use-it-or-lose-it but rather someone-is-going-to-get-the-whole-amount, either your beneficiary in the form of a death benefit, you in LTC benefits, or some to each.

J. Brendan Ryan is a Cincinnati insurance agent. He can be reached at jbryanclu@aol.com.✴

Financial Aid Tip Of The Month

One way students can help pay the cost of education after high school is through a work-study program, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). Plus, work-study can provide valuable experience that looks good on a résumé.

The Federal Work-Study Program offers undergraduate and graduate students a chance to earn money to help pay college costs. Rules may vary some by school, but generally to qualify, a student must:

Be enrolled in an eligible program

Be working toward a degree or certificate

Have financial need

Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen

Students must be paid at least the federal minimum wage. Jobs may be on or off campus. Students who submitted the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be considered for Federal Work-Study unless they asked not to be.

Many colleges also have their own work-study programs. Students interested in a school's program should check with the college's financial aid office.

For more information about advantage education loans, visit www.advantageeducationloan.com.✴



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Shell Point resident Helen McDonald and Melody Desilets, foundation officer for The Legacy Foundation at Shell Point

Ribbon Cutting For Renovation At Shell Point

Shell Point Retirement Community hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony recently for residents to celebrate the opening of the newly renovated Woodlands Commons. The remodeled facility features a coastal décor amid modern features, two reimaged restaurants and new meeting spaces for Shell Point residents.

The Palm Grill, located within The Woodlands neighborhood at Shell Point, reopened its doors to reveal a fully redesigned dining venue. The extensive renovation included a three-dimensional wood-look ceiling system, reupholstered seating, fresh paint and a kitchen resin system that is both slip-resistant and durable. The lakefront casual dining restaurant offers a wide variety of refined menu selections and is open for both Shell Point residents and members of the public.

Celebrations continued at a new dining facility called The Blend, which offers

casual eating options via an indoor and outdoor lakefront patio.

“We’re happy to introduce these fine dining facilities to residents of Shell Point and the broader community, who will all benefit from these improvements,” said Joe Smith, senior director of hospitality. “The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Woodlands Commons marks the beginning of some exciting renovations at Shell Point.”

In addition to the new and redesigned restaurants, improvements within the 27,125-square-foot, two-story resident activity center also include the newly remodeled Grand Cypress Room, Arts and Crafts Room, Game Room, Buttonwood Room and lobby.

To complete the project, Shell Point partnered with RD Johnson Construction, Inc., RDG Planning and Design, Wegman Design Group, Artefact Studio Inc. and Fiber Solutions.

The Woodlands at Shell Point is located at 14441 Woodsong Lane in Fort Myers, two miles before the Sanibel Causeway. For dining reservations at The Palm Grill and The Blend, call 454-2059.

Other updates recently unveiled include



The newly renovated Woodlands Commons included a redesign to The Palm Grill restaurant

two new tennis courts and a 90-seat picnic gazebo at The Woodlands’ Center Court. The gazebo, fully equipped with an outdoor kitchen and grill, ample seating

and indoor space, is an ideal place for picnics and social gatherings, and provides guests with access to open and shaded areas.✽

Airline And Freight Company Partnership

Western Global Airlines (WGA) recently entered into a three-year agreement with Flexport to provide dedicated 747-400 freighter scheduled service between Hong Kong and Los Angeles beginning on April 5.

Western Global’s CEO and Founder, Jim Neff stated, “Our partnership with Flexport is a significant milestone because it will enable our two companies to join forces to revolutionize the traditional air cargo platform for the 21st century. Both Flexport and WGA were founded in 2013, and both have taken customer-focused approaches based on new technology. They have grown rapidly to become leaders and innovators in their respective business segments, and as such are natural partners in changing the air freight dynamic together. I believe that WGA’s

responsive and robust service will allow Flexport to strongly serve their customer base both in Asia and the U.S.”

The initial service starting will be roundtrip twice per week between Hong Kong and Los Angeles growing to three times per week in September. Ryan Petersen, CEO of Flexport states, “At Flexport, we are always striving to improve service to our clients. Our partnership with Western Global helps us achieve this goal, because we will have consistent and reliable air freight capacity that our clients can count on.”

Neel Jones Shah, Flexport’s SVP and Global Head of Air Freight said, “This new partnership allows Flexport to offer predictable, affordable and a custom-tailored service to our customers with guaranteed capacity through seamless, dedicated scheduled service in the important Hong Kong to US markets.”

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worldwide for many of the top airlines, express companies, logistics providers, humanitarian and relief organizations, and the US DOD. For more information, visit www.WesternGlobalAirlines.com.✽

Continental Women’s Club

The Continental Women’s Club will hold its monthly meeting at The Hideaway Country Club on Thursday, April 5 at 11:30 a.m. Cost to attend the luncheon is \$22.

Steen Metz, a Holocaust survivor and part-time Sanibel resident, will be the guest speaker. Metz has written about his life in a self-published book titled *A Danish Boy in Theresienstadt*. He will share his childhood memories in the hope of preventing future catastrophe and suffering.

The Hideaway Country Club is located at 5670 Trailwinds Drive in Fort Myers. Call 691-7561 for more information.✽

Republican Women To Meet April 9

The Lee Republican Women Federated April dinner meeting will be held at Pinchers – The Marina at Edison Ford on Monday, April 9. A social begins at 5:15 p.m. followed by the dinner and program.

April’s program will be a forum with candidates Amira Fox and Chris Crowley vying for the State Attorney 20th Judicial District. Cost is \$25 to attend. The public is welcome.

Pinchers – The Marina at Edison Ford is located at 2360 West First Street in Fort Myers. To RSVP or for more information, visit www.leerepublicanwomen.com or contact Wren Morefield at 270-210-1284 or wrenspet@hotmail.com before April 5 at noon.✽



Jim Sprankle with his belted kingfisher sculpture

photo provided

Drawing For Kingfisher Carving Set For Earth Day

Islanders and visitors have an opportunity to own a Jim Sprankle bird carving, the belted kingfisher, for just \$10. The drawing will be conducted during the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's (SCCF) Earth Day event on Sunday, April 22 at SCCF's Nature Center. The winner does not need to be present. Tickets (one for \$10 or three for \$25) may be purchased at SCCF's Nature Center or online at www.sccf.org.

Sprankle was named the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation "Ding" Darling Brush of Excellence Environmental Artist of the Year at SCCF's annual membership meeting in December. Sprankle's kingfisher carving has been on display at the SCCF Nature Center since then and exhibited at various SCCF public events.

For the past three years, SCCF's Brush of Excellence Committee has selected an artist who signifies extraordinary stewardship of the land and the wise use of our natural resources. Two previous recipients are Jaye Boswell and Clyde Butcher.

An invitation is extended to the chosen

artist to accept the honor and create artwork of a reasonable size and value for donation to SCCF to raise funds that will be invested in SCCF's "Ding" Darling Conservation Education Fund, an endowment created by the late Kip Koss, Darling's grandson and the standard-bearer of his legacy.

"I feel blessed to be able to recreate the beautiful birds that I observe here and hopefully instill in others a love of these glorious creatures in their natural habitat," Sprankle said.

Following the Earth Day drawing, a photograph of the artist with their artwork will hang in place of the artwork until the next prize recipient is announced the following December. On permanent display in the same area of the SCCF Nature Center is the framed Brush of Excellence presented to SCCF at the Darling Fish House on February 23, 2015. A video monitor in the same exhibition area will play the video of that presentation ceremony, and an interpretive panel will amplify on that story. The names of each SCCF "Ding" Darling Brush of Excellence Environmental Artists of the Year will be added going forward.✱

Chamber Mini Putt Fundraiser

The 6th annual 'Mini' Masters Golf Tournament will be held at Jungle Golf on Thursday, April 19 from 3 to 8 p.m. The first tee time is at 4 p.m. Presented by the Fort Myers Beach

Chamber of Commerce, the mini putt event will feature prizes, raffles and yes, even mulligans. The jungle survivors will celebrate at the 19th hole at Pinchers Crab Shack where champions will be crowned. Trophies will be awarded for winning team and lowest individual score. There will also be a secret hole in one prize.

The tournament is open to the public but space is limited to 18 teams of five players each. Cost is \$150 per team. Cost for gallery watchers and 19th hole minglers is \$5. It's a great opportunity to network.

Jungle Golf is located at 17710 San Carlos Boulevard on Fort Myers Beach. For more information and to download an application, visit www.fortmyersbeach.org/events/mm6 or contact Christi at 454-7500 or events@fmbchamber.com.✱

Ward 6 Meeting

Fort Myers City Councilwoman Gaile Anthony will host a Ward 6 community meeting at Fort Myers Fire Station No. 5 on Wednesday, March 21 from 4 to 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Councilwoman Anthony encourages citizens to bring concerns and comments to the community meetings.

Fort Myers Fire Station No. 5 is located at 9700 Treeline Avenue. For more information, contact Councilwoman Anthony at ganthony@cityftmyers.com, 321-7006 or 980-0575.✱

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A speaker at last year's Startup Weekend

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Entrepreneur Weekend Returns For Second Year

Entrepreneurs in Southwest Florida will have another chance to build real companies from scratch during Startup Weekend at Endeavor Innovative Workspaces from April 13 to 15. The event begins at 4:30 p.m. Friday and ends at 8 p.m. Sunday.

"The inaugural Startup Weekend event last fall was so successful and it generated so much interest that we started planning the next one right away," said Bjorn Rosinus, the CEO of Endeavor Innovative Workspaces.

Cost is \$89 per person or \$25 for students. To register, go to www.startupweekend.org/ and type "Fort Myers" in the search field.

"We already have commitments from sponsors such as Comcast Business, Dr. Pepper Snapple, IGTech365 and iHeart Media," said Rosinus, who notes that additional sponsorships are available.

Startup Weekends are 54-hour events designed to provide superior experiential education for technical and non-technical entrepreneurs. Beginning with Friday night pitches and continuing through brainstorming, business-plan development and basic prototype creation, Startup Weekends culminate in Sunday night demos and

presentations to a seasoned panel of investors and entrepreneurs.

"Endeavor is a hub for more than 50 fast-growing businesses, so it makes sense that we host events like Startup Weekend," said Rosinus. "Our cowork space is ideal for fostering entrepreneurship because it encourages collaboration and teamwork. In fact, many of the coaches and mentors for Startup Weekend are members at Endeavor."

At the start of the event, approximately 75 startup entrepreneurs will make brief one-minute pitches to each other and create 10 to 15 teams after they've selected the best ideas. Experienced entrepreneurs will pitch in to help mentor the teams and provide guidance throughout the weekend.

Startup Weekend is run by local organizers in 700 cities and 150 countries worldwide with help from Techstars, an entrepreneur network which provides a facilitator for each event. Although venture-capital investors will be present at Startup Weekend, entrepreneurs will not be competing for investments. However, noncash prizes such as branding consultations, website development and office space will be awarded to the winners, Rosinus said.

Endeavor Innovative Workspaces is located at 8831 Business Park Drive unit 301 in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.startupweekend.org.✧

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Golden Retrievers

include animal hospitals, boarding facilities, trainers, groomers, rescues and pet food companies. There will also be a reunion tent for the goldens that GRRSWF has rescued from South Korea. Since 2015, the rescue has saved 40 goldens from that country to raise awareness about the dog-meat industry that still exists in some countries.

"This promises to be an amazing event," said Alesia Galuppo, president of GRRSWF. "It has grown enormously

over the years and we expect this year's event to be even bigger. We are grateful to the Shell Factory for providing such a dog-friendly venue and look forward to sharing the day with fellow dog lovers."

All breeds of well-mannered, leashed dogs are invited to attend with their owners. Admission and parking are free. Additional auction item donations and dog-related vendors are welcome.

The Shell Factory is located at 2787 North Tamiami Trail in North Fort Myers. For more information, visit grrswf.org, email info@grrswf.org or call 369-0415.✧

Company Officials Go Back To High School

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida recently turned the tables on its job shadow program, bringing distinguished professionals into schools for a day instead of students visiting the business leaders' workplaces.

Reverse Job Shadow Day brought more than a dozen community and corporate leaders to Barron Collier High School in Naples, where they shared their expertise with aspiring business leaders and entrepreneurs at the school. Reinhold Schmieding, founder and CEO of Arthrex, delivered an inspiring keynote address.

