



## FSW To Host World's Most Prolific Painter

Florida SouthWestern (FSW) State College will present Steve KEENE: 57 Miles or 455 Furlongs – a newly commissioned, site-specific installation at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery by the “World’s Most Prolific Painter” from April 12 to June 9. A public opening and reception will be held on Thursday, April 12 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Dubbed the “Assembly-Line Picasso” by *Time* magazine (when his work was featured in 1997) and having created more than 300,000 paintings over the last 35 years, Keene is a Yale University-educated, Brooklyn-based artist who believes in mass-producing hand-painted artworks.

Like his exhibition *The Miracle Half-Mile* at the Santa Monica Museum of Art in 2000 (where Keene completed more than 10,000 pictures over the two-month run of the show), the internationally-acclaimed painter will be working on-site at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery for two-weeks prior to his opening. Inspired by Rauschenberg’s self-contained retrospective *The ¼ Mile*



Steve Keene at work

photo provided

or 2 Furlong Piece (which was world-premiered in three sections at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery from 1983 to 1986), Keene estimates that his exhaustive output since the 1990s (if paintings

were placed side-by-side) would extend more than 57 miles (or 455 furlongs) in length.

Famous among indie-rock fans for designing album covers for bands

including Pavement and The Apples in Stereo, Keene has painted instruments, video and concert stage sets, as well as promotional and tour posters for the likes of Soul Coughing, Merzbow, The Klezmatics and the Dave Matthews Band. In addition to features on National Public Radio and in the pages of *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *LA Weekly*, *Filter* and *Spin* magazines, the artist has had major solo exhibitions at Moore College of Art in Philadelphia, Rice University in Houston, the Museum Ludwig in Cologne, Germany, the Linden Centre for Contemporary Art in Melbourne, Australia and the Czech Centre in London. Yet, at a monumental and continuous 8 by 200 feet in length, the painter’s planned installation for Steve KEENE: 57 Miles or 455 Furlongs at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at FSW will be one of his most ambitious and immersive projects to date.

This exhibition is made possible by the generous support of the Stanton Storer Embrace the Arts Foundation and The Beaches of Fort Myers and Sanibel.

Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at FSW is located at 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers. For more information, call 489-9313 or visit [www.RauschenbergGallery.com](http://www.RauschenbergGallery.com).✱



Visitors at a film screening on the Ford lawn at Edison & Ford Winter Estates

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## Outdoor Film Screening At Estates This Friday

On Friday, March 23, the Edison & Ford Winter Estates and the Fort Myers Film Festival will screen the film *Mullet and Mangroves* on the historic Ford lawn. Gates open at 7 p.m.

The film, directed by Ilene Safron of Main Sail Video, shows Cayo Costa Island through the eyes of pioneering fishing families’ stories from their modern-day children. The documentary was a project of the Friends of Cayo Costa State Park and the Barrier Island Parks Society.

“This is the film festival’s eighth year, and we are excited to be a part of it for continued on page 20

## Pirate-Themed Pug Fest At Bell Tower Shops

Ahoy matey! The always-entertaining Pug Fest at Bell Tower Shops will feature a pirate theme in March, so break out your pooch-sized bandanas, eye patches and tricorne hats for this fun event.

Bell Tower Shops, a pet-friendly shopping, dining and entertainment destination in Fort Myers, will again partner with the Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS) to hold the 13th annual Pug Fest at the shops’ Center Court on Saturday, March 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Although the event name is Pug Fest, all dog breeds are welcome. Admission is free for spectators, and a \$10 donation allows dogs to compete in the pirate-themed costume contest. The three best-dressed dogs will receive prizes. Dog owners also can compete in a pirate-themed costume contest of their own. Other contests for pets include “Bobbing for cannon balls” and “Walking the plank,” along with a special trick competition.

Music will be provided by DJ Ramo G from 105.5 The Beat. A silent auction, vendor activities and obstacle course round out Pug Fest.

This year’s sponsors include Morningstar, Cat Country 107.1, iHeartMedia and Gulf Coast Humane Society.

All proceeds from Pug Fest benefit Gulf Coast Humane Society. For more information, call 332-0364 or visit [www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org](http://www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org).✱



The best-dressed dogs will be awarded prizes

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Hotel Transitions



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

In 1907, Frank Graham of Brooklyn, New York, bought land across from the Lee County Courthouse on Oak Street (today's Main Street). The parcel stretched along the north side from Monroe to today's Broadway (created in the mid-1920s). He had big plans – a 50-room hotel – but the property didn't take off, indeed, doesn't seem to have been developed, until after it changed hands several times and came into Alice Tonnelier's ownership in January 1913. She was the wife of Peter Tonnelier, who, after arriving in Fort Myers in 1912, became one of the town's biggest property owners and developers.

The Tonneliers, and, to some extent, Tonnelier brothers Edward and Henry, were major players in the town's 19-teens boom. Alice went on to become a significant property owner in her own right, both during her husband's life time and after she was widowed in 1932. The hotel location was a promising one, for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad's passenger depot was a stone's throw away – just across Monroe on the northwest corner. The railroad's arrival in Fort Myers in 1904 boosted tourism and the economy in general, particularly agriculture and the citrus industry, for goods could be shipped "up north." In addition, the town needed good accommodations for the increasing flow of visitors. In the early 20th century, only a handful of real hotels existed in Fort Myers – the Royal Palm, Bradford, River View and Hill House were the main ones – supplemented by boarding house hotels, such as the Florida House and Thorp House. The Hammon was one of several hotels the Tonneliers owned over the years,





The Hotel Kenmore, circa 1916, was located on Main Street (then called Oak), across from the Lee County Courthouse. Note the storefronts at street level and the absence of Broadway. photo courtesy SWFL Florida Historical Society





Today, Hotel Indigo is located in the approximate spot where the Hammon Hotel, later re-named Kenmore, stood. The Broadway block (right) between Main and First wasn't created until the mid-1920s. photo by Gerri Reaves

including the Graystone, the Leon and Grand Central. Late in 1914, the Hammon advertised a "single meal" for 35 cents and a 21-meal ticket for \$7. Within a year or so, it was renamed the Kenmore and greatly expanded and renovated. A two-story addition was designed around a rotunda, and nine additional rooms were built. From the second-floor balcony, guests could enjoy the view of the new county courthouse, completed in 1915. The new rooms were booked prior to opening, suggesting a successful business. It was otherwise a convenient location, with a café on the corner at Monroe and various stores and businesses within a block and at the hotel's ground level. Nevertheless, the hotel was gone by the mid-1940s. Decades ago, a Goodyear store occupied part of the parcel and then was vacant for a time. In 2009, the seven-story Hotel Indigo opened. Walk over to the site of an early 20th century hotel that lay just a hop, skip and a jump from the railroad depot. Then visit the following two research centers to learn more about the many hotels that awaited visitors in Fort Myers through the decades. The Southwest Florida Historical Society is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization open Wednesday and Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon and Wednesday 4 to 7 p.m. It is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. Call 939-4044 or visit [www.swflhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.swflhistoricalsociety.org) for more information. The Lee County Black History Society is located at 1936 Henderson Avenue, adjacent to the Williams Academy Museum at Roberto Clemente Park. Hours for the all-volunteer, non-profit organization are Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday by appointment only. For information, call 332-8778 or visit [www.leecountyblackhistorysociety.org](http://www.leecountyblackhistorysociety.org). Sources: Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, *Fort Myers Press* and *The Story of Fort Myers* by Karl H. Grismer.\*

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Last year, Jersey Mike's Subs Route 41 raised more than \$30,000 for Caleb's Crusade photos provided

## Sub Shop Holding Day Of Giving For Caleb's Crusade

Jersey Mike's Subs Route 41 will be collecting customer donations during the month of March and hosting its Day of Giving for Caleb's Crusade on Wednesday, March 28. Owner Leisha Cherry, who has held an

annual proceeds fundraiser for various charities in March for the past 10 years, will be donating all restaurant proceeds from March 28 to Caleb's Crusade against childhood cancer.

"The whole month of March, we take customer donations, which then leads to my 100 percent Day of Giving," said Cherry. "Wednesday, March 28th is my 100 Percent Day of Giving. Every single penny that I take in from the time I open at 6:30 a.m.



Caleb Robert Whan

until I close at 9 p.m. will go to Caleb's Crusade. Every single cent."

Cherry's fundraisers have benefitted Susan G. Komen, Shriners Hospital for Children, Make-A-Wish Foundation, No Kid Hungry - Share Our Strength organization, and Golisano Children's Hospital. This is the second consecutive year that Jersey Mike's has donated to Caleb's Crusade, which supports kids fighting cancer and their families through direct patient assistance grants and advocacy.

"I am trying to raise as much money

as I can," said Cherry. "Caleb's story broke my heart. His parents, Rob and Monique, are tireless champions in helping these families."

Jersey Mike's Subs Route 41 is located at 12377 South Cleveland Avenue, Suite 18 in Fort Myers. To place an order, call ahead at 274-8877 or visit [www.jerseymikes.com/13201/fort-myers-fl](http://www.jerseymikes.com/13201/fort-myers-fl). For more information, visit [www.calebscrusade.org](http://www.calebscrusade.org) or email [leisha8487@gmail.com](mailto:leisha8487@gmail.com).

## Human Pink Ribbon Event May 12

Partners for Breast Cancer Care will hold the Human Pink Ribbon event at Miromar Outlets on Saturday, May 12 at 9 a.m. The event, which was rescheduled due to Hurricane Irma, will take place rain or shine.

From 9 to 10 a.m. there will be a Pinktastic VIP Breakfast at Naples Flatbread & Wine Bar for a cost of \$20. A portion will benefit Partners for Breast Cancer Care. At 10:45 a.m. there will be a group photograph and participants will receive a Miromar Outlets Savings Booklet.

John Davis from WGPU will be the Master of Ceremonies.

For more information, contact Janet Darnell at 454-8583 or visit [www.pfbcc.org](http://www.pfbcc.org).



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American Virtuosi Gala

## The American Virtuosi Gala

The American Virtuosi Gala will return to the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on Saturday, March 31. Cocktail hours begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and the concert at 8 p.m.

The gala includes a gourmet four-course dinner prepared by Chefs Karen and Mike Gavala of G3 Catering paired with selected wine and classical music from some of today's finest chamber music performers

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from around the country. The 2018 ensemble features violinist Peter Winograd, violist Jim Griffith, cellist Andres Díaz and pianist Wendy Chen, plus special guests violinist Anton Miller, violist Rita Porfiris and French horn player Ryan Little.

The American Virtuosi Gala is a fundraiser benefiting the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center's Eclectic Education programs. Tickets are \$125 or \$900 for a table for eight.

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](http://www.sbdac.com).✴

## Disability Didn't Keep This Sailor From The Sea



Allen Fiske aboard the 58-foot wheelchair-accessible catamaran *Impossible Dream*

photo provided

Allen Fiske will speak about his journey as a disabled boat captain at the Mound House on Tuesday, March 27. The event, which is part of the Friends of the Mound House speaker series, begins at 5:30 p.m. with refreshments. The talk begins at 6 p.m. Admission is free.

Fiske grew up on the water. Born in central Massachusetts, he spent summers on Cape Cod and on Rhode Island beaches.

His fascination with sailing took hold early and continued through college and beyond. He owned three sailboats and became a regular sight as a captain on Long Island Sound.

Then, at age 36, he was involved in a car accident that left him with paraplegia. He believed his life as a sailor was over.

"Ironically, at about the same time, a sailor from Newport, Rhode Island, by the name of Harry Horgan became a paraplegic and started Shake-A-Leg," Fiske explained. Horgan developed an accessible sailboat called the Freedom Independence 20.

That would become the ticket to Fiske's independence as well. He sailed

for a couple of years with Shake-A-Leg in Newport before moving to south Florida. In 1990, Shake-A-Leg opened a branch in Miami.

For 12 years, Fiske was outreach director for Shake-A-Leg. Then last year, he was invited to crew for a month-long sail from Boston to Quebec City aboard the *Impossible Dream*, a 58-foot wheelchair-accessible catamaran, the only boat like it in the United States.


"We had been invited to join 40 tall ships from around the world and take part in RDV2017, the 150th anniversary celebration of Canada," Fiske said.

Today, he still teaches sailing on Miami's Biscayne Bay. "We use 10 of the specially designed sailboats and 10 disabled assistant instructors to teach graduate students at the University of Miami who are getting a PhD in physical therapy how to sail," Fiske said.

The Mound House is located at 451 Connecticut Street on Fort Myers Beach. For more information, call 765-0865 or visit [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org).✴

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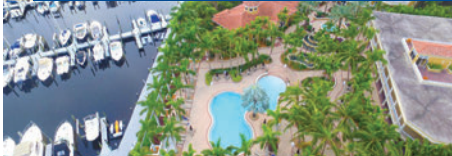
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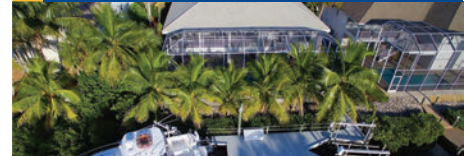
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Fort Myers Art:

# Company To End Season With Guerilla Theater



by Tom Hall

**G**hostbird Theatre Company will end its sixth season by producing Samuel Beckett's *Catastrophe* as a free piece of guerilla theater on Friday, May 4. The

exact location and time, however, will not be disclosed until the last minute. So be alert lest you miss this extraordinary theatrical event.