Students from Florida Gulf Coast University also participated in breakout sessions that covered finance and investment banking, marketing, real estate and construction, medicine and entrepreneurship.

Featured business leaders included Amy Hale and Andy Buschle, BMO Harris Bank; Randy Smith, Naples Transportation & Tours; Tom White, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Naples; Mike Boose, Arthrex, Brian West and Paul Beebe, anesthesiologists; Marcos Quiros, Edis; Theo Etzel, Conditioned Air; Tim Cartwright, Tamiami Angel Funds; Phil Wood, John R. Wood Properties; and Steve Miller, London Bay Homes.

"We are so appreciative that this prominent group of professionals and FGCU students took time out of their busy schedules to impart wisdom on our



Reinhold Schmieding

photo provided

up-and-coming leaders," said Angela Fisher, president and CEO of Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida. "They shared life lessons and insight that students won't find in a book. It's not too often that teenagers get an opportunity to sit down at a table and have one-on-one conversations with company executives, so the knowledge they absorbed will be invaluable as they create a road map for their careers."

Key partners for Reverse Job Shadow Day included Arthrex, Barron Collier High School, BMO Harris Bank, Collier County Public Schools, Florida Gulf Coast University and NAF Academy.✧

VCB Seeks New Resident Artist

Calling all photographers, videographers and creative types with a passion for visual storytelling: Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB) is seeking candidates for its 2018 Resident Artist Program. This initiative gives aspiring and/or established photographers and videographers an opportunity to further develop their work and connect with the people and nature of Lee County.

The Resident Artist receives a \$5,000 stipend, and the VCB will use the submitted imagery and/or footage in the destination's ongoing global marketing efforts. Work from the VCB's most recent Resident Artists – Shayne Wolfe, Katy Danca Galli and Britt Maxwell – is currently incorporated into print, digital and social media campaigns across multiple platforms.

Applicants must reside in Lee County full- or part-time. During April to July, the selected candidate will be required to capture 30 digital, high-res photos and/or videos that highlight the unique attributes of different communities within the county. In

addition, the resident artist will be asked to post images regularly to social media and attend a monthly status meeting with VCB managers.

How to apply
Submit a 500-word statement, sharing your approach for capturing elements of the destination and what you hope to gain from participating in the program.

Provide a link to your online portfolio and your active social channels (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, etc.) as well as the numbers of followers/subscribers per channel.

The deadline for applications is Tuesday, March 20. The selected candidate will be notified shortly after the close of the application period.

The bureau expects the new set of images to further bolster its Islandology marketing and advertising campaign that celebrates the unique way of life in Southwest Florida.

The Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau retains full rights usage for images selected. Stipend will be paid in full following program completion. No living accommodations, studio or equipment will be provided.

For more information about the Resident Artist Program or to apply, visit www.leevcb.com/rap.✧

Port Authority Appoints New Fire Chief

The Lee County Port Authority (LCPA) has named Tracy Wayne Young as chief of the Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) department. He will be responsible for managing all ARFF services including the planning and coordination of aircraft rescue, firefighting, medical response, fire safety, disaster preparedness and development of training programs for the 42-member department at Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field in Fort Myers.

Young's fire-rescue career spans 26 years as a firefighter for the United States Air Force Emergency Services. Since 2009, he served as the deputy fire chief at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB) Fire Emergency Services in Dayton, Ohio, where his responsibilities included administration and strategic planning of all firefighting, rescue, fire prevention, public education and advanced life support emergency medical services. From November 2015 to March 2017, Young served as fire chief for WPAFB during its fire chief's deployment. He also worked for the Mad River Township Fire Department, City of New Carlisle Fire Division and the Bethel Township Fire Department, all located in Clark County, Ohio.

Young has a bachelor's degree in fire science from Columbia Southern University in Alabama. He holds many certifications including Firefighter I & II, Airport Firefighter, Fire Officer IV, Fire



Chief Tracy Young photo provided

Instructor III and Fire Inspector III. He is also certified as a paramedic by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and received the Chief Fire Officer designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

Young has received numerous awards and recognition during his career, including the WPAFB Firefighter of the Year in 2006, the Air Force Material Command Heroism Award in 2014 and the Air Force Civilian Achievement Medal in 2017.

The Lee County Port Authority operates Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field in Fort Myers. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for the operation or improvement of either airport. For more information, visit www.flylcpa.com.

Architects Unveil Final Designs For Bonita Library

BSSW Architects, Inc., a full-service architectural firm founded in 1980, released final renderings for the new Bonita Springs Public Library at a groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, March 8.

The two-story library will feature a stucco and stone veneer, towering windows with Bahama shutters, a pergola-covered, second-floor balcony and clean exterior lines with tropical landscaping to accentuate the property. The design for the 31,000-square-foot facility offers reading balconies, a covered entry, private meeting rooms, more than 50 public-access computers and dedicated areas for adults, teens and children.

Representatives from BSSW, Lee County and Bonita Springs joined other dignitaries at the groundbreaking ceremony at the future location on Felts Avenue in Bonita Springs, a block off Old 41 Road. Completion is expected in mid-2019.

"This design makes a bold architectural statement for downtown Bonita Springs, blending traditional Old Florida elements with contemporary design principles to create a beautifully blended, functional facility," said Daniel Summers, BSSW's president and principal architect. "As Bonita Springs continues its downtown revitalization initiatives, we're pleased to design a



Kevin Williams of BSSW Architects, Inc. with renderings photo provided

new facility in the heart of Old Bonita that ultimately will become a favorite gathering spot for residents of all ages."

BSSW created the library's floorplan after reviewing hundreds of resident responses collected in a community engagement survey. Respondents said they wanted ample meeting space for arts and crafts classes, presentations, children's activities and events. Other desires included flexible spaces, semi-private lounges, reading "caves" for youth, a story time area and study rooms.

The current 12,000-square-foot library

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Roster Moves By Savvy New Twins Management Should Result In A Competitive, Winning Team



by Ed Frank

While last season's Minnesota Twins was the surprise story of the 2017 baseball season when they became the first team in history to reach postseason play after losing more than 100 games the year before, it won't be any surprise if they are playoff contenders again this year. The new front office management of Derek Falvey, chief baseball officer, and Thad Levine, general manager, who were brought in 18 months ago to reorganize the downtrodden Twins, have made substantial preseason roster moves that should insure a competitive, winning team in the tough American League Central Division.

Earlier this week, the Twins signed veteran starter Lance Lynn to a one-year \$12 million contract that fortifies their starting rotation. The 30-year-old Lynn, who reportedly had other offers, had spent his entire six-year Major League career with the St. Louis Cardinals posting a 3.38 ERA in 978 innings pitched. All told, Falvey, Levine and company have made seven major additions to their roster this offseason, including three since the start of Spring Training. They traded for right-hander Jake Odorizzi on February 17 and signed first-baseman/designated hitter Logan Morrison on February 28. The addition of Lynn projects the Twins 2018 payroll to \$130 million, a team record. With the signing of Lynn, Minnesota's starting pitching rotation appears to be Jose Berrios, Kyle Gibson, Odorizzi and Lynn. Ervin Santana would become the fifth starter when he returns from surgery on his right middle finger in a month or so. Left out of the mix is veteran hurler Phil Hughes who probably will pitch in long relief. Other notables signed by the Twins in the offseason include relievers Fernando Rodney, Zach Duke, Addison Reed and Michael Pineda. It's a near complete makeover of the Twins bullpen. No question, there are positive vibes coming from the Twins Spring Training

camp. Upon the signing of Lynn, Manager Paul Molitor said, "Everyone is, with good reason, excited about what lies ahead. I think this is an attractive place to come to right now given the direction and the talent level and all those things."

He's Back

These two words have reverberated throughout the world of sports this week and obviously they refer to golfer Tiger Woods. He returned to his old form last weekend at the Valspar Championship finishing just one stroke behind winner Paul Casey – setting the world of sports into a frenzy. Woods already had been installed as the favorite at this week's Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill where he has won eight times. The second-place finish propelled Woods into the top 150 in the world ranking. TV ratings skyrocketed with his stirring performance last weekend. He probably will give the NCAA basketball tournament this weekend stiff competition.

Everblades Cling To First-Place

With only 12 regular season games remaining, the Florida Everblades began the week with a three-point, first-place South division lead in the ECHL with a season record of 41-12-2-4. The local hockey team is home this weekend hosting Orlando on Friday and Saturday nights at Germain Arena. The weekend series begins a long eight-game homestand for the Everblades.✪

Registration Open For County Parks Summer Camp

Registration is open for Lee County Parks & Recreation Summer Camp, which annually draws thousands of youngsters to programs, outings and activities at the department's traditional camps, teen camps and specialty camps. Parents are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible – each year the allotted spaces at Wa-Ke Hatchee, Lakes Regional Park and Estero Recreation Center fill up well before school ends. Camp registration is ongoing as long as space is available. Registration for swimming lessons and other aquatics programs will begin Thursday, April 5. Summer camp runs eight weeks – from June 11 through August 3. Here's a tip from the registration desk: If you plan to register for camp at one of the four large recreation centers, you need to obtain a family membership first. This applies to the centers at Wa-Ke Hatchee, Estero, North Fort Myers or Veterans Park in Lehigh Acres. All campers will receive a specially designed Lee County Parks & Recreation T-shirt. Camp sites will participate in countywide initiatives, such as service learning projects, fitness

and wellness programs, and National Park and Recreation Month. The 2018 theme for the National Recreation and Park Association is A Lifetime of Discovery and encourages involvement in some of the "undiscovered" elements of Parks & Recreation departments. Lee County Parks & Recreation is looking for enthusiastic, fun, talented counselors, lead counselors and summer lifeguards to work at various Lee County pools, centers and parks. Camp counselors must have experience working with youth ages 6 to 15, and lifeguards must have current certification. These are temporary, entry level positions for employment from June 4 to August 3. Starting pay is \$10.03 hourly. Camp counselors will assist with leading youth groups in various activities, entertainment and education programs. Lifeguards are responsible for patrolling the pool in order to protect swimmers and maintain order. All positions will also perform other duties as assigned. Employees will have extensive contact with children and the public in a fun and positive environment. To apply and view the minimum qualifications for these positions, visit www.leegov.com/hr. For more information about Lee County Parks & Recreation locations, camps, amenities, and other special events, visit www.leeparks.org, call 533-7275 or email leeparks@leegov.com.✪

SPORTS QUIZ

1. When was the last time before 2016 that the Chicago Cubs lost a postseason game by a 1-0 score?

2. How many times did Yankees legend Joe DiMaggio have more home runs than strikeouts in a major-league season?

3. Which Big Ten football team was the first to go to the Rose Bowl?

4. Who was the first NBA player to officially record a quadruple-double?

5. Name the last NHL player before Washington's Alex Ovechkin to start a season with back-to-back hat tricks.

6. How many consecutive yearly Directors' Cups has Stanford won for having the most success in Division I college athletics?

7. Who was heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano's final bout against before retiring with a 49-0 record?

ANSWERS

1. It was 1918, when Boston's Babe Ruth shut out the Cubs in the first game of the World Series.

2. Seven times (1937, '38, '40, '41, '46 and '48).

3. Michigan, in 1902.

4. Nate Thurmond, for Chicago in 1974 (22 points, 14 rebounds, 13 assists, 12 blocked shots).

5. In 1917, Cy Dennenmy, Joe Malone and Reg Noble all did it.

6. Twenty-three.

7. Archie Moore, in 1955.

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Vintage Baseball Game And Lectures

Edison & Ford Winter Estates is celebrating vintage "base ball" with lectures at the estates on Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25 and a vintage baseball game at Terry Park on March 25 at 11 a.m.

Thomas Edison was a baseball fan and visited Lee County's field, Terry Park, during the Philadelphia Athletics' spring training season. He hit balls with Ty Cobb, posed for photos with Phillies' general manager Connie Mack and entertained the team at his Fort Myers winter estate with refreshments and cigars.

Edison sponsored two semipro company teams, the Edisons and the Voltas. The teams played in Brooklyn at Edison Field. They also briefly played at the West End Oval around 1910 and at the Parade Ground in the 1930s.

In celebration of Edison's love of base ball (the correct spelling in the 1800s), Edison Ford is sponsoring an exhibition game between the Mudville Base Ball Club and Vintage Base Ball of Central Florida. The players will follow the rules used in the 1860s when umpires asked the fans for help with making a call, and players fielded the ball without gloves. The two teams will take on the personas of base ball teams that played in the 19th century



Thomas Edison throws out the first pitch during a 1920s Voltas game

photo provided

and "Mr. Edison" will throw out the first pitch.