The play involves a limited cast consisting of an actor (the protagonist), who stands motionless on a plinth, and a director, his female assistant and a lighting tech, who mold the abject thespian's stance, posture and costume to fit their own personal vision and predilections. Ghostbird describes *Catastrophe* as a comedy "about directing, or more accurately, a play about directorial hell."

One of Samuel Beckett's more overtly political works, the play can also be viewed as an allegory on the power of totalitarianism and the struggle to oppose it – with the protagonist

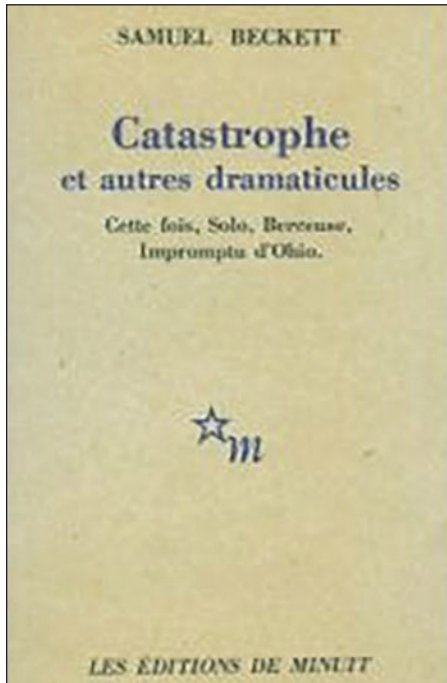


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metaphorically representing oppressed people worldwide who are ruled by dictators and autocrats and used as mere pawns in the advancement of their personal, socio-economic and political agendas. In fact, Beckett dedicated *Catastrophe* to a Czech playwright by the name of Václav Havel, who was imprisoned several times for his dissident political views (with the longest occurring from May of 1979 to February of 1983).

Another popular interpretation

postulates a simile between theater and divine creation, with *Catastrophe* functioning as a satire of the creator/artist/director's right, power and prerogative to control the work thus have created.

Beckett's version of the play contemplates the actor as an elderly man, but a number of theater companies have raised variations on these themes by recasting the protagonist as a beautiful young woman [think, #metoo or #timesup] or a black actor, who the director and his assistant attempt to make as white as possible.

Samuel Beckett (1906-1989) is widely recognized as one of the greatest dramatists of the 20th century. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1969. He is most renowned for his play *Waiting for Godot*, which launched his career in theatre. He then went on to write numerous successful full-length plays, including *Endgame* in 1957, *Krapp's Last Tape* in 1958 and *Happy Days* in 1960.

Beckett received his first commission for radio from the BBC in 1956 for *All That Fall*. This was followed by a further five plays for radio including *Embers*, *Words and Music* and *Cascando*. Like no other dramatist before him, Beckett's works capture the pathos and ironies of modern life yet still maintain his faith in man's capacity for compassion and survival no matter how absurd his environment may have become.

Ghostbird has not given any intimation of what, if any, interpretations, modifications or surprises it may have in store relative to their guerilla theater performance of the four-page, one-act play. However, it is likely that the site it chooses for *Catastrophe* will bear on the interpretation Ghostbird brings to bear.

Ghostbird is the only theater company in the American South devoted to site-specific work. And it's precisely because Ghostbird works hard to partner with just the right venue for each of its productions that it has been recognized as one of the 10 best companies in Florida for live theater.

With shows such as *ORBS!* and *The Perfect Island of Dr Teed* (held at Koreshan State Historic Site in Estero), *Writing Shadows* (staged at the historic Langford-Kingston Home in the downtown Fort Myers River District) *Antigonick* (staged at artist Marcus Jansen's warehouse-based art studio in Fort Myers), *No. 27* (performed at Bonita Springs' historic Shangri-La Springs) and *The Chicken Play* (performed outdoors under the super moon and inside the screened pavilion at the Happehatchee Center in Estero), Ghostbird has taken tremendous strides in just the past two seasons in developing performances in which the play and setting converse with one another.

The experimental theatre company takes its name from a swamp-dwelling ivory-billed woodpecker once thought to be extinct, but which has been spotted sporadically over the past two decades. Drawing upon the elusiveness, mystery and magic of its namesake, Ghostbird Theatre seeks to draw its audiences into those deep spiritual woods where they can discover loss, beauty, communion, reconciliation and hope.

For more information, visit [www.GhostbirdTheatreCompany.org](http://www.GhostbirdTheatreCompany.org).

*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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## Easter Parade Of Pets March 30

The Cape Coral Animal Shelter and Fathom's Restaurant will host a special Easter Yappy Hour on Friday, March 30 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Easter-themed program will include a best doggie Easter bonnet contest, 50/50 and raffle basket and an Easter parade. The evening festivities will also have live music provided by Bobby Blakey.

The Cape Coral Animal Shelter is currently fundraising to create a non-profit, no-kill animal shelter. Fathom's Restaurant and Bar will be providing

beer and wine for the nonprofit organization to receive all proceeds to help fund the building of a shelter for pets in need.

The monthly event

Yappy Hour is an ongoing event held the last Friday each month. It allows pets and their owners to appreciate an evening of outdoor entertainment. Each month will focus on a different theme for attendees with their pets.

Fathom's Restaurant and Bar is located at 5785 Cape Harbour Drive in Cape Coral. Cape Coral Animal Shelter is being proposed to be built off of Santa Barbara Boulevard. For more information on the shelter, visit [www.capecoralanimalshelter.com](http://www.capecoralanimalshelter.com).\*

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## Green Wave Palooza To Support Band

**F**unktastic Green Wave Palooza will be held at The Ranch Concert Hall & Saloon on Thursday, March 29 from 6 to 10 p.m. The fundraising concert and silent auction will feature benefit recipient Fort Myers High School Green Wave Jazz Band followed by headliner Reverend Barry and the Funk.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students in ninth grade and older. Tickets are available from any music student or through [www.fmhsmusic.com](http://www.fmhsmusic.com). NBC-2 anchor Peter Busch will be master of ceremonies.

"Our award-winning marching band has been invited to participate in the McDonald's Thanksgiving Parade alongside some of the nation's best entertainment," said John Wilkerson, EdS, Fort Myers High School director of bands. "Our Green Wave Band program must raise more than \$250,000 to cover the travel costs for the participating students. This is our first major fundraiser."

*Reverend Barry and the Funk* is one of the fastest-rising buzzworthy acts in the state Florida. Fueled by their recent No. 1 global position on ReverbNation's funk charts after the release of their debut album *SxyGdLuv*, the eight-piece band is now headlining festivals and larger venues around the state.

The band features



**Reverend Barry and the Funk**

Grammy-nominated keyboardist Jayar Mack (from the Latin Jazz group CINTRON), Grammy-nominated drummer Ray Williams (Erykah Badu, Stevie Wonder) and eight-time Grammy-nominated vocalist Yaya Diamond (for her work with Walter "Clyde" Orange of The Commodores). Their high-energy performance features original music and true-to-the-original cover versions of funk and soul classics from Earth, Wind & Fire, Tower of Power, Commodores, Kool & the Gang, Prince, James Brown, Jackson 5, Rick James, Aretha

Franklin and more.

The Green Wave music ensemble programs have received a number of awards in 2017 and 2018 including Florida Bandmasters Association superior ratings for marching band, jazz band, wind ensemble band and solo and ensembles. The Green Wave winter guard received superior rating from the Florida Federation of Color guards.

Green Wave Band Boosters is a non-profit organization that is committed to morally and financially support the Green Wave music ensemble

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programs at Fort Myers High School. The programs include marching band, dance, color guard, jazz band, wind ensemble, orchestra, winter guard and concert band.

The Ranch Concert Hall & Saloon is located at 2158 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information go to [www.fmhsmusic.com](http://www.fmhsmusic.com) or contact co-chair Robin Mixon at 872-3273 or [robin@hanswilson.com](mailto:robin@hanswilson.com).

## Alliance Youth Theatre Plays To Be Held In April

**T**he Alliance for the Arts Youth Theatre presents *Freckleface Strawberry* and *Spamalot* this April. Seating is general admission and ticket prices range from \$10 to \$20.

"I believe the arts inspire a sense of purpose in children that follows them as they grow up," said Carmen Crussard, youth theatre director. "I understand the importance of math and science and other subjects that promote industry. But the arts promote humanity, kindness and relationships. This is where kids learn how to be team players, problem solvers, collaborators and good friends."

Performances for *Freckleface Strawberry* by Julianne Moore will be held on Friday, April 13 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, April 14 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, April 15 at 3 p.m.

*Freckleface Strawberry* will do

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# Along The River

The 8th annual **Fort Myers Film Festival**, which began with an opening night red carpet gala On March 21, is showing local film programming at Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center this Thursday through Sunday, March 22 to 25. On March 23, there will be a Friday night gala with drinks, mingling and musical entertainment with local and international filmmakers prior to the featured movie.

The Friends of Cayo Costa and Barrier Island Park Society will present their new film *Mulletts & Mangroves II – History of Cayo Costa* at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates this Friday, March 23. Doors open at 7 p.m. The film begins 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 will also begin at the Alliance for the Arts this Saturday, March 24, and IMAG from March 23 to 25.

Champagne & Dessert Awards Gala Dinner will be held at the Broadway Palm this 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



GoldenFest returns to the Shell Factory in North Fort Myers this Sunday photo provided

at the Twisted Vine in Fort Myers for song, dance and more libations.

For more information, visit [www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com](http://www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com).

Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in Fort Myers. The Edison & Ford Winter

Estates is located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. IMAG is located at 2000 Cranford Avenue in Fort Myers. Broadway Palm is located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

The **San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron**, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, will be holding a **yard sale** at its classroom site this 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.

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** this 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](http://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 from noon to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be offered at three of the homes.

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

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## Youth Theatre

anything to get rid of her freckles – from scrubbing them with soap to caking on makeup... and even wearing a ski mask to school. Will her schoolmates realize that it’s her under the mask? Will Freckleface be brave enough to finally face her complexion in the mirror? With the help of her loveable schoolmates, including an amazingly talented ballerina, a cutie jock, a charming ditz and a totally kooky teacher, Freckleface learns that everyone is different – and that’s what makes everyone special.

Performances for Spamalat School Edition by Eric Idle and John Du Prez will be held on Friday, April 20 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, April 21 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, April 22 at 3 p.m.

England 932 A.D. A Kingdom divided. To the West the Anglo-Saxons, to the East the French. Above nothing but Celts and some people from Scotland. In Gwynned, Powys, and Dyfed - Plague. In the kingdoms of Wessex, Sussex, Essex and Kent - Plague. In Mercia and the two Anglias - Plague. With a 50 percent chance of pestilence and famine coming out of the Northeast at 12 miles per hour. Legend tells us of an extraordinary leader, who arose from the chaos, to unite a troubled kingdom. A man with a vision who gathered knights together in a Holy Quest. This man was Arthur, King of the Britons. For this was England.

Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard. For more information, call the box office at 939-2787 or visit [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org).✱





Irene Skolnick

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## Holocaust Memorial Week Speaker At FSW

Irene Skolnick, a member of Bat Yam – Temple of the Islands, will speak about her personal experiences surviving the Holocaust at Florida SouthWestern (FSW) State College in

Building U on Tuesday, March 27 at 9:30 a.m.

Skolnick was born in Poland to a Jewish family and was two years old when World War II broke out in 1939. She and her family survived the Holocaust by changing their identity and passing themselves off as Catholics to the Nazis and to the Russian communists. She will describe the daily challenges of survival faced by her family.

After the war, the family immigrated to France and came to the U.S. in 1952. Skolnick graduated from Brooklyn College with a major in chemistry and from Columbia University with a master's in library service. After moving to Pittsburgh, she added a master of business administration degree from the University of Pittsburgh and then co-founded a medical manufacturing company that was sold in 1998. She wrote about her war experiences in the published book *In the Shadow of Majdanek – a Holocaust Survival Story*. She and her husband, Leon, split their time between Sanibel and Pittsburgh.

Holocaust Memorial Week will be observed by FSW from March 26 to March 30. Events are free and open to the public.

FSW is located at 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers. For more information, visit [www.fsw.edu/holocaust](http://www.fsw.edu/holocaust).✪

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Participants at a previous Art and Poetry Networking Event

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## Art And Poetry Networking Creativity

Gulf Coast Leisure's (GCL) Art and Poetry Networking Event brings together artists, musicians, writers and more. On Thursday, March 29 at 8 p.m., become a part of the GCL movement at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center and meet like-minded individuals. General admission is \$10.