The following lectures are scheduled at Edison Ford:

March 24, 11 a.m. – The Evolution of 19th Century Base Ball outlines the development of the game, the equipment, uniforms and rules.

March 24, 12:30 p.m. – Boston

before the Red Sox will highlight the game of base ball in Boston prior to the Boston Red Sox. Hall of Famers Mike "King" Kelly, Harry Wright and John Clarkson will be discussed.

March 24, 2 p.m. – Bat and Ball Games since Colonial Times will focus on the bat and ball games that helped shape and develop the game of baseball

that we know today.

March 25, 11 a.m. – 19th Century Big Business Practices through AG Spalding offers visitors a glimpse into the practices of businessmen John D. Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie who have come to represent the most successful titans of industry during the Gilded Age. The presentation is designed to show how Albert Goodwill Spalding used many of the same business practices and principles to achieve the same type of business success in the sporting goods industry that Rockefeller and Carnegie achieved in oil and steel.

Brian Sheehy, base ball historian, vintage base ball player and president of the Essex Base Ball Organization, a non-profit consisting of six clubs in Massachusetts that play and educate the public on how the game of base ball was played in the 19th century, will give the presentations. Sheehy has traveled throughout the nation playing base ball for the Boston Beaneaters, instructing children's clinics and giving lectures on base ball history.

All lectures held at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates are included with museum admission (free for Edison Ford members). Anyone attending the lectures on March 24 will be admitted free to the vintage base ball game on March 25. Tickets for the game at Terry Park are \$3 per person with children age 12 and younger admitted free.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.edisonfordwinterestates.org. For more information, call 334-7419.*

Miracle Baseball Tickets On Sale For 2018 Season

The Fort Myers Miracle, the Class-A Advanced Affiliate of the Minnesota Twins, has begun selling single-game tickets for the 2018 baseball season. Sale began on Thursday, March 15.

The 140-game season includes 70 regular season home games, with the season opener slated on Thursday, April 5 for 7 p.m. at Hammond Stadium in CenturyLink Sports Complex.

Ticket prices for box seats and drink rail seats are \$9.50 in advance or \$11 on game day. General admission and lawn seating is \$7.50 in advance or \$9

on game day. Tickets cost an additional \$1 on fireworks nights, and \$2 more on Independence Day.

"We finished first in the Florida State League's south division last season, and our home field advantage is one of the best in minor league baseball," said Chris Peters, president and general manager of the Miracle. "We've kept our single-game ticket prices the same for 2018 while adding a list of special offers to our season ticket packages."

Regular weekly promotions for 2018 include Family Sundays, Dollar Dogs on Mondays, Two for Tuesdays, Winning Wednesdays, Thirsty Thursdays, Fireworks Fridays and Giveaway Saturdays.

For ticket information, call the Fort Myers Miracle at 768-4210 or visit www.miraclebaseball.com.*



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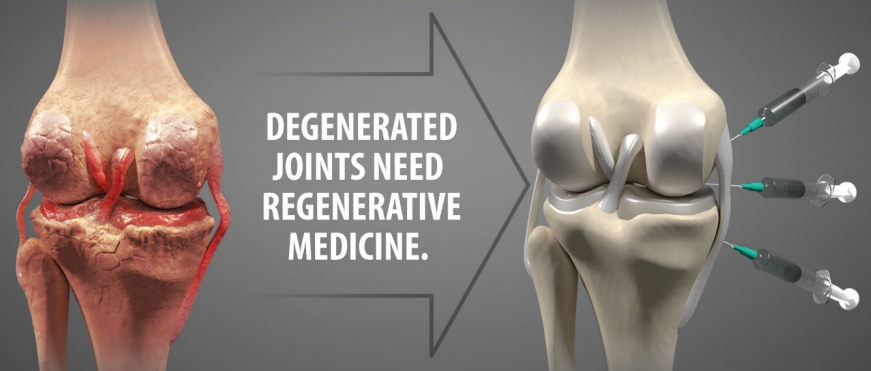
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Golden Halo Finalists Honored

Four Fort Myers Christian School (FMCS) teachers were selected as Golden Halo finalists during a surprise visit by the Christian Chamber of Southwest Florida on Tuesday, March 6.

First grade teacher Amber Davis, kindergarten teacher Jo Weber, second grade teacher Shellee Harper and third grade teacher Naomi Welborn were the finalists named.

For the past 12 years, the Christian Chamber of Southwest Florida has honored private school teachers with Golden Halo Awards. These awards recognize outstanding teachers in private schools in Lee County. According to their website, the Golden Halo Award recognizes teachers who “educate, motivate and inspire their students”.

“We have had a lot of really great news and blessings in recent weeks,” said FMCS principal Mel Mitchell.



Naomi Welborn



Jo Weber

“We were just named a top finalist for ‘Best Private School’ in Lee County by *Gulfshore Life* and Myra Stewart, our learning resource program lead teacher, along with four exceptional students earned ‘Rising Star’ awards from Step Up for Students. Now, this week we were surprised with a special visit to our school from the Christian Chamber of Southwest Florida to recognize four outstanding teachers nominated as finalists for the Golden Halo award. We have been blessed in so many ways lately. We have a great team at the school!”

For more information, or to learn more about the Golden Halo Awards celebration on April 20 at St. Leo’s Parish Life Center in Bonita Springs, visit www.hischamber.org.

To learn more about Fort Myers Christian School or to schedule a campus tour to speak with someone about scholarship opportunities that may be available to attend FMCS, contact the school office at 939-4642, by email at info@fmcs-fl.org, or stop in during regular office hours at the school located at 1550 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.*

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Honor Roll Recipient

Alexander Diaz of North Fort Myers was named to the Greyhound Connection honor roll for earning a 3.000-4.000 grade-point average for the fall 2017 semester at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, New Mexico.

The Greyhound Connection is a program that prepares freshmen at ENMU for academic success by providing each student with a faculty or staff mentor and programming focused on excelling in a college environment.*

Dean’s List

Three local students were named to Colgate University fall 2017 Dean’s Award for Academic Excellence recently.

They are Emily Schwartz of Fort Myers and a graduate of Canterbury School whose current major is environmental studies; Regine Cooper, of Cape Coral and a graduate of Dunbar High School whose current major is political science; and Chloe Mansell from Fort Myers and a graduate

of Canterbury School whose current major is geography.*

Student Earns Faculty Honors

Thomas Schmelzle of Fort Myers recently earned the distinction of Faculty Honors for Fall 2017 at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have a 4.0 academic average for the semester.*

Scholarship Awarded

Cristian Marzullo of Cape Coral was recently awarded a Full Moon Rising Scholarship by the Tallahassee Community College Foundation. This scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to students who are or were members of the Grace Mission Church of Tallahassee, Florida

Marzullo was also named to the fall 2017 President’s List at Tallahassee Community College.*

Financial Focus

Choose The Right Financial Professional



by Jennifer Basey

What kind of lifestyle do you hope to have in retirement? Do you have a strategy to get there? If you don’t have confidence in your plan, it may be time to engage a financial professional. But how do you choose

the one who’s right for you?

These days, you have more options than ever – including so-called robo-advisors. Robo-advisors typically use algorithms to assemble investment portfolios, with little to no human supervision, after customers answer questions online. Generally, robo-advisors are fairly cheap, and their recommendations are usually based on sound investment principles such as diversification.

However, when considering a robo-advisor, you should determine if an algorithm can address your needs as well as a human being – someone who actually becomes familiar with your life and all aspects of your financial situation. Furthermore, a robo-advisor can’t really handle the new wrinkles that will inevitably pop up, such as when you change jobs. You’d like to know what to do with your 401(k) from your previous employer – leave the money in that employer’s plan, transfer the account to the new employer’s plan or roll it over to an IRA. You probably couldn’t receive a personalized evaluation of your options, based on your individual goals and circumstances, from a robo-advisor.

So, if you decide to work with an individual financial professional, what should you look for from this person? Here are a few questions you might want to ask:

Who is your typical client? By asking this question, you may get a sense of whether a particular financial advisor has experience working with people in your financial situation and with goals similar to yours.

What’s important to you? The quality of your relationship with your financial advisor is important – after all, you may be working with this person for decades – and he or she likely will be involved with many of your most personal decisions. Consequently, you’ll want to work with someone you connect with on an individual level, as well as a professional one. So, if an advisor seems to share your values and appears to have good rapport with you, it could be a positive sign for the future.

How will we communicate – and how often? If you’re interviewing candidates, ask them how often they will meet with you in person. At a minimum, an advisor should see you once a year to review your progress and suggest changes. Will they also call or e-mail you with suggestions throughout the year? Are you free to contact them whenever you like? Will you get a real, live person every time you call? Will they send out newsletters or other communications to update you on changes in the investment world? If so, can you see some samples of the communication vehicles they send to clients?

How do you get compensated? Some financial advisors work on a fee basis, some on commissions, and some use a combination of both. Find out how your advisor will be compensated, when you’ll need to make payments and how much you’ll be expected to pay.

By asking the right questions, you should get a good sense of whether a particular advisor is right for you. And since this likely will be one of the most important professional relationships you have, you’ll want a good feeling about it, right from the beginning.

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.*

Spring Break Collaboratory

Graduate students from the University of Michigan School of Information recently partnered with the City of Fort Myers and Florida Gulf Coast University Marieb College as a project of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation Collaboratory. Students participating in this alternative spring break program conducted research on technology accessibility to understand how to better accommodate technology needs of residents in Fort Myers and improve the customer experience and efficiency of using these services.

Last week, the participating graduate students sent out a survey asking residents if and how they use the City of Fort Myers website to pay their utility bills. More than 900 responses were collected, and the students presented their findings to city officials on Friday, March 3.

The students’ findings revealed

that some customers’ late utility bill payments could be avoided through setting up email or text alerting individuals when a bill is approaching the due date as well as an awareness campaign to enable Auto-Pay signup online rather than having to physically go to the payments office.

Fort Myers City Manager Saeed Kazemi said he is eager to adopt new technologies to create efficiencies. “It’s always wonderful to bring together students who can conduct research and tailor an approach based on the latest technologies available to meet the needs of our community,” said Kazemi.

This program is a collaboration between the Southwest Florida Community Foundation and the City of Fort Myers to work with local and national partners such as Florida Gulf Coast University and the University of Michigan to bring best practices and innovation to the government processes we deliver to our residents.

For more information, contact Donna Lovejoy at 321-7217.*

Book Review

Famous Fly Fishers

by Di Saggau



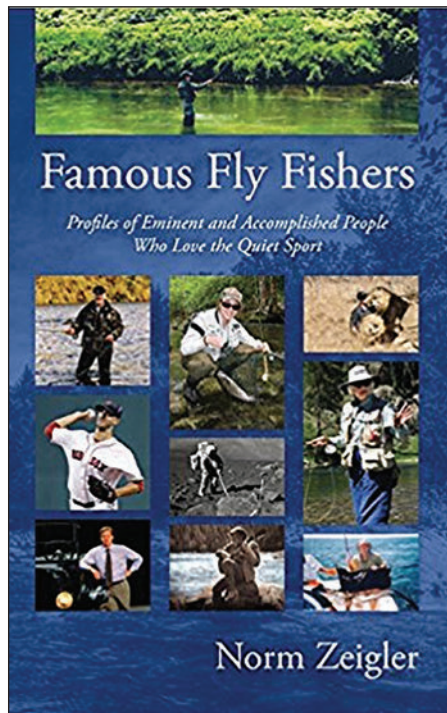
Norm Zeigler is one of the foremost fly fishing writers in the United States. His latest book *Famous Fly Fishers*, features profiles of renowned and highly accomplished people who love

fly fishing. Called "The Quiet Sport," fly fishing is enjoyed by football legend Larry Csonka, retired United States Supreme Court justice Sandra Day O'Connor, local author Randy Wayne White, former vice president Dick Cheney and many more. *Famous Fly Fishers* focuses on famous fly fishers and reveals what they like about the sport. They share their adventures of pursuing big fish in wild places, of making a perfect cast at just the right moment, of holding a brilliant, beautiful creature for a brief magical instant before it slips away back into the flow.

You will get to know these people through their own words. Csonka's favorite fishing area is the Anvik River in Alaska and its tributary streams, which eventually merge into the Yukon. He said, "When you can spot a fish, there's got to be no greater satisfaction in nature than when you take a spindly, 5-, 6-, 7-weight and you hook onto a four-pound-plus monster: with a fly that you presented. You know, like a really good rainbow or steelhead, particularly."

O'Connor fishes in Alaska and Montana. She said, "There is nothing to top it. I just love it." She also made a trip one time to Mongolia that was exciting. She said, "They have taimen up there and then they have another fish that's kind of like a trout. But that was fun, to fish in Mongolia." Zeigler told me that O'Connor sent him a lovely thank you note for including her in his book.

White has long been a fisherman and learned about fly fishing in '74 from a client on one of his charters. He said, "One of my clients was a very fine fly fisherman. He came down to



my boat with this strange get-up, a very long, willowy rod and Nautilus reel, as I recollect." He soon became an aficionado of the sport.

Zeigler says when talking with Dick Cheney about fly fishing, one is struck by the wistful reminiscences, quiet modesty and dry humor so vastly out of synch with the former vice president's stereotypical media image as a hard-nosed political infighter. Cheney said, "I usually spend a lot of time along the south fork of the Snake along the Wyoming-Idaho border, my favorite stretch of water."

Tim Linehan, a fly fishing TV host said, "Norm Zeigler has done it again. He has captured the essence of fly fishing by providing a pithy and compelling look at the sport through the eyes of some of this country's most interesting people. This book works and reads well not because the anglers he has chosen to highlight are iconic, but rather because he brings them down to the everyday level we all see on the water."

Norm Zeigler's Fly Shop is located at 2242 Periwinkle Way, Unit 1 on Sanibel. His book is available there as well as Amazon, Barnes and Noble and most book stores.✱

critical for STEM fields, like curiosity, questioning and analysis.

Elizabeth Rood, director of the Center for Childhood Creativity at the Bay Area Discovery Museum and co-author of the report said, "Children are developing theories about how the world works from a young age" and that parents and caregivers can help them by providing certain types of play. "We want parents to see the ways that play and everyday life experiences can be building kids' STEM thinking if we can just become a smidge more intentional about the conversations we have, the questions we ask, and the experiences we provide."

Listed below are some of the ways that Rood suggests parents and caregivers can encourage STEM thinking skills from an early age.

1. Give children toys that have "manipulative elements" like balls and rattles. Ask children to control elements of these toys, like building higher towers or making the rattle softer or louder.

2. Have children explain how simple tools in your house work, like a can opener or a door hinge.

3. Allow infants to practice "repetitive play," like dropping a spoon over and over, which helps the child learn about concepts like gravity long before they learn what gravity is.

4. Give children time to practice four kinds of play: pretend play that involves a child using their imagination; exploratory play where children create experiments or take things apart; guided play where adults play and interact with

children; and free play without an adult involved.

5. Allow exploratory play (within reason and with safety in mind), even if that means a toddler may get dirty.

6. Ask "why," "what" and "how" questions as much as possible to push children to explain their thinking.

7. Use complex and accurate vocabulary words, even with babies. Introduce them to words like "stable" when building a tower or "fragile" when touching objects.

8. Teach children that they are constantly learning by encouraging them to say, "I can't do this yet" instead of "I can't do this."

Rood said the research is clear that talking to kids about ideas and concepts is critical. "Find those everyday moments and talk with your kids and use big words and describe phenomena," Rood said. "Don't get so hung up on feeling like you have to teach them. Just have an experience with them that's tapping into the wonder of how math and science and engineering is all around us".

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School Smart

by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSP



Dear Shelley, I really want my pre-school children to enjoy science and math (STEM) so they will not be afraid of these subjects as they get older.

What kinds of things can I do with them now to encourage the learning of STEM?

Courtney L, Sanibel

Courtney,

Researchers say various types of play teach children important concepts relating to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Children are capable of understanding STEM concepts when they are less than a year old but these skills must be developed intentionally, according to a new report released by The Center for Childhood Creativity (CCC) at the Bay Area Discovery Museum.

The authors of a meta-research study reviewed more than 150 studies and found that infants are capable of developing complex thinking skills before they are even verbal. The report also found that different types of play are essential for developing skills

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Female Pioneers of Fort Myers

Women Who Made a Difference in the City's Development

By Robin C. Tuthill and Thomas P. Hall

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

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



From left, Dominic Dent and Kyle Johnson
photo provided

FGCU Team Ranks High In Ethics Competition

The Ethics Case Competition Team from Florida Gulf Coast University's (FGCU) Lutgert College of Business recently participated and fared well in the 4th annual Southeast Regional Business Ethics Case Competition at Stetson University.

The FGCU team of students

Dominic Dent and Kyle Johnson finished behind division winner, the University of Florida, and runner-up, Iowa State University. The local team was led by faculty advisors Dr. Craig Randall and Dr. Eric Dent, Uncommon Friends endowed chair professor of ethics.

The FGCU team The Southeast Regional competition draws universities from all over the country and, this year, Canada. Two judges, both Stetson alumni, were from Southwest Florida: Helena Dabrowski, director of finance at Sunshine Ace Hardware; and Theo Etzel, CEO of Conditioned Air.

Etzel commented, "It was very refreshing to see the level of passion that the students put forth in coming to ethical, not just legal, approaches to solving business problems."

The students addressed an actual, current business issue, how pharmaceutical company Allergan should proceed in an environment in which it has controversially transferred their patents of dry-eye medicine, Restasis, to the St. Regis Mohawk Indian Tribe. Students made recommendations taking into consideration ethical, financial and legal implications.

"It was an exciting experience, and we all contributed and worked hard," said Kyle Johnson.

Florida Gulf Coast University and the Uncommon Friends Foundation will host an ethics case competition for area high school students on May 12.

For more information, contact Dr. Dent at edent@fgcu.edu or 590-7162.✱

Superior Interiors

Step One In Decorating

by Jeanie Tinch



So, you've just moved into a new home and, although you like the layout, it's just not yet YOU! Or maybe you're just plain tired of the décor in your living room. Sometimes, it simply does our

hearts good to give our rooms a new, fresh and lively "look."

In either case, where do you start? I suggest that you start with a master plan – one that will help guide all your decorating decisions over the upcoming months. I believe the key element to successful decorating or redecorating is to spend time – up front – creating your

own personal master plan.

First of all, determine how much you can afford to spend on your design project. That figure will guide you in many of the decisions you'll be making about purchasing furniture, flooring and window treatments.

Once you've established a comfortable budget, your next step is to take a good critical look at the room you are decorating. What is it used for? How much traffic does it get? Is it a sanctuary in which you escape the realities of everyday life, or is it a room for welcoming and entertaining many guests? Such questions are important ones to consider, because they will help dictate the style of decorating that will work best for your personal lifestyle.

And, by all means, don't forget to work with a professional decorator. We can save you time and money, as we work together to create the room of your dreams!

Jeanie Tinch is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at jeanie@coindceden.com.✱

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Along The River

Thompson Walker, author of *New York Times* bestselling novel *The Age of Miracles*.

Tickets are \$35, and a table of eight is \$280.

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

There will be a **career fair** at **Florida SouthWestern State College** (FSW) Thomas Edison campus in Building U, Room 102 this Wednesday, March 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is open to the public.

Students and members of the community are encouraged to bring their resumes, transcripts, or work portfolios to show prospective employers on the spot. They should dress professionally and be prepared for a formal interview. Dozens of local companies and businesses are slated to appear.

FSW Thomas Edison (Lee) campus is located at 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers.

The **Fort Myers Film Festival** will be held this Wednesday, March 21 through Sunday, March 25 at locations around Fort Myers. The festival will kick off its 8th season with the premiere showing of *Melody Makers*, a rock documentary that tells the story of the rise and fall of the world's most influential music publication, and a red carpet party at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. The film starts at 7 p.m. with afterparty on the stage to follow with stars and cast attending the Fort Myers Film Festival.

Tickets are \$10 for the show and \$49 for the show and afterparty. Tickets are available at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall Box Office or by visiting www.bbmnpah.com/

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Other events include:

Party and gala at Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center – Friday, March 23: Friday night gala with drinks, mingling and musical entertainment with local and international filmmakers prior to the featured movie.

Mulletts & Mangroves II – History of Cayo Costa – Friday, March 23: Doors open at 7 p.m. The Friends of Cayo Costa and Barrier Island Park Society will present their new film at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, 2350 McGregor Boulevard, at 7:45 p.m. *Mullet & Mangroves II* is the latest production of a two-part documentary and will view Cayo Costa Island through the eyes of pioneering fishing families and modern day children. The film will be preceded by a short historical film about the contributions of Tom Smoot to the Edison & Ford Winter Estates.

Local programming at the Alliance for the Arts on Saturday, March 24, and IMAG from March 23 to 25: Programming from some of the top filmmakers in town as Fort Myers Film Festival keeps it local. Enjoy screenings and panel discussion at the Alliance for the Arts, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers, and IMAG, located at 2000 Cranford Avenue in Fort Myers.

Blockbuster Indie Films at AMC Classic Merchants Crossing 16, located at 15201 North Cleveland Avenue in North Fort Myers, on Saturday, March 24. For films and programming, visit www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com.

Champagne & Dessert Awards Gala Dinner at the Broadway Palm, 1380 Colonial Boulevard, on Sunday, March 25: The gala is where the Fort Myers Film Festival will honor the winners with a showing of one award-winning film. Tickets are \$15 each. The official afterparty follows at the Twisted Vine in Fort Myers for song, dance and more libations.✱

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Lessons Learned From Response Of Hurricane Katrina

The joint task force commander during Hurricane Katrina will give a free lecture at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) on Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m.

Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré will speak on Leadership, Resilience, Preparedness in the New Normal in the Cohen Center Ballroom at FGCU. He hopes to help communities and families create a "culture of preparedness" for disasters.

The now retired lieutenant general said he plans to expound upon these ideas:

Lesson No. 1: "On any given day, Mother Nature can break anything built by man."

Lesson No. 2: "Be prepared to be your own first responder and take care of yourself and your family. And when you have that done, be prepared to take care of your neighbor."

Lesson No. 3: "[This] will be about leadership: Do the routine things well. Don't be afraid of the impossible, look for the impossible, because all the future opportunities are on the other side of impossible. And third, if you're going to lead, be prepared to be criticized."

Honoré was the commander of the



Lt. General Russel Honoré photo provided

Joint Task Force Katrina. "You're stuck on stupid," he shouted at a reporter during a 2005 Hurricane Rita press briefing. He didn't have time to talk about the past; he needed to inform the public before another storm hit.

The "stuck on stupid" response to a question about recovery efforts following Katrina helped catapult the man *The Washington Post* dubbed "The Category 5 General" into the national conversation. It also established Honoré as an expert in preparedness

and leadership. Called "a soldier's soldier" by *The Palm Beach Post*, Honoré continues to speak his mind when it comes to disasters and the response.

"[Katrina] has been linked to just about everywhere I go and everything I do," said Honoré, who retired in 2008 after 37 years of service. "I think that the people [impacted by Katrina] believed over time that we were there to help them, not to intimidate anyone, but to help facilitate getting the job done."

Writing for *The Times-Picayune* in 2010, Jarvis DeBerry called Honoré's Katrina recovery leadership "remarkable." The lieutenant general believes being from Louisiana helped him understand the culture. But the foundation of his method lies in a lesson he learned as a graduate student studying human resources.

"The most important resource we've got is people. How [do] we get the right people in the right place to take care of the problem? The most important thing we do is people. It's not about me or them; it's about us," Honoré added.

Referring to Katrina victims, DeBerry wrote, "They'd probably want somebody in power to understand their predicament, to put down their guns and help them get out. Honoré remains beloved here because that's exactly what he did."

In addition to his work in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina, Honoré has played a role in the

recovery and response for many storms – Hurricanes Floyd, Lilli, Isidore, Isabel, Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne. His fingerprints are also on the response plans for floods in Venezuela and Mozambique, Y2K, the Space Shuttle Columbia explosion and the Washington, D.C. sniper shootings. With that kind of experience, it's easy to see why he is often tapped by organizations and the national news media to discuss disaster preparedness and recovery.

"In a disaster, a real disaster, you're going to lose control. On the other hand, if it's a hurricane [and] you maintain control, then it wasn't a disaster; it was an inconvenience," Honoré said.