GCL is an arts and entertainment company serving Southwest Florida that features vibrant, creative expressions of art from individuals representing all walks of life. While the core following is the

millennial market, GCL artistic events and community outreach touches all age groups from teens to baby boomers by creating a movement, culture and lifestyle with productions and products.

Since 2012, GCL has developed nightlife events, summer celebrations, and community outreach by collaborating with local nonprofits. The Art & Poetry Networking Event is held on the fourth Thursday of the month. It is now in its sixth year at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First St. in the historic downtown Fort Myers River District. For more information, tickets and artist registration, visit [www.gclmovement.com](http://www.gclmovement.com).✪

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TIMOTHY HAYS VOLLMER

On Thursday, March 2, 2018, Tim Vollmer of Baltimore, formerly of Sanibel Island, Florida, passed away. He was the beloved son of William and Mary (nee Hays) Vollmer; dear brother of Jeff Vollmer and his wife Shannon; devoted grandson of Julia K. Hays; loving uncle of Will, Lila, and Jack Vollmer; cherished nephew of Thomas A. Hays VI.

Tim grew up on Sanibel Island where he played little league and other youth sports, enjoyed summer recreation and

spent time fishing and canoeing with his family. He attended Sanibel Elementary School and the Canterbury School in Fort Myers before graduating from the Eaglebrook School in Deerfield, Massachusetts. At Eaglebrook, Tim excelled at snowboarding and was a member of the school’s competitive snowboarding team. He also learned how to create stained glass. After he graduated from Eaglebrook, Tim attended The Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. At Lawrenceville, Tim played football, wrestled and served as president of his dormitory (Kinnan) during his senior year. Tim graduated from Lawrenceville in 2000 and matriculated at Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York. At Ithaca, Tim majored in English and continued to develop his lifelong love of reading and writing.

After he graduated from Ithaca in 2005, Tim’s life led him to a wide range of experiences in different corners of this country. He lived on Sanibel, where he became part of the Lazy Flamingo family and developed a passion for wakeboarding. Tim lived in Tucson, Arizona, where he studied the art of jujutsu at Martial Arts of Tucson and earned the nickname “Blood” from his friends. Most recently, Tim lived in Baltimore, Maryland, where he was born. There, he became part of the Petit Louis Bistro family, and continued to pursue his athletic interests at Crossfit Arenal. Over the years, he also spent time with his family in Bethany Beach, Delaware, and joined his brother for adventures in fishing, camping, golfing and Guns N’ Roses concerts.

Tim loved dogs, movies, books, music and games. He taught himself to play acoustic guitar and never stopped writing creatively. He will be missed.

A Service of Remembrance will be held at St. Michael and All Angels Church on Sanibel Island in Florida on

Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please remember Tim with memorial contributions to the Kolmac Foundation, 3919 National Drive, Suite 300, Burtonsville, Maryland 20866. Donations can be made at: [www.kolmacfoundation.org](http://www.kolmacfoundation.org).

Free Mobility Beach Walk

The 2018 Inaugural Mobility Beach Walk, a free community event where individuals with mobility restrictions can use the latest in supportive mobility products to experience the feeling of walking on the beach, will be held at Lowdermilk Park in Naples on Saturday, March 31 from 3 to 6 p.m. A short start-to-finish walking course involving small group sizes will create a sense of safety, stability and security.

All registered participants will receive a completion medal and T-shirt. There is no element of competition to this event.

The 2018 Inaugural Mobility Beach Walk involves walks starting every 30 minutes from 3 to 5:30 p.m. The walk will be from the south gazebo of the Lowdermilk Park to the ocean and back.

At 4:30 p.m., NCH Healthcare System officials will be teaching a Tai-Chi class and then a Zumba class.

Step Smart Collier will be giving information on how to make your house safer to prevent falls and also providing free balance testing for seniors.

Essentials Chiropractic will be providing free nerve scanning.

Blue Zones will be present at the event with volunteers.

There will be waters and healthy snacks provided by Wynn’s Market and Publix.

For those that want to stay to enjoy the sunset, there will be live music to end the day.

Lowdermilk Park is located at 1301 Gulf Shore Boulevard North in Naples. To register or for more information, visit [www.mobilitybeachwalk.com](http://www.mobilitybeachwalk.com).

Tai Chi For Beginners

Tai Chi classes will be offered at Four Freedoms Park on Mondays from March 19 to April 9 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Tai Chi is a method of “meditation in motion” that promotes natural healing as it rejuvenates the mind, body and spirit. Cost is \$29.

*All classes are being offered by the City of Cape Coral Parks & Recreation Department. For more information, call 574-0804.*

Churches/Temples

**ALL FAITHS UNITARIAN CONGREGATION**  
Sunday 10:30 a.m., 2756 McGregor Boulevard, [allfaiths-uc.org](http://allfaiths-uc.org), 226-0900.

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

**ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX**  
Sunday 9 and 10 a.m. 8210 Cypress Lake Drive, [annunciation.fl.goarch.org](http://annunciation.fl.goarch.org), 481-2099.

**BETH SHILOH MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE**  
Friday 8 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. 15675 McGregor Boulevard, 437-3171.

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

**BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRIES**  
Sunday 10:30 a.m. 16581 McGregor Boulevard, 267-3166.

**CHABAD LUBAVITCH ORTHODOX**  
Friday 6:30 p.m. 5620 Winkler Road, [chabadswf.org](http://chabadswf.org), 433-7708.

**CHAPEL OF CYPRESS COVE**  
Sunday 10 a.m. 10200 Cypress Cove Circle, [revtedalhouse@aol.com](mailto:revtedalhouse@aol.com), 850-3943.

**CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
Sunday 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. 13500 Freshman Lane, 768-2188.

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Sunday 10:30 a.m. 1619 Llewellyn Drive, [taecc.com](http://taecc.com), 334-4978.

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

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

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Sunday 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m. 8260 Cypress Lake Drive, [www.clpc.us](http://www.clpc.us), 481-3233.

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Saturday 5:30 p.m.; Sunday 8 and 10:45 a.m. 3595 Broadway, 939-1218.

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**ZION LUTHERAN**  
Sunday 8, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. 7401 Winkler Road, [zionfm.org](http://zionfm.org), 481-4040.



## Former NFL Star Subject Of Documentary

The 8th annual Fort Myers Film Festival (FMff), which takes place March 21 through 25, will feature a short documentary on Florida State University alum and Super Bowl Champion Anquan Boldin and his charity efforts throughout his hometown of Pahokee, Florida.

*Full Circle* will screen in the grand atrium of the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on Saturday, March 24 at 4 p.m.

Directed by award-winning filmmaker Raymond Knudsen, *Full Circle* is among more than 90 films that will be screened during the festival's five-day run.

Boldin always knew his life was bigger than football. Despite a 1999 BCS national championship with Florida State University, 2013 Super Bowl championship with the Baltimore Ravens and a likely future spot in the NFL Hall of Fame, Boldin's life mission has always been to benefit the lives of the less fortunate in all the communities he has played for as well as his hometown. Boldin was awarded the 2015 NFL Man of the Year honors for his philanthropic efforts off the field and also retired from the NFL in 2017 in order to fully commit his time to helping others.



Former NFL great Anquan Boldin presents a scholarship check to Diana Prieto

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Growing up 30 minutes away in the suburbs of Wellington, Florida, Knudsen experienced a way of living that was far different than one in Pahokee. Following an early start in the industry highlighted with a 2014 scholarship from the Hollywood superstar and FSU alum Burt Reynolds, along with a plethora of festival screenings around the country, Knudsen was accepted

into the national renowned film program at Florida State University. The program assigns students with a documentary project that allows them to travel throughout the country during the month of March to capture any story of their choice. With a passion in football and newly discovered desire to tell meaningful stories, Knudsen came across Boldin's touching story

and began developing *Full Circle*, which highlights Boldin's charity efforts throughout Pahokee.

"I grew tremendously as an individual and filmmaker throughout this process. Traveling throughout and learning about a place that I grew up so close to was very enlightening and humbling" said Knudsen, director and producer of the documentary, which features interviews with members of Boldin's family and displays the true kindness of Boldin's efforts to the less fortunate. Boldin created a non-profit organization in 2004 known as the Q81 Foundation, and is dedicated to expanding the educational and life opportunities of underprivileged children with opportunities such as a scholarship program, toy drives and an annual Q-Fest that has been the cornerstone in generating resources to sustain the charitable giving Anquan and his family is dedicated to.

The short documentary has screened at over 15 festivals around the country, and will be screening on South Florida PBS later this year as part of their filmmaker program that plans to bring well-needed exposure to over 50 South Florida stories.

"The plan from here on out is to make films and documentaries with a positive message just like this one," said Knudsen. "I hope this documentary inspires others in and out of the public spotlight to give back to others like Boldin has."

For more information visit [www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com/](http://www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com/)✱

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# All Florida Juried Opening Exhibit At Alliance



Elisabeth Arena photos provided

Artists from all over Florida submitted more than 530 pieces for consideration in the Alliance for the Arts' Annual All Florida Juried Exhibition recently. The juror, Mark Ormond, narrowed the list to 57 pieces which were unveiled to the public during an opening celebration on March 9. The exhibit will continue until March 29.

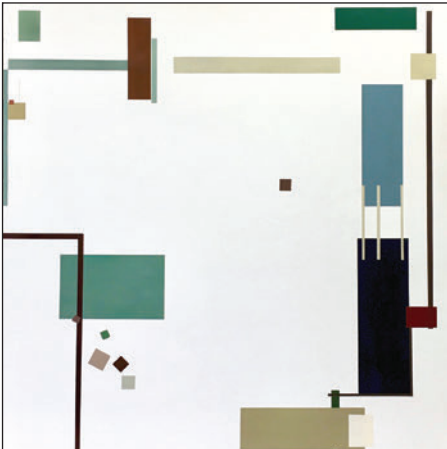
Betsy Djamoos was awarded \$1,000 for Best in Show for her abstract piece *Natural Vibrations*. Elisabeth Arena took second place and won a \$250 Golden Colors Gift Certificate for her for her graphite work *The Contemplative Crow*. Gay Germain won \$100 and placed third for her acrylic piece *Sculpture Garden Reductive III*. David Belling, Sherry Rohl, Tammra Sigler and Buck Ward were awarded Juror's Choice Awards.

"My intuition guides my palette, brush strokes and knowing when the painting is finished," said Djamoos. "All my paintings start out with intuitive marks on a white canvas, and the piece evolves from that flow."

The exhibiting artists included: Kaitlyn Handley, Hilda Champion, Beverly Yankwitt, Paul Dengler, Alane Enyart, David Belling, Betsy Djamoos, Susan Rienzo, Roxanne Hanney, Carolyn Steele, Ellen Miller, JT Phillippe, Elisabeth Arena, Imani Gibbs, Sherri Hubby, Maggie DeMarco, Tammra Sigler, Grayson Stoff, Buck Ward, Stephen Staack, Barbara Groenteman, Gregory Presley, Katrina Parker, Paula Rucket, Julio Pacheco Delgado, Deborah LaFogg Docherty, Megan Kissinger, Jeff and Dale Ocasio, Taylor Scalzo, Susan Ritter, Gay Germain, Christine Di Staola, Diane Schultz, Carol Stream, Vae Hamilton, Sharon Rodgers, Dirce Kennedy, Jolie



A Very Serious Garden by Tammra Sigler



Sculpture Garden Reductive III by Gay Germain



Natural Vibrations by Betsy Djamoos

Black, Mariapia Malerba, Luba Drahosz, Dianne GreenWoman Wickes, Peter Zell, Roseline Young, Sherry Rohl, Mark Wlaz, Victoria Milne, Tracy Owen Cullimore, Susan Martin and Deborah Martin.

"It's exciting to host artists from across all the pockets of Florida," said exhibitions coordinator Krista Johnson. "The submissions truly showcase the breadth and creative talent of Florida's independent artists."

The exhibit sponsor is Elemental Stone and Waterworks.

The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, call 939-2787 or visit [www.ArtInLee.org](http://www.ArtInLee.org).✧



Art lovers attended the opening exhibit



From left, Ava Roeder, Rose Young and Porche Ruby



Harns Marsh II by David Belling



## Beach Art Group Spring Member Show On Saturday



Art Bazaar at Santini Plaza features many artists such as Mimi Little

photo provided

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association (FMBAA) Spring Art Show Anything Goes opens Saturday, March 24 and will be hung in the gallery through Thursday, April 5. All artwork in this exhibit will be available for viewing and sale.

This show may include drawings, watercolor, oils, acrylic, pastel, collage, diptychs, hand pulled prints, serigraphs, woodcuts, batik, photography, sculpture and many more interesting pieces of art.

The Fred and Meg Bushnell Show will be showing in Studio 2 during that time frame. Fred has a unique style with bold, rich colors on his paintings, while Meg has clay sculptures that she sometimes transforms into bronze. This is a show that needs to be viewed in

person to be fully appreciated.