Honoré is the author of *Survival: How a Culture of Preparedness Can Save You and Your Family from Disasters, Leadership in the New Normal* and his newest book, released in fall 2017, *Don't Get Stuck on Stupid*.

The free event is open to the public and made possible by SWFL Family Businesses Foundation, Inc. and Northern Trust. To attend, send an RSVP to foundationevents@fgcu.edu by Monday, March 19 or call 590-7400.

For more information about Lt. Gen. Honoré, visit www.generalthonore.com. An online version of this story is available at www.fgcu360.com/2018/03/katrina-response-leader-shares-lessons-learned.*

Hurricane Preparedness Seminars

Lee County Emergency Management has scheduled three Hurricane Preparedness Seminars that are open to the public. Additional seminars are expected to be scheduled.

The free seminars will include information how to prepare families and homes for hurricane season, how to use new hurricane-related technology and how Emergency Management responds to hurricanes and other disasters.

The scheduled seminars are:

1:30 p.m. Friday, March 16 – The Dolphin Room at The Shell Factory, 2787 N. Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers

2 p.m. Wednesday, May 9 – Large Meeting Room A at Lakes Regional

Library, 15290 Bass Road, Fort Myers 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 26 – Large Meeting Room at Cape Coral Lee County Public Library, 921 SW 39th Terrace, Cape Coral

Seminars are open to the public. Additional seminar dates and locations will be posted at www.leeec.com; check the website to see if registration is necessary for individual events.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Lee County will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities in its services, programs, or activities. To request an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or a reasonable modification to participate, contact Debbie Quimby, 533-0622, Florida Relay Service 711, or dquimby@leegov.com. Accommodation will be provided at no cost to the requestor. Requests should be made at least five business days in advance.*

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Lab Theater

scenes with feather duster in hand.

Soon one of them is murdered and the group becomes suspicious of everyone, and we discover that most characters are not who they claim to be. Everyone is a suspect. There are tons of twists and turns in the second act along with a few more murders, and after trips through secret doorways leading to other hidden passageways and a power outage in the

mansion, we finally find out who is the slasher. The show is meant to be a spoof on the murder-mystery genre, and it provides some real comedic moments. I am not a fan of farce, but I enjoyed the show and so did the audience.

Directed by Carmen Crussard, *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* plays through March 31 at Laboratory Theater of Florida, located at 1634 Woodford Avenue in Fort Myers. Tickets are available by calling 218-0481 or online at www.brownpapertickets.com.*

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Beautifulife:
Babies



by Kay Casperson

There is something amazingly beautiful and special about newborn babies. Just recently, I had the opportunity to share in the joy of one of my employees having

her first baby. Our Regional Director Heather had her new baby girl Navy Ray just a couple of weeks ago, and I brought my daughters over to visit her in the hospital so they could see and hold a newborn baby for the first time. The emotions they felt were overwhelming as tears of joy were shed, and goosebumps were had by everybody.

We are lucky enough to have an osprey platform in front of our house, and this is the time of year when we are also enjoying the newborn baby ospreys. The array of emotions that seeing a newborn baby brings is astounding, from happiness, peacefulness and thankfulness, to excitement, contentment and a sense of relief that the day is finally here and all is well.

The commitment that it takes to nurture that baby until birth and then instinctively doing all the right things to keep that baby happy, healthy and thriving is an amazing feat in itself. No matter what the circumstances are, you better believe, that baby will be cared for regardless of the sacrifices ahead.

I bet many of you have been lucky enough recently to see a newborn baby or shared in the joy of knowing someone that has been blessed with a newborn. Or, you may know someone



Kay Casperson and her regional director, Heather Degele, with her newborn baby girl, Navy Ray photo provided

whose pet has just recently had puppies, kittens or any other animal for that matter.

What I know for sure is that babies bring a sense of purity, innocence, love and a renewed respect for the miracle of birth, and how awesome it is that the circle of life continues to spin slowly but ever so diligently around for all to see and enjoy in its magnitude.

My affirmation for you this week is: "I will cherish the miracle of new life and embrace the amazing blessings to come."

Kay Casperson is a beauty and lifestyle expert, founder and CEO of Beautifulife by Kay Casperson. She owns resort spas on Sanibel and Captiva islands and manufactures beauty and lifestyle products sold across the country. To stay inspired, visit www.kaycasperson.com or follow on social media @kaycasperson.✧

Female
Entrepreneurs
To Be Honored

Wisdom becomes powerful when it is shared. Accomplished female entrepreneurs will be honored for imparting the lessons they've learned to young women in their organizations at Celebrating Women, a night of acclaim put together by Fort Myers-based financial independence organization Girls Going Places.

Mentors and their guests will gather at the Burroughs Home in historic downtown Fort Myers on Thursday, April 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. Guests will be offered an evening of dinner, dancing and cocktails overlooking the Caloosahatchee. Raffle tickets will be sold to raise money to provide a scholarship to put one girl through the Girls Going Places mentorship program.

Use of the Burroughs home was donated by Jennifer Nelson, an event sponsor who serves as a Girls Going Places mentor, executive director of the

Uncommon Friends Foundation and on the Cape Coral City Council.

"It is vital that young girls have women role models they can look up to and a mentor to call when they need guidance," Girls Going Places founder Lynne Kimmich said. "The opportunities for these young girls are virtually limitless. The organization provides them a chance to learn about leadership and entrepreneurship from women who have been through it."

More mentors are being sought. The annual Girls Going Places Entrepreneurship Conference, presented by Alliance Financial Group, will be held at Florida Gulf Coast University on May 9. Kimmich's team is working to secure more mentors before then.

"We have 140 girls across six counties attend the conference each year," Kimmich said. "And we are always in need of mentors to ensure our students receive the personalized attention they deserve."

For more information about Girls Going Places or get involved, visit girlsgoingplaces-afg.com or call 561-2900.✧

Wellness Retreat
To Focus On
Healthy Options

Explore healthy lifestyle options at Lee Health's Inaugural Wellness Retreat at the Pink Shell Resort on Fort Myers Beach from May 15 to 17. This three-day retreat will inspire, support and guide participants to learn about and experience a healthier lifestyle through nutrition, exercise, self-care, mindfulness and integrated therapies.

Work demands, family obligations and countless other stresses of daily living can challenge our well-being and increase the risk for chronic stress and illness. The Wellness Retreat offers an exclusive opportunity to learn about many health and wellness options that can help you achieve a healthier life balance.

The Wellness Retreat aims to offer a holistic approach with information and techniques that will empower participants to make "bite-sized" but powerful changes that can transform their lives through healthier lifestyle and nutrition choices. A holistic view encompasses the whole person – physical, mental, spiritual, behavioral and social – not just symptoms and disease. The retreat will end with a goal-setting session that will inspire participants toward leading a more balanced life.

Retreat participants will be able to explore alternative medicine options like Integrative Medicine, which incorporates acupuncture, massage, nutrition, Reiki and other treatments, and comprehensive personal evaluations that focus on you – all of you.

Featuring a full schedule of wellness seminars and presentations, the retreat will also include a keynote address by Salvatore Lacagnina, DO, Lee Health System medical director of wellness and employee health, entitled Epigenetics: The Science of Change. Several Lee Health physicians will discuss how a well-rounded integrated approach to sleep, nutrition, stress management and brain health relates to self-care and may reduce the incidence of chronic diseases.

In addition, the Wellness Retreat will also offer activities designed to nurture your soul and lift your spirit:

Meditation Latin Line Dancing
Nature Kayak Tours Yoga
Tai Chi Mind and Body
Reservations for the Wellness Retreat are required. The fee for the three-day retreat, including most meals, is \$425 (not including overnight accommodations). Gulf-front rooms are available through the resort; call 888-222-7465, or visit www.pinkshell.com.

Pink Shell Resort is located at 275 Estero Boulevard in Fort Myers Beach. For more information about the retreat, or to make a reservation, call 495-4475 or visit www.leehealth.org/wellness-retreat.✧

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Miracle Game

and Independence Day (July 4).

The Miracle have ramped up giveaways for the 2018 season, including five bobblehead nights: Brian Dozier (April 14), Joe Mauer (May 19), Jose Berrios (June 30), Torii Hunter (July 21) and Byron Buxton (September 1). Other freebies include a Miracle scarf on World Cup Night (June 9), team photo (July 20), free football tickets on College Football Night (August 17) and Miracle Replica Jersey Night (August 18).

Additional family-friendly promotions have been added to the schedule, including Sway's Birthday Party (all kids get free ice cream on April 29), Princesses and Pirates Day (May 6), a School's Out Celebration (June 8) and Daddy-Daughter Date Night (June 18). On Sundays, children can play catch on the field before the game and run the bases following the game.

"Every year, Miracle fans look forward to seeing our promotions schedule, and this season has a lot of fun additions and giveaways," said Chris Peters, the Miracle's president and general manager. "Our game-day atmosphere at Hammond Stadium is one of the best in baseball, and we're happy to reward our loyal baseball fans with a little fun at the ballpark."

Some of the more notable early-season promotions include Constructive Criticism Night (April 10), whereby fans

who issue a complaint about anything can earn free tickets. On Swipe Right Night (April 26), single fans can participate in speed dating activities.

Competitions worth checking out include a Hot Dog Eating Contest (April 14) and Grandma Beauty Contest (May 5).

Several occupations will be recognized during the season with Nurses Night (April 26), Lawyers Night (May 21), Realtors Night (June 4) and Educators Appreciation Night (June 7). Fans can represent their hometowns at Naples Night (May 5), Islands Night (May 9), Cape Coral Night (June 6) and Canada Day (July 1).

The Miracle will honor universities at several College Nights: FGCU (April 12 and August 30), FSW (April 26), Florida State (July 12), Florida (July 19) and Miami (August 2). Even the TV and movie industry has made the promotions calendar: Star Wars Night (May 4), Superhero Night (May 18), Jurassic Park Night (August 28) and Game of Thrones Night (August 31).

Appearances by the ZOOperstars! (April 6), Russian Bar Trio (June 8), a yet-to-be-named pro wrestler (July 20) and hometown heroes (August 3) are worth a second look. Bark in the Park, where dogs are permitted at the game, will be held five times (April 28, May 19, June 30, July 21 and August 18).

For a complete list of game-day promotions, call the Fort Myers Miracle at 768-4210 or visit www.miraclebaseball.com.✧

Comrie Cancer Foundation Raises Nearly \$250,000 At Gala

On March 3, close to 200 people went back to the Roaring '20s, and nearly \$250,000 was raised for cancer patients during a gala event at the Crowne Plaza Fort Myers at Bell Tower Shops.

A Night at the Cotton Club transformed the hotel ballroom into a Prohibition-era speakeasy, treating attendees to a swinging scene for the benefit of The Comrie Cancer Foundation.✪



From left, Doug Comrie, Carolyn Comrie, Kathy Sekerak and Don Sekerak
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Cynthia Holt and Emily DiRoma



Scott and Kathy Sekerak



From left front to back, Carolyn Comrie, Donna Ciarillo, Helen Anderson, Kathy Sekerak, Michelle Negrette, Char Seuffert, Danny Curry, Jen Cottrell, Janet Pignot, Derek Ingersoll, Rebekah Lussier



Scott Sekerak and Patti Chipala



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Four Intriguing Solutions For Multiple Sclerosis



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: The pain associated with autoimmune diseases is very difficult to treat. Nerve pain is one of the most difficult, tragic types of pain a person can experience, and it's

common in multiple sclerosis (or MS for short).

MS is still poorly understood, even though there are treatments available. It's becoming clear that full body (systemic) inflammation is at the root of autoimmune disorders including MS. The body is on fire. Contributory factors might include a food allergen, environmental toxin, The Pill or pathogen.

Regardless of "how," the pathology is such that there's a loss of regulatory T cells and a breakdown of your intestinal barrier leading to more permeability and the leakage of undigested food proteins from casein and gluten. There's a breakdown in the barriers that surround your brain and spinal cord. Histamine goes up which adds to pain and inflammation.

I have a very comprehensive version of this article (over 4,000 words), and I'm happy to give it to you if you sign up for my free newsletter at www.suzycohen.com. When you can sign up, the complete article will be sent to your email. In the meantime, here are four natural ways to put the MS fire out:

1. Cinnamon

It's top of the list because animal studies show how well it reduces nasty

pro-inflammatory compounds like IL-17 that is elevated in folks with MS. We also know the painful symptoms of MS occur, in part, from demyelination which causes a failure in the conduction of electrical impulses. This is akin to an electrical cord that gets plugged into the outlet, but the cord is missing the outer wrapping so you can see the wires inside. It hurts when plugged in! Cinnamon helps with pain, and surprisingly it might reduce levels of body ammonia too.

2. Balance and Eye Movement Exercises

People with MS who do balance and eye movement exercises might feel more steady on their feet. Participants in a study were given computer-based eye movement and balance tests, as well as at-home tests, and balance and visual stability were improved.

3. The Mediterranean Diet

Just take me to Greece! The Mediterranean diet is famous for heart health, as well as a reduced incidence of cancer, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease. A diet like this provides nutrients and healthy fats that support intestinal health while creating more of that protective myelin. The Mediterranean Diet was studied on MS sufferers and the results were very positive.

4. Vitamin D

Vitamin D is useful in modulating and balancing the immune system. Patients with higher vitamin D in the first year of diagnosis had a slower rate of progression. They fared out better long term. In other words, the better the D status, the slower or milder the symptoms for that person. By the end of the five-year study, the patients with vitamin D levels above 50 had fewer new active brain lesions. Pretty awesome, considering sunshine is free!

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit www.SuzyCohen.com.✽

Doctor and Dietician

Diet And Exercise For Type II Diabetes



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

The rate of diabetes is rising rapidly in the United States, and so is the rate of obesity. The heavier people are, the more likely they are to develop type II diabetes. Type II diabetes is associated with obesity because, as we gain weight, our tissues are less sensitive to insulin, and our pancreatic beta cells have a tougher time producing insulin. Our genetic makeup determines the strength of our pancreatic beta cells and, as such, also plays a role in whether or not we develop type II diabetes. Belly fat adds even more propensity towards insulin resistance.

Considering that diabetes increases the risk of other deadly diseases, people who have diabetes should become active

participants in trying to limit damage and reverse the condition. A recent study showed that weight loss through diet and exercise was actually better at controlling diabetes than medication. A group of Scottish researchers followed 1,537 participants for five years who received at least weekly cognitive behavioral support and lifestyle advice, including calorie restriction and exercise and/or medication. Participants who completed the program experienced substantial weight loss, as well as a drop in glycated hemoglobin (HbA1c). Those who did not complete the program had an increased need for diabetic medication and insulin.

While we cannot do much about genetic factors, we can do something about our weight. Weight regulation using diet and regular physical activity can improve insulin sensitivity and type II diabetes. We have seen patients who made diet and lifestyle modifications improve their health to the point where they no longer require medication. Never underestimate the power of food! Include regular physical activity in your life, eat fresh foods and avoid processed and sugary foods to improve insulin sensitivity and to help regulate type II diabetes.

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.✽

Events To Aid Developmentally Disabled People

Two educational and uplifting events will connect Southwest Floridians with organizations that help people with developmental disabilities. The Community Resource Network of Florida Inc. (CRN) events will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. at CRN Port Charlotte Life Skills Program headquarters on Friday, March 23 and at CRN Fort Myers Life Skills Program headquarters on Saturday, March 24.

Special guest speaker Megan Abner, author of *Up Syndrome: It's All about the Attitude*, will provide the keynote address at the Fort Myers event.

Families and individuals looking to learn more about organizations that provide opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to learn, grow

and succeed are welcome to attend either of the two events.

Guests will partake in networking and educational time to learn about programs available in the community from 4 to 6 p.m. Special Olympics, Gigi's Playhouse, Family Care Council, the Foundation for the Developmentally Disabled and many others will be on site at both the Fort Myers and Port Charlotte events.

The serious side turns down and the fun turns up with a dance and prizes from 6 to 8 p.m. A DJ will play upbeat tunes while attendees boogie the night away. Prizes will be raffled off, and light refreshments will be served.

CRN Port Charlotte Life Skills Program headquarters is located at 525 Bowman Terrace in Port Charlotte. CRN Fort Myers Life Skills Program headquarters is located at 3660 Central Avenue in Fort Myers. For more information, or to RSVP to either of the events, call 415-7400.✽

Learn About Starting A Career In Health Care

Lee Health is joining Cypress Cove and Fort Myers Technical College is partnering to hold an informational event for people interested in learning more about a career as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) or medical assistant (MA). The seminar will be held in the Fort Myers Technical College cafeteria on Tuesday, March 20 at 5:30 p.m.

"Careers in health care continue to be in high demand," said Michelle Zech,

Lee Health human resources business partner. "Becoming a CNA or MA is a great first step into a health care career, and we want to help jumpstart your career."

Those interested in attending the informational event should come prepared for a short interview with a recruiter and learn about funding that may be available from CareerSource Southwest Florida to pay for CNA or MA courses if you qualify.

Fort Myers Technical College is located at 3800 Michigan Avenue in Fort Myers. Opportunities may be available at Lee Health or Cypress Cove following training and graduation.✽

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Bonita Library

on Pine Avenue was built in 1976 and renovated during the 1990s. It was closed for three months following Hurricane Irma due to water damage.

"Libraries of the past were designed primarily to house row upon row of books and magazines," said Kevin Williams, principal architect and vice president at BSSW. "The new library will still house those materials, of course, but Bonita Springs residents made it clear they also wanted public-access computers, multi-purpose rooms and

casual reading areas."

BSSW also created architectural designs for the 25,000-square-foot North Fort Myers Public Library being built on U.S. 41, a project that broke ground in late November. Other Lee County libraries designed by BSSW include the Fort Myers Regional Library in downtown Fort Myers, East County Regional Library in Lehigh Acres, Northwest Regional Library in Cape Coral and Lakes Regional Library in south Fort Myers. BSSW's Collier County library designs include the Marco Island Library and County Library Headquarters in Naples, as well as the Golden Gate Library expansion.✽

PETS OF THE WEEK

Haven on Earth Animal League

Blueberry And Taters



Blueberry

photos provided

Hi there! I'm Blueberry. I am a beautiful 1-year-old Russian blue kitty with bright green eyes. I am a very shy little girl and really need to be in a quiet home with someone that will give me time to adjust. I am currently staying with a foster mom. I am spayed and up to date on all vaccines. My adoption fee is \$75.



Taters

Hello, my name is Taters. I am a very pretty Calico girl. I'm only 6-months old. I am very shy and really need to be in a quiet home with someone that will give me time to adjust. I am currently staying with a foster mom. I am spayed and up to date on all vaccines. My adoption fee is \$75.

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.✱

Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Scarlett And Madonna



Scarlett O'Hara ID# A731323

photos provided

Lee County is rolling out the red carpet for celebrity pets during the month of March. Some famous felines and canines have taken up residence at the Lee County Domestic Animal Services shelter. Spin the lucky wheel for a chance at a reduction in your adoption fee from \$5 to \$25. With the 90th Academy Awards ceremony during the first weekend in March, pets at the shelter that are up for adoption will have names of the stars such as Ingrid Bergman, Marlon Brando and Jack Nicholson to name a few.

Why I do declare! My name is Scarlett O'Hara. I am in the house, and I know how to walk the red carpet with my head (and ears) held high. If a lap dog is what you are looking for, search no further, because this 4-year-old female rat terrier is your girl.

My adoption fee is \$75. Spin the wheel for a \$5 to \$25 discount.

Hello, fans! I am Madonna, a 3-year-old female



Madonna ID# A731137

pit bull who is a fun-loving and free spirited girl looking for a home of my own. I love to run around and play with my friends and then lay around and watch the action. My piercing green eyes will draw you in long enough to fall in love with me.

My adoption fee is \$75. Spin the wheel for a \$5 to \$25 discount.

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.

All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Science Diet pet food.

The adoption package is valued at \$500.✱



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Foundation for Quality Childcare	425-2685
Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce	454-7500
Fort Myers Beach Library	463-9691
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Edison & Ford Winter Estates	334-7419
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JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge	472-1100
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Langford Kingston Home	239-334-2550
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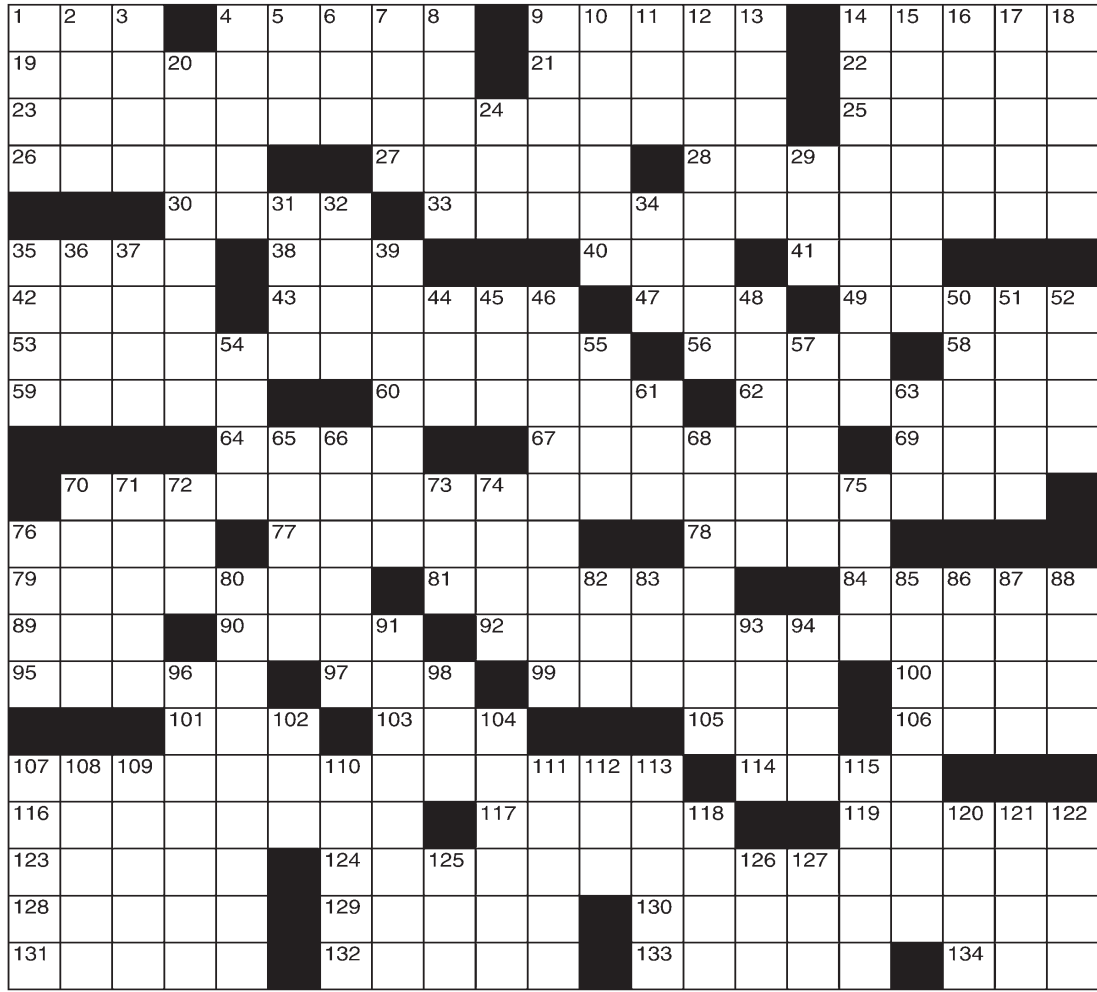
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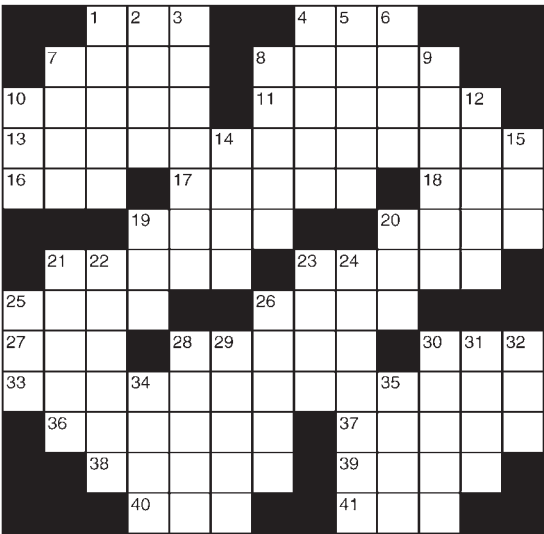
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9 Placed a burden on
14 Broke, as a horse
19 Fake signatures
21 Billy Joel's "— Extremes"
22 Rock's Cooper
23 "The Golden Girls" co-star being a rascal?
25 Bit of gossip
26 Conical-bore woodwinds
27 Winslet and Middleton
28 Source of great wealth
30 Make juice of
33 Mean beasts wearing disguises?
35 Burg
38 Life story, for short
40 Suffix with cloth or cash
41 With 45-Down, place for paternity testing
42 "Sad to say ..."
43 Record of the years
- 47 Serpentine fish
49 Unearthly
53 Stared creepily at a group of wolves?
56 Long deli sandwiches
58 Pretend to be
59 Mythical man-horse
60 Red chapter heading, e.g.
62 Ancient French region
64 In re
67 Minerva, to the Greeks
69 Comes out on top
70 "Make no edits to those script lines!"
76 Sleek, informally
77 How some freelancers work
78 Bellyache
79 Iditarod Trail animal
81 Very spirited
84 Swiftly
89 Brand of fruit drinks
90 Notion, to Luc
92 Heavy work shoe filled with currants?
- 95 Comedian Smirnoff
97 Apr. clock setting
99 Countdown expression
100 Manila money
101 Lively spirit
103 Smidge
105 Phys ed class
106 Epochs
107 Airport area that's only an illusion?
114 Stair unit
116 Mexican revolutionary Zapata
117 Oasis beast
119 Capital of the Beaver State
123 Poe's bird
124 Evil poet Nash?
128 Belgian port
129 Wise up
130 Aggressively defiant
131 — Domingo
132 Unable to relax
133 Composer Erik
134 "Prob'ly not"
- DOWN
1 "Hair" style
2 — tube (TV)
3 Therefore
- 4 Actress Witherspoon
5 Equip for war
6 Razor brand
7 Radio host Glenn
8 Koran's faith
9 Tablecloth material
10 Tennis great Andre
11 Shout on "The Simpsons"
12 Curio display stands
13 Giving type
14 Late state
15 Female grads
16 Copy closely
17 Low-cost, in product names
18 Freedom from govt. control
20 Brown-and-white cow
24 Get from — B
29 '60s drug
31 Blind as —
32 Ho Chi —
34 Golf peg
35 New Mexico ski spot
36 Bond girl Kurylenko
37 Drawer Disney
39 Burdensome
- 44 Storekeeper on "The Simpsons"
45 See
46 Try to harm with claws
48 Angola's capital
50 Cosine, e.g.
51 Cake topper
52 JFK guesses
54 "Blast!"
55 Kin's partner
57 Linda of "The Exorcist"
61 "— -ching!"
63 Hole tool
65 Stomached
66 Used a tool to grab, as an ice block
68 Engraved work of art
70 Screenwriter Ephron
71 Big name in vacuums
72 "Yes" signal
73 EMS skill
74 Tune in to
75 On — with (similar to)
76 Pasty
80 Enters headfirst, as a pool
82 Cup edge
83 "So far — know ..."
85 Any of six pontiffs
- 86 Wine ripener, e.g.
87 House, south of the border
88 Son of Seth
91 Female hormone
93 Van —, Calif.
94 Cellar, in apt. ads
96 Luxurious
98 Piper's cap
102 School gp.
104 Kitchen choppers
107 Arctic floaters
108 Large city in Nebraska
109 Established fact
110 — Gay (warplane)
111 Tot watcher
112 Latin "I love"
113 Some jabs
115 Suffix similar to -like
118 Pre-euro Italian money
120 Security claim
121 Italian peak
122 Tall tale
125 "Gimme —!" (rude demand)
126 Granola bit
127 Here, in Lyon