FMBAA will hold its annual Art Bazaar at Santini Marina Plaza on Sunday, March 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bazaar offers original art, including paintings, three-dimensional art, cards, jewelry and crafts, at low prices. Sales from Art Bazaar benefits the FMBAA student scholarship fund.

For more information, send e-mails to JoAnn LaPadula at [jlpad917@gmail.com](mailto:jlpad917@gmail.com), call 463-3909 or stop by the Fort Myers Beach Arts Association gallery.

FMBAA is located at 3030 Shell Mound Boulevard on Fort Myers Beach. Santini Marina Plaza is located at 7205 Estero Boulevard on Fort Myers Beach. For more information, visit [www.fortmyersbeachart.com](http://www.fortmyersbeachart.com).✱

## Festival To Screen Horror Short Film

Manhattanville College student's critically acclaimed short film *The Little Chapel* will be screened at Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on Saturday, March 24 as part of the Fort Myers Film Festival.

The acclaimed, award-winning horror short is director Richard Schertzer's tale of a young girl attempting to bring back her dead friend, but getting more than what she bargained for. Horror is something that the director wanted to get into after making a love story-centric music video called *A Certain Smile*. It was made as part of a video production project on a base budget of nothing and produced outside of the college's main film club Manhattanville Video Project.

Schertzer made it with Jessica Cinquemani as the star and Janae Fells, Jenna Nance and Bruno Bucsan as the sound department. The short was made on a budget of nothing and some borrowed film equipment for the class.

Not only did the film revitalize the

horror genre at Schertzer's college of Manhattanville in Purchase, New York, it has also received international acclaim, being screened and nominated at such festivals as the Ithaca Horror Short, Alternative Film Festival, being nominated for Best Horror Short, The Best Film Fest, where Cinquemani won a Rising Star Award for her performance, Oniros Film Awards, where the film was nominated for Best Under 5 Minute Film and won Best Poster and The Festival de Cinema Escolar de Alvorada, where it was nominated for Best Movie and Best Art Direction.

The screening at Fort Myers Film Festival is part of *The Little Chapel's* campaign to promote the Horror Extended Universe (HEU), which is a shared cinematic universe used to promote any horror films made under Wyvern Studios.

Tickets are \$10, \$6 before 3 p.m. or \$20 for an all-day pass

Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in Fort Myers. For more information, contact Richard Schertzer at 301-801-6790 or email at [wyvernstudios.richard@gmail.com](mailto:wyvernstudios.richard@gmail.com).✱



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# Peregrina



**Peregrina usually takes the form of a small tree with a wide spread** photos by Gerri Reaves  
by Gerri Reaves

**P**eregrina (*Jatropha intergerrima*) is an ornamental tree or shrub native to Cuba and the West Indies. Despite its non-native status, even native-plant and butterfly enthusiasts appreciate it as a nectar plant. This member of the spurge family can grow up to 15 feet tall with a wide spread, developing a slender trunk and

branches. However, it usually reaches only about eight or nine feet. The large evergreen leaves are about six inches long and vary widely in shape. Some are shaped like a fiddle, and others are irregularly lobed or even have three pointed lobes. The bright red clusters of flowers bloom throughout the year. Five-petaled and about an inch across, they attract hummingbirds and butterflies such



**Peregrina has evergreen leaves and showy flowers that bloom all year and attract hummingbirds and butterflies**

as monarchs, swallowtails and zebra longwings. The flowers' vivid color gives the plant another common name, firecracker. It is also called simply jatropa. The six-lobed fruit is round or oval and less than an inch long. When dry, it explodes and disperses the speckled seeds that are very toxic to humans. The milky sap is toxic too and can irritate the skin, so be careful when handling the plant. Avoid planting peregrine in an area where children or pets have access.

Give it a well-drained spot in full sun or partial shade. It adapts to a range of soil conditions and is drought tolerant but not salt tolerant. It can be trained to grow on a wall or lattice or used as a container plant. Sources: 500 Plants of South Florida by Julia F. Morton; Florida, My Eden by Frederic B. Stresau; The World of Tropical Flowers by Laurie Perrero; [www.edis.ifas.ufl.edu](http://www.edis.ifas.ufl.edu); and [www.floridata.com](http://www.floridata.com). *Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.*✧

## Boaters Be Aware Of Manatees

**C**hances of close encounters between Florida manatees and boaters increase in the spring. For manatees, it is the season when they leave their winter refuges and travel along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and through inland waters. For boaters, it is a critical time to be on the lookout for manatees to avoid colliding with these large aquatic mammals. "Spring is a great time to go boating in Florida, but manatees are out there too. Please watch out for them," said Ron Mezich, who heads the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) manatee management program. From April 1 through Nov. 15, seasonal manatee zones require boaters to slow down in certain areas to prevent manatees from being struck by motorboats or personal watercrafts. FWC law enforcement officers are on patrol in state waters to remind boaters of the seasonal manatee speed zones and take enforcement actions when appropriate. Since manatees are difficult to detect when underwater, operators of boats and personal watercrafts can help by:



**Manatees swimming in local waters** photo by Karen Parker  
Wearing polarized sunglasses to help spot manatees. Looking for large circles on the water, also known as manatee footprints, indicating the presence of a manatee below. Looking for a snout sticking up out of the water.

Following posted manatee zones while boating. Reporting an injured, distressed, sick or dead manatee to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) or dialing #FWC or \*FWC on a cellphone. FWC biologists, managers and law enforcement staff work closely with partners to evaluate current data and identify necessary actions to protect this iconic animal. Florida has invested over \$2 million annually for manatee conservation, and the FWC works toward continued success for manatees in our state. Manatee zones and maps are available at [www.myfwc.com/manatee](http://www.myfwc.com/manatee), where you can select "Protection Zones" for links to county maps. Boaters can get tips from *A boater's guide to living with Florida Manatees*. And if you want to see manatees in the wild or captivity, visit [www.myfwc.com/education/wildlife/manatee/where-to-see/](http://www.myfwc.com/education/wildlife/manatee/where-to-see/). To support the FWC's manatee research, rescue and management efforts, purchase a Save the Manatee Florida license plate at [www.buyaplate.com](http://www.buyaplate.com), or donate \$5 to receive an FWC manatee decal by going to [www.myfwc.com/manatee](http://www.myfwc.com/manatee) and clicking on "Decals."✧



## CROW Case Of The Week:

## Limpkin



by Bob Petcher

The limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) is an odd-looking bird that also goes by the name crying bird, most likely for its unmistakable piercing wails. It is also called carrao or courlan.

While a full-sized limpkin looks more like a heron or ibis, its skeletal makeup more closely resembles a crane. It has tall, long legs with a long beak. It is distinguishable by its mostly brown body that sports white spots throughout. One can usually see this type of bird in marshes and swampy forests.

What makes the limpkin unique is its diet. It feeds almost exclusively on apple snails, which are regularly found in the aquarium trade but are also wild in Florida ditches and ponds. The limpkin's long and heavy bill helps pry shells of apple snails apart then cuts through the muscle to pull the snail out in a quick process that generally takes less than half a minute. While apple snails are the limpkin's preferred primary source of food, they can also dine on frogs, lizards, worms, insects and other crustaceans if needed.

While the limpkin is not on the country's birds watch list, it is regarded

as a species of "high concern." It was hunted to near extinction some 100 years ago, but legal protection aided in its species revival.

At CROW, an adult limpkin was admitted with... a limp. The bird was initially brought to one of the clinic's drop-off locations. The finder noted that the bird was found "caught in fishing line," but no location of where the bird was found was provided.

Upon examination at intake, the limpkin's left foot was noted to have swelling over the metatarsophalangeal joint. X-rays showed the left foot had no fractures and no obvious joint involvement.

"The metatarsophalangeal joint is the joint just above the foot, which looks like an ankle on people, but actually correlates to the joints between the foot and the toes," said Dr. Malka Spektor, CROW veterinary intern. "The joint is used in birds to stand and move the feet."

CROW medical staff also noticed one of the patient's toes on its right foot had a P3 amputation.

While the toe amputation was questioned as a causal effect of the monofilament line, Dr. Spektor stated that was not the case.

"The amputation appears to be an old injury that is fully healed," she said. "It is just missing a portion of one toe, which should not hinder the patient."

An infection may cause a delay in the limpkin's recovery process.

"The next step for the patient is to reduce the swelling in the foot, and to ensure it does not affect the joint. A



Patient #18-0551 walks gingerly around its inside enclosure

photo by Brian Bohlman

major concern is an infection present in the area, even though one was not present on initial testing," said Dr. Spektor. "The limpkin is on antibiotics and pain medication to target the swelling and hopefully improve it."

The patient was provided with fluids, pain medications and soft footing in its enclosure. It was also provided with apple snails.

"The foot is still swollen this weekend," said Dr. Spektor on March 18. "A regional limb perfusion (to treat the infection) is planned to focus the

antibiotics directly to the area. Once the swelling is controlled, the patient will be moved outside to regain strength prior to release."

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

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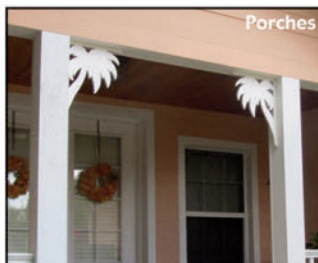
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# Back To A Winter Fishing Pattern Yet Again



by Capt.  
Matt Mitchell

**Y**et again, plunging water temperatures brought on by another cold front totally switched our fishing back to a winter pattern even though the calendar says its

spring. Just as water temperatures had begun to rebound, a few really cold days quickly dropped it back to a chilly winter-like 62 degrees in the sound. Although this cold weather brings the snook bite to a complete stop, other species turned on and kept the action going.

Sheepshead and black drum became our target species again while hiding from the wind and trying to stay warm and comfortable. Fishing with chunks of shrimp in areas around the passes and docks caught lots of keeper-sized sheepshead. One surprise this week was finding a new dock that produced lots of black drum of all sizes. One cold blustery day, we manage to catch four legal-sized black drum ranging from 16 inches to 24 inches while fishing this dock. The smaller black drum are great to eat and put up a good battle on light tackle. We caught these black drum for three days in a row when returning back to this same dock.

With a colder than average March playing out for us, shrimp fishing will remain the daily go-to until our water temperatures rebound. During the few days that we experience south winds and warmer weather just before the passing of a cold front, it's worth giving shiners or pinfish a try. Until our water temperature creeps back into the high 60s, shrimp are going to give you the best action. Both live shrimp and shrimp chunks are giving my anglers the best opportunity to not only catch a wide variety of species but to go home with dinner too. Every species of fish that swims in our waters will eat shrimp and, during these cold water periods, a small profile bait like a shrimp will get a bite when simply nothing else will.

Some of the week's best action came while fishing with chunks of fresh shrimp. Breaking of the tail of the shrimp and threading it on the hook backwards before pinching off the head not only makes a very small compact offering but also puts scent in the water. Although I'm seeing lots of bigger sheepshead in the clearer water areas, the better bite has come in the more churned-up water closer to the passes. Look for some of the better sheepshead fishing around the docks within close proximity of the passes. While fishing these docks, you may get surprised with a variety of other species including drum, redfish and pompano.

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



Jenna and John Scott from Chicago caught sheepshead and black drum with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week photo provided

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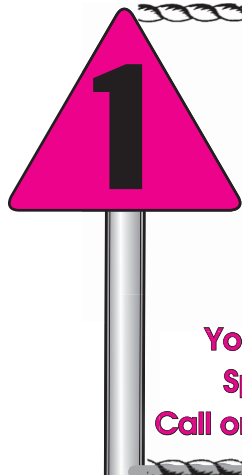
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St. Lawrence String Quartet

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## String Quartet Wraps Up Season For Music Festival

The St. Lawrence String Quartet, renowned for the intensity of its performances, will conclude the Sanibel Music Festival on Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the intimate setting of Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ.

This acclaimed Canadian string quartet returns with a fresh format for the first half of the concert, called Haydn Discovery. Before Haydn, in string quartets the first violin was primary and the other three instruments were mostly accompaniment. Haydn was the inventor of the modern string quartet, in which all four voices are equal. Geoff Nuttall, first violinist and founding member of the quartet, will

explore a Haydn quartet from various perspectives, and then the quartet will perform the work in its entirety. Other quartet members are Owen Dalby, violin; Lesley Robertson, viola; and Christopher Costanza, cello.

Alex Ross of *The New Yorker* magazine wrote: "The St. Lawrence are remarkable not simply for the quality of their music making, exalted as it is, but for the joy they take in the act of connection."

The program: Haydn Discovery, with Haydn Op. 20 No. 5, discussion and performance; Tchaikovsky Quartet No. 3.

Tickets may be purchased for \$50 each by calling 344-7025, or online at [www.sanibelmusicfestival.org](http://www.sanibelmusicfestival.org). Tickets may also be purchased at the door one half hour before the performance or at Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way.