King Crossword

- ACROSS
1 Chaps
4 Insane
7 Location
8 Skeptical sort
10 Original "Trivial Pursuit" edition
11 Traitor Benedict
13 Monopoly avenue neighboring "Go"
16 Winehouse or Poehler
17 Wooden strips
18 I love (Lat.)
19 Big party
20 Always
21 Fischer's game
23 Cloys
25 "Hey, sailor!"
26 Legend
27 — de Janeiro
28 Occurrence
30 Hot tub
33 1970s TV hospital drama
36 Ending that may be grand
37 Point-and-click device
38 Follow
39 Bridge, in Brest
- 8 — blanche
9 Stick firmly
10 "Today Show" rival, for short
12 Knighted women
14 Chows down
15 Neither mate
19 "30 Rock" star
20 Biblical verb ending
21 Main
22 Sweatshirt that can cover your
23 Harmonization
24 Try
25 Upper limb
26 Brawl
28 PayPal
29 Worth
30 "Beat the Clock" challenge
31 Nuisance
32 Exist
34 Quaint stop-overs
35 Midday
- DOWN
1 TV's "The — Project"
2 Needle case
3 Gets snug and cozy
4 Gift from a wise man
5 Paquin and Pavlova
6 "My Heart Will Go On" singer
7 Appear to be



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

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

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Balance
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- Cook
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Estimate
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- Guide
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- Question
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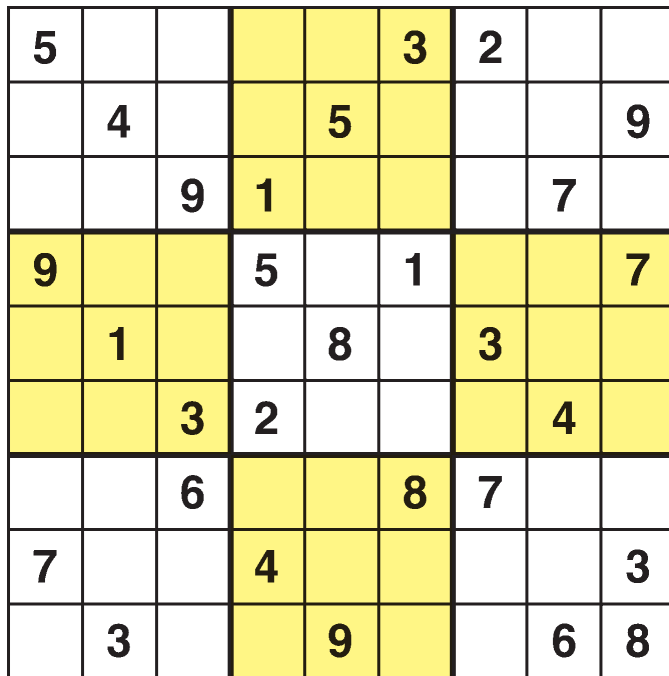
"Notice how they always follow political speeches with _____ commercials?"
answer on page 37

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!

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TODAY'S WORD



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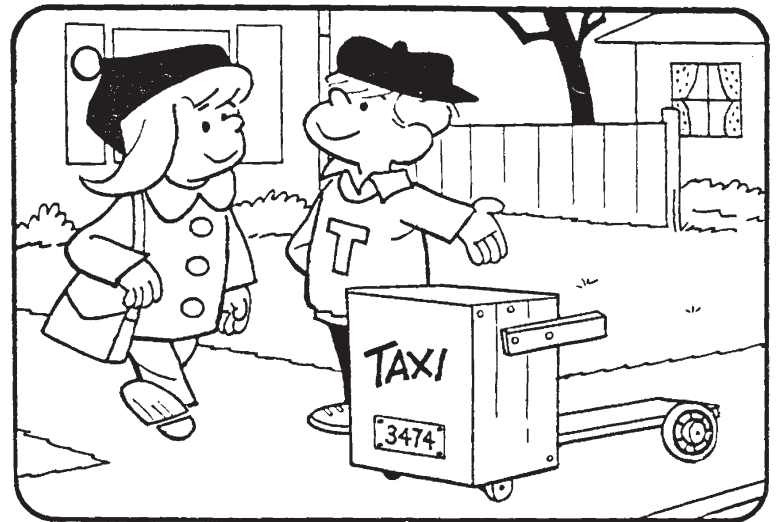
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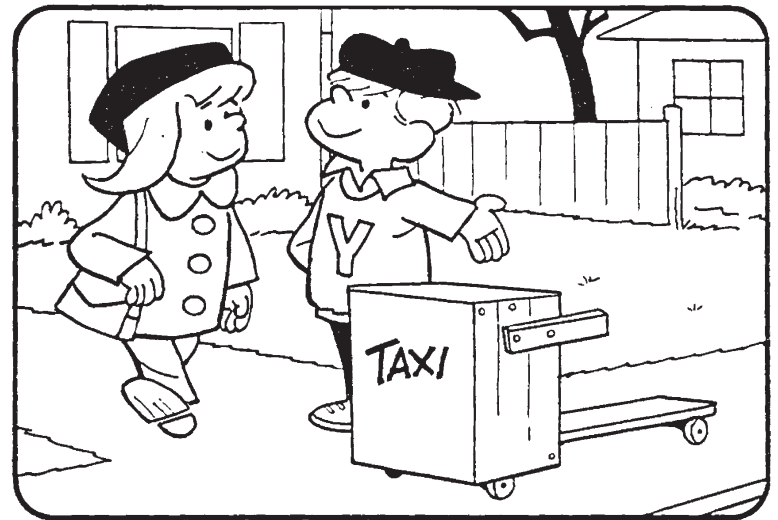
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Hat is different. 2. Purse is smaller. 3. Letter is different. 4. License is missing. 5. Curtains are missing. 6. Wheel is different.



Baked Cabbage Eggrolls

2½ cups cabbage, shredded
12 egg roll wrappers
2 medium carrots, peeled and shredded
2 cups mushrooms, diced
1 bunch green onions, sliced
1 tablespoon fresh grated ginger or 1 teaspoon dried
Nonstick cooking spray
2 tablespoons cornstarch (divided)
½ cup water (divided)
1 cup water chestnuts, chopped (optional)
2 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
Your favorite dipping sauce
Spray a baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray.
Mix 1 tablespoon of the cornstarch into ¼ cup water and set aside.

Lightly spray large sauté pan with cooking spray and warm over low heat.

Add cabbage, carrots, mushrooms, water chestnuts and ginger to the sauté pan.

Cook for 5 to 7 minutes or just until vegetables start to get slightly tender.

Stir in cornstarch mixture and soy sauce. Cook until the sauce thickens. Let vegetable mixture completely cool and add green onions.










Baked Cabbage Eggrolls

photo courtesy Fresh From Florida

Dissolve the remaining tablespoon of cornstarch in ¼ cup water. Brush onto egg roll wrappers and fill with vegetables and wrap according to the directions on the egg roll package.

Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 15 minutes or until brown. Serve hot with dipping sauce.✪

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Wed	4:43 am	9:33 am	3:56 pm	11:02 pm	Wed	3:48 am	9:35 am	3:01 pm	11:04 pm	Wed	4:27 am	9:58 am	3:21 pm	11:09 pm	Wed	6:53 am	1:20 am	6:06 pm	12:49 pm
Thu	5:54 am	9:57 am	4:34 pm	None	Thu	4:59 am	9:59 am	3:39 pm	None	Thu	5:36 am	10:22 am	4:01 pm	None	Thu	8:04 am	2:18 am	6:44 pm	1:13 pm

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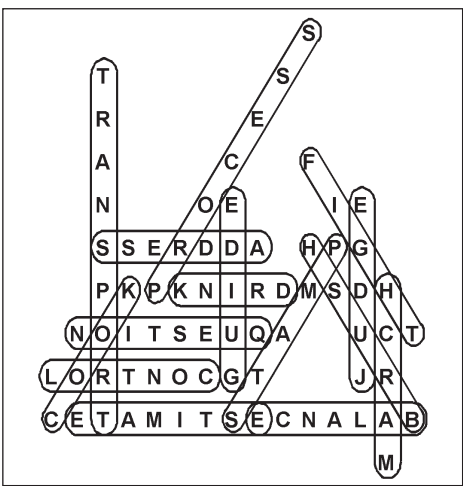
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MAGIC MAZE



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7	2	8	4	6	5	9	1	3
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My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2018

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With your practical side dominant this week, it's a good time to reassess your finances to see what expenses you can cut. Aspects also favor mending fraying relationships.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine-inspired determination to follow matters through from beginning to end pays off in a big way. Enjoy a well-earned weekend of fun with a special someone.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Aspects favor re-establishing business relationships you might have neglected. A family member's request needs to be given more thought before you make a decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) While you might appreciate the avalanche of advice coming from others, keep in mind that the intuitive Moon Child is best served by listening to her or his own inner voice.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Lion's social life whirls at centrifugal speed this week as you go from function to function. Things slow by week's end, giving you a chance to catch up on your chores.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Don't let your stand on an issue cause a rift with a colleague. Insist on both of you taking time to reassess your positions while there's still room for compromise.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An opportunity you'd been hoping for finally opens up. But read the fine print before you make a commitment, especially where a time factor might be involved.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your need to know what's going on behind the scenes leads you to make some bold moves. Be prepared with a full explanation of your actions if necessary.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A lot of details need tending to during the early part of the week. The pressure eases midweek, allowing you to get back to your major undertaking.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A friend asks you to act on their behalf in a dispute. Be careful. You might not have all the facts you need in order to make a fair assessment of the situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February

18) A new development might require you to cancel some of your plans. But you adapt easily, and by week's end, you could receive welcome "cheering-up" news.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your recent workplace accomplishments boost your self-confidence just as you're about to consider a potentially rewarding, although possibly risky, career move.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of the arts is equaled only by your strong sense of justice. People can depend on you to always try to do what's right.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On March 25, 1774, the British Parliament passes the Boston Port Act, closing the port and demanding that the city's residents pay for the nearly \$1 million (in today's dollars) worth of tea dumped into Boston Harbor during the Boston Tea Party of Dec. 16, 1773.

- On March 22, 1894, the first championship ice hockey series for Lord Stanley's Cup is played in Montreal, Canada. Since 1962, only one trophy has been used, making the Stanley Cup the only trophy in major sports that is not reproduced each year.

- On March 19, 1931, in an attempt to lift the state out of the hard times of the Great Depression and stem the drop in population, the Nevada legislature votes to legalize gambling. A year later it legalized divorce.

- On March 24, 1958, Elvis Presley is inducted into the U.S. Army. He had registered for the draft in 1953, but received an education deferment (and missed the end of the Korean War). Later he received another deferment because he was filming the movie "King Creole."

- On March 20, 1965, President Lyndon Johnson notifies Alabama's Gov. George Wallace that he will call up the Alabama National Guard to supervise a planned civil-rights march to protest voting discrimination against Selma's black population.

- On March 21, 1980, President Jimmy Carter informs a group of American athletes that, in response to the December 1979 Soviet incursion into Afghanistan, the United States will boycott the 1980 Olympics in Moscow. It is the only time the U.S. has boycotted the Olympics.

- On March 23, 1999, bestselling author Thomas Harris delivers his 600-page manuscript for his new novel, "Hannibal," to Delacorte press, more than 10 years after he had promised the book. It was his third novel featuring serial killer and cannibal Hannibal Lecter.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was English theologian Edwin Abbott Abbott who made the following sage observation: "Men are divided in opinion as to the facts. And even granting the facts, they explain them in different ways."

- You may be surprised to learn that hot and cold running water has been around for thousands of years. Members of the upper class in ancient Egypt used copper tubing to pipe it into their homes.

- If you take a close look at New Hampshire's Constitution Bill of Rights, you'll find "the right of revolution" enshrined therein.

- GPS is a powerful tool that has changed the way we navigate the world. Of course, it's not without its problems. Take, for instance, the case of the 23-year-old Canadian woman driving through the Ontario town of Tobermory. She was a stranger there, so -- as most of us would -- she was using her GPS. Evidently, she was so intent on following the directions provided to her that she wasn't paying attention to where those directions were taking her -- that is, until she ended up in Georgian Bay. She made it to shore safely, but her car didn't.

- It seems that artist Leonardo da Vinci pioneered the paint-by-numbers style of art. He would sketch a piece, then number certain sections for his assistants to paint.

- Before the middle of the 18th century, it was not unusual for members of a play's audience to be seated on stage, just a few feet from the performance. If viewers thought an actor's performance was particularly bad, they might even try to bump the performer off the stage.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"It's splendid to be a great writer, to put men into the frying pan of your imagination and make them pop like chestnuts." -- Gustave Flaubert

SCRAMBLERS

- Please;
- Tirade;
- Radiant;
- Fringe

Today's Word
ASPIRIN

TRIVIA TEST

- Ad Slogans:** Which company advertised its products with the tagline "Maybe she's born with it"?
- Science:** What is the process called when heat is transferred through a liquid or gas?
- Movies:** What is the theme song from "Titanic"?
- Measurements:** How many pounds are in a ton (U.S.)?
- Anatomy:** Metabolism is regulated by which gland in the human body?
- Literature:** In which book in the Harry Potter series does the character of Dolores Umbridge appear?
- Mythology:** Who was the Roman god of strength?
- Math:** What is the degree of a triangle?
- Music:** What was the name of the Grateful Dead's first album?
- Famous Quotes:** Which inspirational speaker once said, "Setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible into the visible"?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

- Maybelline
- Convection
- "My Heart Will Go On"
- 2,000
- Thyroid
- "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix"
- Hercules
- 180 degrees
- "The Grateful Dead"
- (1967)
- Tony Robbins

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3/17, 8a-2p. Google 2058 Wild Lime Dr. Off Sanibel-Captiva Rd. by Bowmans Beach in Sanibel Bayous North.
No signs allowed on San-Cap Road.
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FROM THE BEACHES TO DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS

Community Shred Day

Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Co., PA (MNMW) will partner with Secure Shredding, Inc. to host a Community Shred Day event on Friday, April 27 from 9 a.m. until noon. The Secure Shredding, Inc. truck will be on site at MNMW, and there will be a two box maximum per person for shredding.

This is a free event, however, MNMW encourages participants to consider a donation to the United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee counties when dropping off shred items. This can be in monetary form, canned or non-perishable goods, or new/gently used clothing. A United Way representative will be on site to receive the donations and answer questions.

“This is a busy time of year for individuals and businesses, with tax planning and preparation,” said Joni Norton, CPA/PFS, CFP, partner at MNMW. “With that in mind, we thought this service would be greatly beneficial since many will have old documents to discard. Shredding sensitive documents is a safe way to eliminate clutter, while safeguarding personal information. We want to offer this service to the community, while also adding additional awareness to the local United Way and its partner agencies.”

Items that can be shredded are limited to paperwork such as statements, tax records, contracts, blank checks, etc. A good rule to determine if an item is shreddable is “if it tears, it can be destroyed.” Items not suitable for shredding include hard drives, cell phones, batteries, etc. All shredded material will be recycled to support an eco-friendly environment.

United Way Campaign funds remain in our local community to help support the local human service network of 94 agencies and over 240 programs. United Way partner agencies and initiatives serve a diverse range of needs such as nurturing children and youth, strengthening families, meeting critical needs, and empowering communities. The United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee has raised

and distributed over \$157 million since 1957.

MNMW is located at 8961 Conference Drive in Fort Myers. For more information, call 433-2000 or visit www.UnitedWayLee.org.

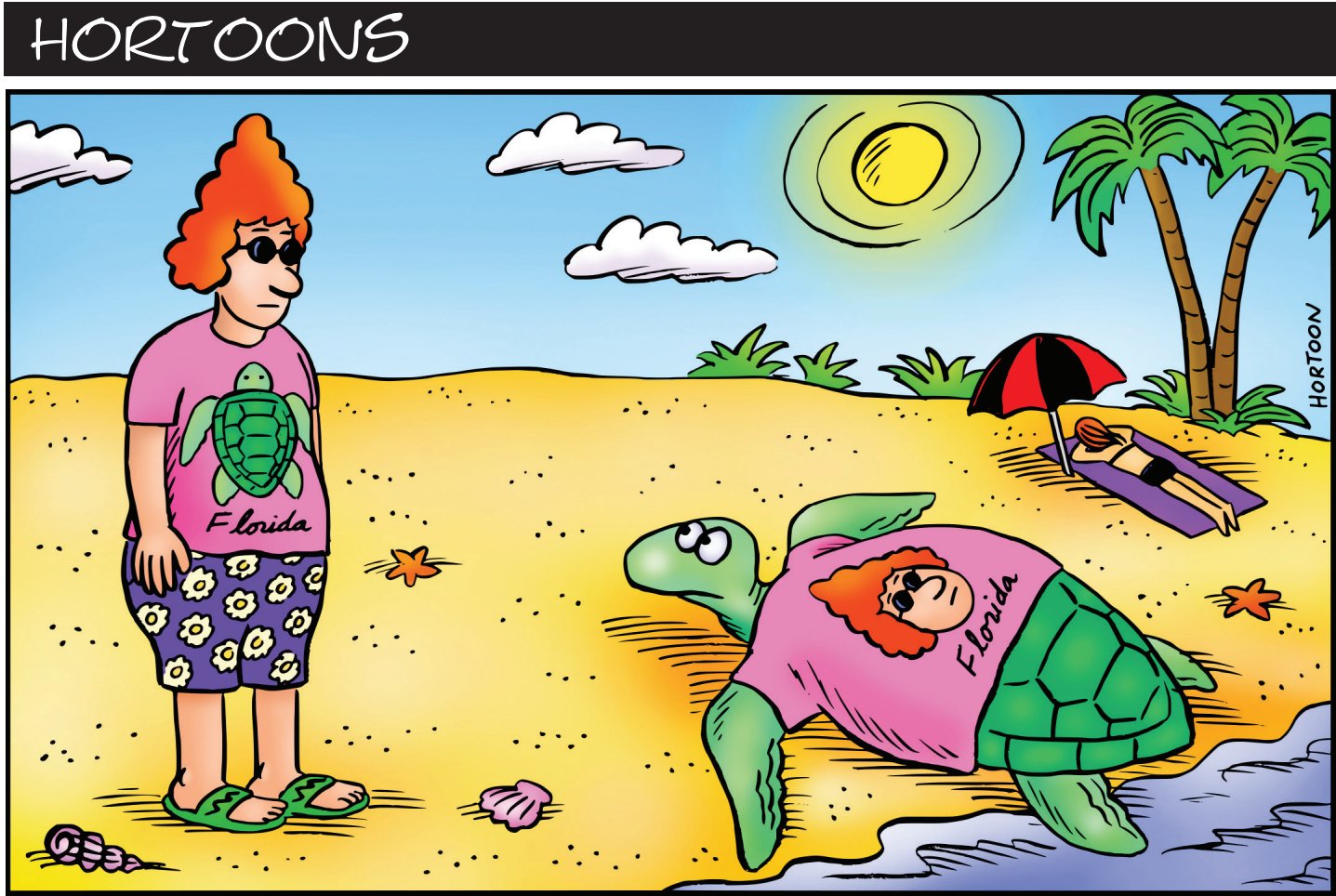
Parade Winners

The Calendar Girls recently captured the nonmusical marching unit category at the 60th annual Fort Myers Beach Lions Club Shrimp Festival Parade. The ladies performed during the parade and were the judged best overall in the division. They later channeled Cher to perform at the Wicked Dolphin Distillery for the Cape Coral Animal Shelter Benefit “Decades Party”.

For more information, visit www.calendargirlsflorida.com.




Calendar Girls and friends pose prior to the parade photo provided



Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Richardsons O L Subd	Sanibel	2008	6,167	\$5,995,000	\$5,500,000	65
Bayview Acres	St. James City	2007	8,369	\$1,999,900	\$1,850,000	159
Castaway Key Unrecorded Subdivision	Captiva	1994	2,277	\$1,400,000	\$1,395,500	13
Terabella	Fort Myers	2013	3,736	\$1,295,000	\$1,130,000	384
Beachview Country Club Estates	Sanibel	2014	2,082	\$1,100,000	\$970,000	64
Palmetto Point	Fort Myers	1984	3,096	\$998,000	\$960,000	117
Renaissance	Fort Myers	2017	3,255	\$991,615	\$970,000	74
Idlewilde	Bonita Springs	2001	3,589	\$949,900	\$918,750	123
Grande Estates	Estero	2002	3,498	\$898,000	\$837,500	79
Metes and Bounds	Sanibel	2013	2,194	\$895,000	\$865,000	539

Courtesy of Royal Shell Real Estate

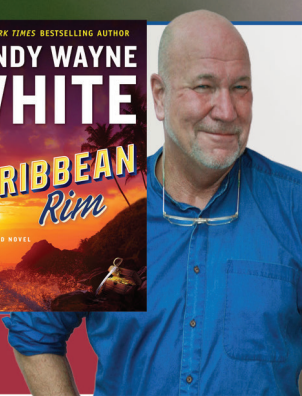


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