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is located at 2050 Periwinkle Way.✱

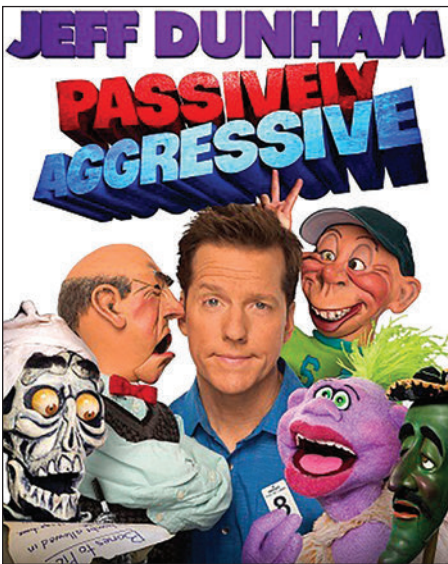


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## Ventriloquist To Appear At Estero Arena

Germain Arena will be one of the stops for record-breaking global comedy superstar Jeff Dunham, who is bringing his cast of characters on the road during a tour of North America through spring 2018.

The 60-city Passively Aggressive tour will come to Germain Arena on Thursday, April 26 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$48.50.

Dunham, known as America's favorite ventriloquist, released his latest stand-up special, *Jeff Dunham: Relative Disaster*,

on Netflix in September 2017. The special, filmed in Dublin, Ireland, features Dunham along with his ill-behaved and slightly demented posse of characters for a gleeful skewering of family and politics. Dunham and his famous cohorts Walter, Achmed the Dead Terrorist, Bubba J and Peanut also consider what a new member to their already dysfunctional family could mean, putting the 'relative' in Relative Disaster.

Dunham, a Guinness world-record holder for "Most Tickets Sold for a Stand-up Comedy Tour," has built an entertainment empire over years of non-stop touring and innovation. With over a million YouTube subscribers amassing over a billion views, he has carved out his own unique space in the comedy world, leading to record-breaking viewership with his comedy specials on Comedy Central and NBC. His 2015 stand-up special *Jeff Dunham: Unhinged in Hollywood* debuted on NBC Primetime and ranked as the time period's top non-sports program on the Big 4 in every key measure.

Dunham received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, commemorating over two decades of superstardom. "When I moved to Los Angeles in 1988 with a car full of clothes and a couple of dummies, never in my wildest dreams did I imagine that one day I would be tripping over my own star on the Walk of Fame," he said. "It's truly fantastic and a great honor. I just hope it's not in front of an adult store. Okay, actually, that would be hilarious."

The Germain Arena is located at 11000 Everblades Parkway in Estero. For tickets, call 800-745-3000 or visit [www.jeffdunham.com](http://www.jeffdunham.com).✱

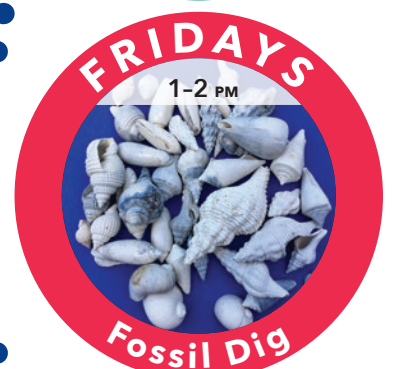
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## Conservancy Benefit Raises \$1.9 Million

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida recently raised a record \$1.9 million net at the 14th annual Magic Under the Mangroves gala and auction, providing key funding that directly enhances the Conservancy's mission of protecting Southwest Florida's water, land, wildlife and future.

The four-hour, eco-chic event held Thursday, March 8 at the conservancy's Nature Center featured cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a seated dinner by award-winning, certified green caterer Windows Catering, of Washington D.C. Led by chef Henry Dinardo, the team traveled to Naples exclusively for Magic Under the Mangroves gala.

"Henry and I made Naples our winter home in large part because of the area's natural beauty," said Carol Dinardo, chair of Magic Under the Mangroves and Conservancy of Southwest Florida board member. "When we learned about the conservancy's mission to protect the region's water, land, wildlife and future, getting involved was a natural fit for us."

The theme of the 2018 Fund-A-Need: Inspire, Ignite, Invest focused on the conservancy's internship program. Each year, the conservancy receives more than 300 applications for approximately 26 internship positions. Interns support all areas of the conservancy including the wildlife rehabilitation in the von Arx Wildlife Hospital, sea turtle research, educational outreach, advocacy efforts and much more. The interns gain valuable career experience while allowing the conservancy to expand its mission. Additionally, the conservancy offers interns the opportunity to live on site in the Blair Dormitory and a stipend.



Dolph and Sharon von Arx photos provided

"On behalf of the entire team, our supporters, sponsors, board of directors, staff and volunteers, I am blown away by the generosity in support of our mission," said Rob Moher, president and CEO of the conservancy. "The funds raised will enable our devoted teams of researchers, biologists, educators, policy specialists, wildlife rehabilitation specialists and interns to advance our mission of protecting Southwest Florida's natural environment."

The event was presented by Northern Trust, and William Raveis Real Estate was the supporting sponsor. Media sponsors included *Florida Weekly*, *Gulfshore Life* magazine, *Naples Daily News* and NBC-2. NBC-2 Anchor Chad Oliver served as the guest emcee of the event.

For more information, visit [www.conservancy.org/magic](http://www.conservancy.org/magic).✧



From left, Henry and Carol Dinardo with Robin and Scot Hamilton



Rob Moher and Sue Dalton



Samantha Aldritch and Horatio the red-tailed hawk

## Elementary STEM Club To Learn Coding

The STEM Club at Allen Park Elementary recently took the next step in their Year in Space education program for Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS). The students learned the basics of computer coding in a before school lesson.

A select group of students at Allen Park may speak to an astronaut on board the International Space Station in the near future, possibly in the fall when they return to class.

The simple commands for their Sphero robots were taught to them by Tim Bennett from Cape Coral Utilities and the Fort Myers Amateur Radio

Club. The lesson was tied to space exploration and how the Mars Rover works.

Allen Park Elementary is the first school in Lee County chosen to participate in the ARISS program, and one of just 14 for the next session.

Century Link is providing the ham radio connection needed for the students to communicate with the ISS crew as they pass overhead. FGCU is providing education support and a telescope to observe the ISS as it passes overhead.

The students at Allen Park also continue to participate in NASA's Train like an Astronaut - Walk to the Moon challenge, tracking their steps until they reach the 478 million steps it would take to walk to the moon. They have also planted a garden of "space tomatoes" that should be ready for harvest next month.✧



Students at Allen Park Elementary work on their Year in Space program



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Cadets making bags

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## FMPD To Help Distribute Cadet Blessing Bags

The Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) program at Cypress Lake High School has adopted Operation Blessing Bags as their service learning project for 2017-18. The mission is to construct 250 fabric bags and fill them with a wide variety of gifts and supplies that area first responders can distribute to victims of trauma, accidents or criminal acts to assist in their recovery. Each bag is hand made by the

cadets and contains a blanket, a bottle, a book and a variety of age appropriate items from toys to lip balm.

The cadets collected donations from area merchants and held fund raisers to purchase additional supplies to make bags for age groups that included children up to age 11, teens and the elderly.

The Fort Myers Police Department and several other law enforcement and emergency agencies were selected to receive the blessing bags and distribute them to their personnel for use in helping the public.

"In the execution of our duties we will often come to the assistance of



Blessing bag

children and families who have gone through a traumatic experience," said Lt. Willie Tellis of the Fort Myers Police Department. "Being able to present them with one of these blessing bags can help sooth some of the stress they are going through."

Every year, the JROTC program at Cypress Lake High identifies, selects,

organizes and executes a service learning project, which is an extensive, entirely cadet-run community service project. For more information on the school's JROTC program and their outreach projects, contact Major Paulette Provost, the instructor at 481-2233 or PauletteBP@leeschools.net.\*

## Joint Effort To Promote Equity In Workforce

The FutureMakers Coalition, a regional collective impact initiative, recently announced a strategic project co-designed by Immokalee Technical College (iTech), Fort Myers Technical College (FMTC) and the Hendry County School District to reach its goal of increasing the percent of college graduates and residents with advanced certifications in Southwest Florida (55 percent by the year 2025).

The partnership, titled the Technical and Adult Education Completion program, aims to improve access to information, awareness and perception of regional educational opportunities among historically underserved or un-/underemployed adults in Immokalee, Hendry County and Fort Myers. Further, the initiative aims to ensure students complete their degree and/or certificate programs so they can join the workforce in their desired industry.

"In Southwest Florida, students of color are less likely to complete a degree or technical education program than their white counterparts. This points to a systems-level problem," said Tessa LeSage, director of social innovation and sustainability for the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, backbone organization for the FutureMakers

Coalition. "By working together, we can begin to remove barriers that produce such inequalities and create the skilled workforce local employers need."

Due to its collaborative approach involving three separate institutions, the initiative is unlike any other. By combining efforts, the institutions will have a greater impact and be able to better support the individuals involved. The program will involve multiple approaches to increase access to training and removing barriers to completion, including grassroots, one-on-one outreach, digital marketing, public relations, community relations as well as the use of predictive analytics to help understand where students are falling through the cracks and increased support once students enter into the programs.

Programs at each institution vary, but industries of study include health science, human services, business administration, information technology, cybersecurity, mechanics, manufacturing, machining, digital media design, culinary arts, education and more. General Educational Development (GED) and English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses are also available.

Prospective students can learn more about the programs at each college by visiting their respective websites: [www.hendryadullearning.org](http://www.hendryadullearning.org) for Hendry County; [www.itech.edu/adultlearningprogram](http://www.itech.edu/adultlearningprogram) for Immokalee; and [adultlearningprogram.fortmyerstech.edu](http://adultlearningprogram.fortmyerstech.edu) for Fort Myers.\*

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# Uncommon Evening Set For November

The Uncommon Friends Foundation (UFF) 2018 Uncommon Evening annual gala is set for Thursday, November 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the historic Burroughs Home & Gardens. The Reflections on the River theme will celebrate the Uncommon Friends Foundation's 25th anniversary in 2018. Caryn Smith, CEO of Driven by Design LLC, is the chairperson for the event.

This year's event will feature a retrospect of the organization's history, as it relates to character education, promoting ethics in business, student scholarships and historic preservation of the Burroughs Home and James Newton Archives. The foundation was first inspired by the lives, relationships, passions and values of the original uncommon friends: Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, Dr. Alexis Carrel and Charles Lindbergh as revealed in James Newton's 1987 book *Uncommon Friends* with forward by Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

Uncommon Evening will also include historic Burroughs Home tours and riverfront dining, followed by the program to honor student scholarship recipients, the Character Education Champion Teacher and the Business Ethics Award winner. Nominations for all of the scholarships and awards are open at [www.uncommonfriends.org](http://www.uncommonfriends.org).

Sponsorships for 2018 are now available. Storm Smart returns as the Jim & Ellie Newton Presenting Sponsor. Other committed sponsors include: Alliance Financial Group/ Michael & Lynne Kimmich, BB&T Insurance, Henderson Franklin and



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LCEC. Artichoke & Company returns as the official caterer. Sponsors who partner early will benefit from increased exposure from several 25th anniversary events planned throughout the year, such as a special Historic Tour Progressive Dinner planned for September. All money raised supports the Uncommon Friends Foundation and its work throughout the year.

Burroughs Home & Gardens is located at 2505 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. For more information or a complete list of sponsorship opportunities, contact Executive Director Jennifer Nelson at [jennifer@uncommonfriends.org](mailto:jennifer@uncommonfriends.org), call 337-9503 or download a copy of the sponsorship packet at [www.bit.ly/2GpWidG](http://www.bit.ly/2GpWidG).✽

# Food Campaign Targets Seasonal Residents

Lee County Solid Waste has created Donated not Wasted, a food rescue campaign to encourage seasonal residents and visitors to donate unopened pantry items before returning north.

About 70,000 tons, or 13 percent, of the waste stream in Lee County is food, according to a 2016 waste audit. Nationwide, Americans throw out about 30 percent of the available food supply.

To help reduce those numbers, unopened canned or dry goods can be dropped off at any Lee County Library System location or Lee County recreation center through Monday, April 2. Additional collection containers are located at the Six Mile Cypress Slough and the Topaz Court Household Chemical Waste Facility.

Lee County Solid Waste is asking the public to join the effort along with its partners – the Harry Chapin Food Bank, Waste Pro, FOX4, the Lee County Library System and Lee County Parks & Recreation – to help route food that might otherwise end up in the waste stream to the county's population of people in need.

Drop-off locations as follows:  
Estero Recreation Center, 9200 Corkscrew Palms Boulevard, Estero  
North Fort Myers Recreation Center,

2000 North Recreation Park Way, North Fort Myers  
Veterans Park Recreation Center, 55 Homestead Road South, Lehigh Acres  
Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center, 16760 Bass Road, Fort Myers  
Bonita Springs Public Library, 26876 Pine Avenue, Bonita Springs  
Cape Coral-Lee County Public Library, 921 SW 39th Terrace, Cape Coral  
Captiva Memorial Library, 11560 Chapin Lane, Captiva  
Dunbar Jupiter Hammon Public Library, 3095 Blount Street, Fort Myers  
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Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve, 7751 Penzance Boulevard, Fort Myers  
Topaz Court Solid Waste Annex, 6441 Topaz Court, Fort Myers.  
For more information, visit [www.leegov.com/solidwaste](http://www.leegov.com/solidwaste) or call 533-8000.✽

# Housing Authority Receives High Scores By HUD

Lee County Housing Authority (LCHA) recently received a High Performance status in the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) report for 2017, according to Marcus D. Goodson, executive director of the agency.

HUD's Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) effectively and fairly measures the performance of a public housing agency using the PHAS. As the centralized system of REAC, the Integrated Assessment Subsystem electronically collects individual subsystem scores, produces a composite PHAS score and communicates the results that represent a PHA's management performance.

The PHAS scored LCHA 93 points out of a possible 100. PHAS indicators used for the scoring included physical, financial, management and

resident reviews as well as financial sub-indicators including current ratio, months expendable funds balance, tenant receivable outstanding, occupancy loss, net income and expense management.

The LCHA oversees 142 low-income rental units at three sites in North Fort Myers and administers 271 vouchers in Lee County.

The mission of the LCHA is to assist low-income families with safe, decent and affordable housing opportunities as they strive to achieve self-sufficiency and improve their lives. The LCHA is committed to operating in an efficient, ethical and professional manner, and will create and maintain partnerships with its clients and appropriate community agencies in order to accomplish this mission.

Programs offered through LCHA include public housing, Section 8 Housing Vouchers, Family Self-Sufficiency and Resident Opportunity Self Sufficiency.

For more information, call 997-6688.✽

# Airport Reports Record-Breaking February Traffic

During February, 1,053,817 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers, an increase of 11.4 percent compared to February 2017. Year-to-date, passenger traffic is up 9.8 percent from the same period last year.

"I am pleased to report that for the first time in our 35-year history, we had more than 1 million passengers travel through Southwest Florida International Airport in the month of February," said Jeff Mulder, AAE, executive director of the Lee County Port Authority.

The traffic leader in February was Southwest Airlines with 201,448 passengers traveling to and from Fort Myers. Rounding out the top five airlines were Delta Air Lines (188,229), American (138,916), Spirit (132,867) and JetBlue (115,374).

Southwest Florida International Airport had 9,190 aircraft operations, an increase of 7 percent compared to February 2017. Page Field saw 8,451 operations, a 16.7 percent decrease from February 2017. In addition, more than 2.6 million pounds of air freight moved through Southwest Florida

International Airport in February 2018. Southwest Florida International Airport served more than 8.8 million passengers in 2017 and is one of the top 50 U.S. airports for passenger traffic. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for airport operation or construction.

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# Film Screening

the first time," said Lisa Sbuttoni, vice president of visitor and community relations.

A short film on Tom Smoot, Jr., will precede the screening. Smoot is a Fort Myers resident, long-time supporter of the estates and author of *The Edisons of Fort Myers: Discoveries of the Heart*. The clip highlights his contributions to the estates and discusses his role in the acquisition of the Ford Estate in the 1980s.

Tickets are \$5 for Edison Ford and Fort Myers Film Festival members and \$10 for non-members. Tickets can be purchased the night of the showing or visit [www.ecommerce.edisonfordwinterestates.org](http://www.ecommerce.edisonfordwinterestates.org).

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates is located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, call 334-7419.✽



## Exemplary Service Awards Given To Officers



Officer Ryan Maldonado and Chief Derrick Diggs of the Fort Myers Police Department  
photos provided

Chief Derrick Diggs presented awards for distinguished service to two members of the Fort Myers Police Department (FMPD) on Friday, March 16. Receiving the FMPD Officer of the Month award was Lt. Joshua Steinman and receiving the Mission BBQ Officer of the Month award was Officer Ryan Maldonado.

Lt. Steinman was credited with

the capture of an escaped and armed juvenile prisoner. Officer Maldonado was responsible with the arrest of a suspect who was later charged with four burglaries along the McGregor Boulevard corridor.

The FMPD salutes these officers for their diligence and dedication to the citizens of Fort Myers.\*



FMPD's Lt. Joshua Steinman and Chief Derrick Diggs

## High Schools Hold Ceremonies For Shooting Victims

Before school started on March 14, the students at South Fort Myers High School took part in one of many ceremonies to honor and remember the victims from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. In a powerful display, they formed the shape of a heart and lit up the early morning sky with their phones to pay tribute to 17 lives lost.

Several other Lee County Schools honored the victims killed one month ago.

At Cypress Lakes High School, approximately 100 students gathered outside and used chalk to write some

of the victim's names on the ground or messages of hope.

Riverdale students planned an activity called 17 for 17. They set up a table in the cafeteria for students to take a pledge to incorporate something good in their everyday life. Those written pledges were then posted on a large poster that said "Take a pledge for 17."

Estero High School set 17 chairs in the school's main courtyard, each with a picture of one of 14 students and three teachers killed, while kind words were spoken about each person.

East Lee County High School wore blue in unity and students posted their own words of kindness on a banner in the cafeteria.

Bonita Springs High School observed a moment of silence and had thoughtful conversations between students, staff, teachers and administrators.\*

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## Trust Company Announces Appointments

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company Naples division has made two strategic appointments. West McCann, CFA will serve as president of The Naples Trust Company, and Carol B. Boyd has been promoted to regional corporate director.

Boyd said, "Meeting our clients' goals and providing them with exceptional service is our highest priority. These new personnel changes increase our strength and expertise, so we can continue to serve our clients well."

The day-to-day operations of The Naples Trust Company will transition to McCann, who brings with him an established reputation in the wealth management industry. "I've admired the firm for several years," said McCann. "The qualities of The Naples Trust Company and their dedication to client care align with my own."

McCann joins The Naples Trust Company from Northern Trust where he has held a prestigious career since 2001. Most recently, he served as managing director of the Bonita



Carol Boyd

photos provided

Springs and Fort Myers markets, responsible for \$1.75 billion in assets under management. Earlier he held the position of managing executive of their Naples Fifth Avenue office. McCann has over 30 years of wealth management and portfolio management experience, having established and built his career in portfolio management and team oversight at banking institutions



West McCann

throughout the Southeastern U.S. He is a graduate of Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia where he earned a bachelor of business administration degree in finance, and subsequently became a holder of the chartered financial analyst designation. McCann is a member of the CFA Institute and Investment Management Consultant Association.

Boyd served as president of The Naples Trust Company since 2013. "Carol has been instrumental in the strategic direction and growth of the Naples and Marco Island markets since her arrival," said Richard Botthof, vice chairman of The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company. "Today we have more than tripled our number of client families as well as assets under management."

Boyd will continue to care for her current client relationships. She will also be embracing a wider role in Collier and Lee counties to further develop the Trust Company's services toward new and existing clients.

Both McCann and Boyd are dedicated to nonprofit organizations throughout Southwest Florida. McCann currently serves as board chairman of Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary; vice chairman of New Horizons of Southwest Florida and is a board member of Hope Hospice of Lee County. As an advocate of children's causes, Boyd has devoted over 30 years to multiple organizations – primarily in the areas of health and education.

McCann and Boyd are located at The Naples Trust Company office at 5920 Goodlette-Frank Road in Naples. For more information, visit [www.naplestrustcompany.com](http://www.naplestrustcompany.com).✴

## Futuremakers Receives \$5,000 Arthrex Grant

The FutureMakers Coalition received \$5,000 from Arthrex Inc., a global orthopedic surgical device company based in Naples.

According to Tessa LeSage, director of Social Innovation and Sustainability for the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, the backbone organization for the coalition, the grant will be used as gap funding support for students attending the machining program at Immokalee Technical College.

"The partners in our pilot program, Lee Health, Fort Myers Technical College, Cape Coral Technical College and CareerSource of Southwest Florida, aimed to increase enrollment and fill entry-level positions in nursing and it resulted in more than 80 percent of Lee Health's persistent certified nursing assistant vacancies being filled as a result of aligning the systems and providing assistance to students in areas of known barriers," said LeSage. "These new funds will be used in the same manner, to provide students with gap funding to guide them through program enrollment and completion, which will ultimately earn them a certificate in machining, an in-demand workforce need."

The project involves coalition partners in business, education, philanthropy and workforce working together to identify and bridge gaps and barriers in the system. In addition to improved systemic support, "gap

funding" is cultivated and provided to students in all areas of program enrollment and completion where they might otherwise have been lost in the system, including application fees, test fees, supplies (uniforms, books, etc.) and certification exam fees.

"Machining is an in-demand job that employers are seeking qualified candidates for, and this program seeks to partner with local employers, including Arthrex, to graduate students with this certification and incentivize their completion with the prospect of an interview/potential job," LeSage added. "While education is a key component of this program, so too is building a qualified and sustainable workforce in our local community."

"Arthrex is pleased to support the FutureMakers Coalition and enhance educational programs that not only allow students to develop the necessary skills for specific careers at Arthrex, but also provide our community's future workforce with opportunities to learn and grow," said Lisa Gardiner, communications manager and member of Arthrex's Charitable Giving Committee.

The FutureMakers Coalition's goal is to transform the local workforce by increasing the number of Southwest Florida residents with degrees, certificates and other high-quality credentials to 55 percent by the year 2025.

The FutureMakers Coalition encourages residents to join and support this community-changing initiative. For more information, visit [www.futuremakerscoalition.com](http://www.futuremakerscoalition.com), call 274-5900 or email Tessa LeSage at [TLeSage@floridacommunity.com](mailto:TLeSage@floridacommunity.com).✴

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## Along The River

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 include animal hospitals, boarding facilities, trainers, groomers, rescues and pet food companies. There will also be a reunion tent for the goldens that GRRSW has rescued from South Korea.

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 [www.grrswf.org](http://www.grrswf.org), email [info@grrswf.org](mailto:info@grrswf.org) or call 369-0415.

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** this 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](mailto:mfairchild@cityftmyers.com).

**ArtPoems**, the collaborative multimedia poet and artist project of Southwest Florida, will celebrate its 12th year at **BIG ARTS Schein Hall** on Wednesday, March 28. There will be a reception at 7 p.m. with a presentation to follow at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each.

Ranging from Peace River to Sanibel, from Cape Coral to Fort Myers and Naples, the group of 12 artists and 12 poets has collaborated to produce poems inspired by artworks and artworks inspired by poems. Poets will perform their poems while the paired paintings, sculptures, photography and mixed media artwork are exhibited on stage and on the screen.

This year, artists include Paul Adamick, Honey Costa, Scott Guelcher, William Kramer, Claude Lyles, Lawrence Massing, Leslie Morrow, Barbara G. Mulford, Roy Rodriguez, Beverly That, Kenneth A. Vinton and Buck Ward. Collaborating poets include Joyce Berrian Ferrari, Jamilla D. Brooks, Dan England, Christine Goodwin, Sandy Greco, Mary Beth Lundgren, Holly McEntyre, Gary McLouth, Marilyn Mecca, Joe Pacheco, Sid Simon and Lorraine Walker Williams.

Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. BIG ARTS is located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel. For more information, visit [www.artpoems.org](http://www.artpoems.org).✴



## Celebrities To Talk About Being In The Spotlight

The Cause an Effect celebrity panel discussion – featuring Randy Wayne White, bestselling author of the Doc Ford and Hannah Smith series of novels; Porter Goss, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency and U.S. Congressman; and longtime NBC-2 News anchor Kellie Burns – will share stories of their good and not-so-good times on the world's biggest stages at a one-night-only event at The Community House on Thursday, March 29 at 6 p.m.

The conversation will be moderated by Brian Hummel, MD, FACS, a cardiothoracic surgeon at Shipley Cardiothoracic Center at HealthPark Medical Center in Fort Myers. Tickets are \$150 each and can be reserved by calling 343-6058 or emailing jeff.muddell@leehealth.org. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served.

Every day, Dr. Hummel is called upon to perform complex surgical procedures on patients from all across Southwest Florida and beyond. While the pressures are unique to his field, it got him to think about how others deal with the strains of performing at their best.

"Everyone of us – whether you are an author or accountant, a government official or a grade school teacher – deals with the stresses of performance in their workplace and their life," said Dr. Hummel. "I just thought it would be



**Randy Wayne White** photo provided

great to sit down with this panel, all have seen and done so much in their days and have been wildly successful, to talk about when the pressures got the best of them and they didn't perform at the top of their game. What happened? How did they get through? They can provide us some important lessons."

White's path to bestselling and award-winning author has taken him around the world. He skipped college, has worked as a farm hand, a brass and iron foundry worker, a telephone lineman, and, for 13 years, a full-time fishing guide at Tarpon Bay Marina on Sanibel Island. He was a columnist for many years for *Outside* magazine before settling into his role as novelist of the world-famous Doc Ford novels and



**Porter Goss** photo provided

becoming part of Sanibel's lore.

Goss' time on the world stage took a decidedly different tack. He was a U.S. Army Intelligence officer from 1960 to 1962. He served in the Central Intelligence Agency from 1962 until 1972, completing assignments in Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe. His family then moved to Sanibel Island where he was active in the incorporation of the City of Sanibel and served as its first mayor in 1974. He continued his public service as a member of the Lee County Commission (1983 to 1988, serving as chairman 1985 to 1986), then as U.S. congressman representing Southwest Florida and served for almost 16 years. In 2004, he became the 19th and last director of Central Intelligence



**Kellie Burns** photo courtesy NBC News

before becoming the first director of the Central Intelligence Agency under the newly signed Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act in 2005.

Burns started at NBC-2 in 1994 as a reporter, working her way up to Collier County bureau chief, weekend anchor and finally primary anchor in 1996, currently anchoring the evening news. Originally from Upstate New York, she graduated from the State University of New York at Geneseo with a bachelor's degree in both communications and political science, and a minor in international relations. Her award-winning career includes two regional Edward R. Murrow Awards and several awards from the Florida Associated Press.\*

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# Red Sox-Yankee Rivalry Should Be A Headline Attraction In 2018



by Ed Frank

There is probably no other exciting and historic rivalry in all of sports as the one between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees. And as Spring Training moves into its final days, there are strong indications that the battle between these two teams may once again stir strong, even bitter emotions, between Red Sox and Yankee fans throughout the 2018 season – and possibly beyond. There are several facts for this reasoning: The Yankees added slugger Giancarlo Stanton and his \$325 million contract (largest in sports) to their roster. And teamed with All-Star Aaron Judge (56 home runs in 2017), they form an outfield tandem unmatched in baseball.

As for the Red Sox, who have won back-to-back American League Eastern Division Championships, the addition of outfielder J.D. Martinez (45 home runs in 119 games last season), provides Boston with the prestigious power they lacked last season upon the retirement of David Ortiz.

In addition, all of Boston’s starting lineup returns this year. Adding to the pending excitement of the new baseball season is the fact that both teams have new managers. Boston lured Alex Cora away from the World Champion Houston Astros after John Farrell was fired when his division champions were eliminated in the first round of postseason play two years in a row. The new Yankee skipper is Aaron Boone who returns to New York after an eight-year career in broadcasting. He replaced Joe Girardi, who had managed the Yankees to a World Series title in 2009. It is the first time in more than 25 years that both teams start the new season with rookie managers. Boone holds a special place in Yankee history as the result of his Game Seven, 11th inning walk-off home run in the 2003 American League Championship Series against Boston. Despite his heroics, the Yankees lost to the Florida Marlins in the World Series. Boston and New York had played 19 regular season games and seven post-season games that season before Boone’s bottom of the 11th inning home run. The Red Sox did go on to win the 2004 World Series, their first since 1918. There are many great rivalries in sports, but few will argue that the Red Sox-Yankee

battles will be on the top of most any list. And the 2018 baseball season could be another one. **Twins Lose Shortstop Jorge Polanco In Drug Suspension** Earlier this week, the Minnesota Twins announced that starting shortstop Jorge Polanco had been suspended for 80 games by Major League Baseball for the use of performance enhancing drugs. Polanco, 24, said he took a tainted combination of vitamin B12 and an iron supplement from his trainer in the Dominican Republic . In 2017, Polanco hit .256 with 13 home runs and 74 RBIs. He is not eligible to return to the Twins lineup until June 30, and isn’t eligible for postseason play. He also will lose several hundred thousand dollars in pay.✱

## Florida’s Bat Maternity Season To Begin April 15



Bats congregate before maternity season photo by Karen Parker

If you have bats roosting in your attic, leaves or chimney spaces, now is the time to give them an eviction notice. Bat maternity season begins Sunday, April 15 and runs through August 15. Exclusions of bat colonies must be completed before the season starts. “During bat maternity season, bats gather to give birth and raise their young,” said Terry Doonan, a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) biologist and mammal conservation coordinator. “The season lasts until the young bats can fly and feed themselves. In Florida,

this occurs from mid-April through mid-August for most bat species.” Bat exclusions are illegal during this maternity season to prevent young bats that cannot yet fly from being trapped inside structures and dying. Florida is home to 13 resident bat species, including threatened species such as the Florida bonneted bat. Some bat species roost in artificial structures, including buildings and houses. Although it is illegal to harm or kill bats in Florida, guidelines have been developed allowing for the legal exclusion of bats outside of continued on page 32

### SPORTS QUIZ

- 1. Since 2000, two major-league starting pitchers have won a regular-season MVP Award. Name them.
- 2. The Cleveland Indians set a record in a game in 2016 for most pitchers combining for a shutout. How many did they use?
- 3. Who was the last running back for the Titans franchise before DeMarco Murray in 2016 to throw a touchdown pass and run for a touchdown in the same game?
- 4. When was the last time all four No. 1 seeds in men’s basketball made it to the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament?
- 5. Who was the last NHL player before Tampa Bay’s Nikita Kucherov in 2017 to start a season by scoring in seven consecutive games?
- 6. Who was the first U.S. male to win a World Cup downhill skiing race?
- 7. Golfer Phil Mickelson set a record in 2017 for most career victories (26) in the Presidents Cup. Who had held the mark?

### ANSWERS

- 1. Justin Verlander in 2011, and Clayton Kershaw in 2014. 2. Nine pitchers. 3. Earl Campbell in 1980, when the franchise was in Houston. 4. It was 2008 (Kansas, North Carolina, UCLA and Memphis). 5. Pittsburgh’s Mario Lemieux, in 1992. 6. Bill Johnson, in 1984. 7. Tiger Woods, with 24 wins.

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## European Team Returns For Tarpon Tournament

Four journalists from Scotland, England and Denmark will return to fish and cover the 7th annual "Ding" Darling & Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament on Friday, May 11. Already the overseas jibes have begun between the European Fish & Chips team – which last fished the 2015 tournament – and its U.S. counterparts.

"It's a real shame our American friends have to fly a team across the Atlantic to show them how to catch tarpon," joked Paul O'Hare with BBC Scotland.

"Good to see the tournament sold out so quickly when the locals heard the 'European Dream Team' were on their way back," quipped Jim Patrick from the UK, who writes for the daily *Sun* newspapers. "We wouldn't expect anything else. Our American friends showed us a great time before, but we hope they're ready to bring their A game to the water in May. They're gonna need it."

In 2015, the team took fifth place, despite having never fished for tarpon before. "We upset the odds in 2015 and are confident we can do so again," jibed O'Hare. "Bring it on."

Joining O'Hare and Patrick, teammate Paul Fenech is features editor for the UK's *Sea Angler Magazine*. Niels Lagergaard Pedersen from Denmark writes for the monthly *Fiske Avisen*. The combined circulation of the team's news and fishing publications exceeds 2.3 million readers.

"We just hope their writing is better than their fishing," jested Team Sportfisha, which beat Team Fish & Chips to first



Team Fish & Chips takes off for a day of tarpon fishing at the 2015 tournament

photo provided

place in 2015. "Looked to us like the Fish & Chips were down. I hope they're brushing up their skills for handling a real fish."

The European team's participation was made possible through a partnership between the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau and the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS).

"The reporters are all avid anglers, but their first experience with tarpon was in 2015," said Birgie Miller, DDWS executive director and event organizer. "They proved themselves that year. The international element makes the tournament just that much more exciting."

DDWS sponsors the tournament along

with title sponsor Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille and other local businesses and individuals. The tournament is unique locally because it pays out 100 percent of the entry fee as tournament awards. Registration this year for the 55 boats filled within two hours.

Tournament proceeds benefit wildlife and conservation education at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island.

"Last year we raised \$80,000 for the refuge as a result of sponsorships, donations and auction proceeds," said Miller. "We're so grateful to Doc Ford's and our other sponsors for this huge effort

in our behalf."

For more information on the tournament, visit [www.dingdarlingtarpontourney.org](http://www.dingdarlingtarpontourney.org). Anyone interested in becoming a tournament sponsor should contact Sarah Lathrop at 472-1100 ext. 4.

The following are sponsors for the 2018 tournament. Title Sponsor: Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille; Champion Sponsor: Nimrod, Raiser's Edge; Premier Sponsors: Mark and Gretchen Banks, Diversified Yacht Services; Presenting Sponsors: Custom Tees, Gasparilla Vacations, Joseph M. Kelley Plumbing & Heating, Stockyard Bricks; Platinum Sponsors: Captiva Diva, Congress Jewelers, Mabry Brothers, Inc., Organized Chaos, Suncoast Beverage Sales; Gold Sponsors: Andrew Thompson Co., Fort Myers Marine, HighTower Advisors, The Historic Bait Box, Island Condo Maintenance, *Island Sun* and *The River Weekly News*, Jensen's Marina, Law Office of Christopher G. Hill PC, Law Office of Janet M. Strickland PA, Media Source, Misty Wells' "Let's Take It Outside," *Nautical Mile* magazine, On Island, RS Walsh Landscaping, Shell Point Retirement Community; Trophy Case of Fort Myers, Whitney's Bait & Tackle, Wilbur Smith Attorneys at Law; Silver Sponsors: Anisa Stewart Jewelry, Bailey's General Store, *Florida Weekly*, Gresham Family, Gulf Star Marina, Island Inn, *Island Sand Paper*, Must Do Visitor Guides & MustDo.com, Peter and Barb Rogers, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Semmer Electric/Bonita Bill's Waterfront Cafe, Tarpon Bay Explorers.\*

## GPS Seminar

Peace River Sail and Power Squadron is offering the Using GPS Seminar at the Bayfront Center on Saturday March 24 from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

GPS can get you where you need to go, but did you know you can use it to steer your boat accurately? Enhance your boating experience by getting the most out of today's feature-packed GPS devices. Learn how to store and use waypoints, build and execute routes, and monitor steering. You can also get tips on connecting your GPS to your VHF marine radio, which opens up a new world of

digital hailing and distress signaling.

Cost for attending the seminar is \$35; a second person sharing materials is \$25. Instructions include What GPS does; Waypoint navigation; How to operate your GPS; What the buttons do; What the screens show; How to use the key functions; How to navigate safe course; and Tips on choosing a GPS that's best for you.

Seating is limited so register by Wednesday, March 21 at 5 p.m.

The Bayfront Center is located at 750 West Retta Esplanade in Punta Gorda. For more information, call 941-637-0766 or send us an email: [puntagordaboating@gmail.com](mailto:puntagordaboating@gmail.com).\*



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From left, Pilot Club of Fort Myers members Jody Van Cooney, secretary; Fran D'Alessandro, president; and Linda Hessler, treasurer present a check to Sally Kruescher, board member and Golisano Children's Hospital representative. photo provided

## Pilot Club Donates To Children's Hospital

The Pilot Club of Fort Myers donated \$1,500 to the Golisano Children's Hospital for sponsorship of a video that will be shown to parents of all newborns. The video will emphasize safety for children in cars

The focus of the Pilot Club of Fort Myers is helping organizations seeking to improve the quality of life for individuals with brain-related disorders through volunteer activities, education, and financial support. The club name came from a riverboat pilot who could steer safely through troubled waters. The club's motto is "do more, care more, and be more." For information about the Pilot Club, contact the president, Fran D'Alessandro, 332-1140.✧

## 26<sup>th</sup> Annual SCCF Tennis & Pickleball Tournament



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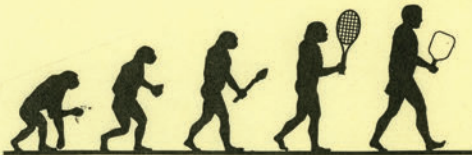
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### Financial Focus

## Talk To Your Spouse About Retirement Vision



by Jennifer Basey

If you're single, your retirement goals are your own – you don't really have to consult with anybody, and you can change your plans whenever you like. However, if you're married, you and your spouse should develop a joint "vision" encompassing all the key areas of your retirement lifestyle.

These are a few questions you may want to address first:

Where should we live? Once you retire, you may need to consider two key aspects of your living situation: the size and location of your home. Regarding size, you may look around one day and realize you have more living space than you actually need. This is especially true, of course, if you have children who have set out on their own. So, if you have a large single-family house, you may want to consider whether you should move into a condominium or even an apartment, either of which might be more cost effective for you.

As for location, you may decide that retirement is the perfect time to move, either to seek a more favorable climate or to be near grown children and grandchildren. In any case, moving to a different area is a major financial decision, so you and your spouse will certainly want to discuss all the aspects of relocation.

Will either of us work? Retirement no longer means the cessation of all

work. You or your spouse – or perhaps you and your spouse – may want to use your skills and experience to do some consulting or even open your own business. Adding a source of earned income will almost certainly help your financial picture during retirement, but if either you or your spouse is planning to do some work, you will want to be sure this activity doesn't disrupt other plans that may be important to you, such as traveling. Also, any source of earned income during your retirement years may well affect important financial decisions, such as when to take Social Security and how much to withdraw each year from your retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k). Again, it's essential that you and your spouse be on the same page about any type of employment during retirement.

How will we spend our time? Aside from possibly doing some type of work during your retirement years, how else might you spend your time? Would you like to travel extensively? Or would you rather stick close to home and pursue your hobbies or volunteer? These don't have to be either-or decisions – hopefully, you'll be able to explore many pursuits during your retirement. Keep in mind, though, that there will be different costs for these various activities, so you and your spouse may need to prioritize your choices to ensure they fit into your overall financial strategies.

As you can see, you and your spouse will have some key decisions about the financial aspects of your retirement. However, with some careful planning, you can make the moves that can help you work toward your common retirement vision.

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### Superior Interiors

## Stripes



by Linda Coin

Stripes are one of the most versatile decorating tools available. They can make a room look bigger or wider, more serene or bolder.

But, as with everything in life, too much of a good thing can sometimes be a bad thing. So here are a few helpful hints for your "striping" considerations:

1. Watch out for wide stripes with dark or bright colors. They tend to be overpowering. Use them in small quantities, where they can still be an

attention getter, but the room won't be overpowered.

2. Keep in mind that the larger the room, the wider the stripe can be. Too small a stripe in a large living room could possibly get lost within the rest of your design plan.

3. A narrow vertical stripe works well in smaller rooms, particularly those with low ceilings – they will make your room appear taller by drawing your eye upward.

Stripes are truly the "great mixer." They are fantastic when coordinated with other patterns such as florals and plaids. If you want to create your own combinations, don't be afraid of the possibilities.

Just remember when mixing stripes with other patterns, be sure to find a common element – which will in most cases be color.

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## Book Review

## End Game



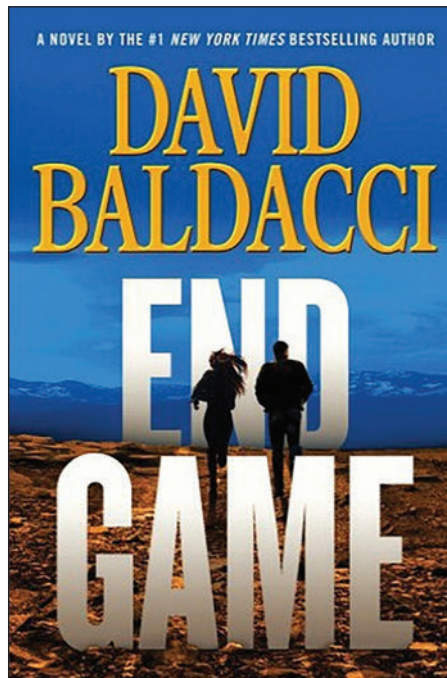
by Di Saggau

**E**nd Game, David Baldacci's explosive new thriller brings back two of his best characters, Will Robie and Jessica Reel. Reel is sarcastic and is not afraid to get into

someone's face. Robie is quiet, sensitive and will hold back. Sometimes her abrasive behavior has adverse effects but they seem to feed off one another in a cohesive partnership. It's obvious that they care a lot for each other.

As the book begins, Robie is on a mission in London where he has to single-handedly take out a Jihadist terrorist cell, and Reel is in Iraq doing sniper duty for the military. Once these missions are completed, the two are asked to find their handler, The Blue Man, Roger Walton, who has gone missing in Grand, Colorado. Robie and Reel are two of the most lethal people alive. They're the ones the government calls in when the utmost secrecy is required to take out those who plot violence and mass destruction against the United States. Finding Blue Man is their highest priority. With no communications since he took a rare vacation to go fly fishing in his hometown, they can't help but fear the worst.

As Robie and Reel arrive in the small town of Grand, they discover that it has its own share of problems. The local economy is stagnant, the police force is understaffed and the small community



has become a magnet for crime, drugs and a growing number of militant fringe groups. Lying in wait is a bigger threat, one that could shake the very foundation of America. Investigating hideaways for the super wealthy, in case the world implodes, pits the duo against an adversary with superior firepower and a home-court advantage. He was inspired by the TV show *Breaking Bad* so you get the picture.

*End Game* is a novel with a fast-action story. There's plenty of action, dealing with terrorists on both the domestic and international front. Robie and Reel have to use all their senses to confront and defeat the bad guys. Fans will not be disappointed in this thriller. The good news is, you know there's going to be another Robie and Reel book in the near future.\*

an audiobook just by saying, "Alexa, read *Alice in Wonderland*." Alexa can also read aloud Kindle books that are text-to-speech compatible. Kids just have to say something like, "Alexa, read *Fish in a Tree* in Kindle Books." Right now, Google Home does not read books aloud.

Home assistants can help students who struggle with math. Kids can ask for basic calculations by saying, "What is the square root of 25?" or "What is 32 percent of 500 dollars?" If kids need help with unit conversions, they can say something like, "OK how many degrees Fahrenheit is 25 degrees Celsius?" If kids forget math formulas, they can get a reminder by saying, "How do you find the area of a circle?" Kids can even practice math by using an interactive tool called 1-2-3 Math. It asks various math problems in a quiz format. It's available as an Echo skill and as a Home action.

Home assistants can set timers, alarms and create to-do lists. Kids who have trouble staying on task for a certain amount of time can ask for a timer to be set for a certain number of minutes and then take a break and start again. Kids can ask for a reminder to start their homework at a specific time as well. Kids who have trouble keeping track of school assignments and chores can use a home assistant to create a to-do list.

With Echo, kids can add tasks to their list with a command like, "Alexa, put practice trumpet on my to-do list." To access the list, they can say, "Alexa, what's on my to-do list?" With Google Home, kids can use third-party apps to create and keep track of a to-do list.

Home assistants can manage calendar events. Keeping track of due dates and events can be tricky for kids with executive functioning issues. Home assistants let kids manage calendars by voice. They can add events with the command, "Add calendar event." To hear what's coming up, kids can simply say, "What's on my calendar for Sunday?"

The potential of home assistants is just emerging but it's clear that these devices will soon become an important tool for kids and adults to get extra support for learning. As always parental guidance and supervision is required.

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## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

**D**ear Readers, Kids with learning and attention issues need a great deal of support, sometimes more than a parent has the time and energy

to give. Some recent research indicates that assistive technology (AT) may provide extra support at home for struggling students and their parents. Remember AT is generally defined as any device, piece of equipment or system that helps a person with around his/her challenges for better functioning. Jaime Martin, an assistive technology consultant, who specializes in finding AT solutions for students and adults with dyslexia, has identified numerous ways that a home assistant device, like the Amazon Echo or Google Home can make everyday tasks easier for kids who struggle with learning and attention.

Once you understand how these voice-activated and hands-free home assistant

devices operate, you can ask them questions or give them commands to help with reading, writing, math and executive functioning skills. Here are some great tips from Mr. Martin.

Home assistants can help with spelling. When kids are writing, they can ask how to spell a word they have trouble with. If it's a word that has more than one spelling like deer vs. dear, it's a bit trickier, but kids can clarify which spelling they want. For example, they can say, "How do you spell the animal deer?"

Home assistants can give definitions and synonyms. Kids with reading issues can also ask home assistants for the meaning of words they don't recognize. Kids can ask for synonyms if they want to change words in their writing.

Home assistants can help sound out words. Kids who struggle with decoding can ask how to pronounce a word by spelling it out. With Google Home, they can say, "OK Google, how do you pronounce p-h-o-n-e?" With Amazon Echo, they can use a skill called Pronunciations and say, "Alexa, ask Pronunciations how to say r-o-u-g-h."

Home assistants can read books aloud. For hands-free listening to books, Amazon Echo has two options. If you have an Audible account, your child can listen to

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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."

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



# Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest Raises \$2.9 Million For Worthy Causes



From left, Angela and Todd Gates with Dave Copham



Scott and Diana Metzger

SWFL Children’s Charities, Inc.’s 2018 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest recently raised \$2.9 million in total to support pediatric health care services and education. Celebrating the event’s 10th year, more than 350 guests joined The Grand Tasting and Live Auction on March 3 at Quail West Golf and Country Club. All proceeds of the auction will support Golisano Children’s Hospital, Florida Gulf Coast University and Florida SouthWestern State College in support of pediatric health care and scholarships for local students majoring in health sciences. Additionally, 10 percent of contributions will benefit four new beneficiaries including PACE Center for Girls of Lee County, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, SalusCare, Inc. and The Heights Foundation.\*



Bill Beynon and Bill Toler



Dave Copham and Bill Cavinder



From left, Michelle Graham, Terri Bryan and Debbie Toler



Vicki and Richard Pitbladdo



Sandy Stilwell-Youngquist and Tim Youngquist



From left, Art and Bev Cherry with Robin and Scot Hamilton



From left, Brian DelNegro, Nick DelNegro and Joe Pavich



From left, Brooke and Patrick Denson with Elaine and Fred Hawkins



## Holocaust Week Programs At FSW

Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) will observe Dr. Talbot Spivak Holocaust Memorial Week on its Fort Myers campus with a series of events that focus on the theme Legacy of Survivors from March 26 to 30. Events are free and open to the public.

The mission of the Dr. Talbot Spivak Holocaust Memorial Week at FSW is to educate students and the community about the Holocaust, to honor its victims and survivors, to cultivate tolerance and to promote awareness of modern-day genocide in support of the world's promise of "Never Again."

Throughout the week, local Holocaust survivors will speak about their experiences. All survivor talks will be held in Building U, Room 102.

On Tuesday, March 27, speakers include Irene Skolnick at 9:30 a.m. and Steen Metz at 6 p.m. On Wednesday, March 28, speakers include Rob Nossen at 9:30 a.m., Renee Beddoui at 11 a.m., Marcel Fachler at 2 p.m. and Cesare Frustaci at 6 p.m.

Survivors will also tell their stories in a more intimate setting during a Survivor Round Table discussion at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28.

In addition to the survivor talks, a series of guest lectures and presentations will be held.

On Monday, March 26, in Building U, Room 102, FSW Cornerstone Experience Professor Robbie Manauis will present Learning from a Culture of Violence, Context for Genocide at 11 a.m. FSW Political Science Professor Dr. Bruno Baltodano will present Narratives at War: The Impacts of Denial to the Historical Legacy of the Holocaust and the Guatemalan Genocide at 12:30 p.m.

FSW History Professor Sara Gottwalles will present Henchmen of Hate at 2 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 27, in Building U, Room 102, FSW Psychology Professor Frank Kohn will recount his family's experiences during the Holocaust and the Nazi's psychological techniques at 11 a.m. FSW History Professor Dr. Mark Herman will present Children of the Holocaust at 12:30 p.m. FSW Hospitality Law Professor Dr. Sandi Towers will present Krakow, Poland, and Auschwitz-Birkenau: Yesterday and Today at 2 p.m.

A musical performance, *Music of the Holocaust*, will be presented by FSW Violin/Viola Professor Rachel Cox, at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, in Building J, Room 117/118, with a reception beginning at 2 p.m.

Dream Peace, the art of renowned Sanibel-based artist Myra Roberts, will be exhibited at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, in Building U, Room 102. The exhibition will feature portraits of Bielski partisans and other survivors of the Holocaust.

On Friday, March 30, a video recording of Penn State University alumna Aviva Doery's presentation, The Lives of Lesbian Women in Nazi Concentration Camps, will be shown at 9:30 a.m. in Building J, Room 103.

The full event schedule is available at [www.fsw.edu/holocaust](http://www.fsw.edu/holocaust).

FSW's Dr. Talbot Spivak Holocaust Memorial Week is organized in partnership with the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida, the Kenneth and Mary Ruth Stegman Endowed Chair, and Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties.

FSW Thomas Edison campus is located at 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers. For more information, call Cindy Campbell, FSW faculty librarian, at 489-9367 or Rona Axelrod, FSW mathematics professor, at 489-9437.✱

## Strong Debut For Kids' STEM Book

A new STEM book titled *Horoscopes: Reality or Trickery?* by Kimberly Blaker debuted March 21. The 73-page book for kids ages 9 to 13 explores the development and history of astrology and the claims made by astrologers and proponents. The author addresses the arguments both for and against its validity and examines the scientific evidence, or rather, lack thereof, for the validity of horoscopes. Readers also discover the tricks astrologers use to write horoscopes that create the illusion horoscopes are valid forecasts or assessments of personality.

Blaker explains, "*Horoscopes: Reality or Trickery?* is designed to help kids better understand the scientific method and develop critical thinking skills." In the educational book, readers can do seven activities and experiments as they sleuth for the truth about astrology.

Michael Shermer, best-selling author and monthly columnist for *Scientific American*, says, "this delightful book by Kimberly Blaker is the perfect balance of education and entertainment on a particular topic (horoscopes and astrology)... How do we know what is true? Science is the best tool we have, and this wonderful book should be gifted to every parent, teacher

and student."

What makes this book particularly unique is that it provides kids the tools and information needed to decide for themselves whether astrology is real or just a hoax. "My objective is not to tell kids what to think, but rather show them how to think for themselves and come to logical conclusions," Blaker said.

James Alcock, professor of psychology at Glendon College, York University, said: "Pseudoscience often appeals because it is fascinating and exciting, but this book demonstrates that critical thinking about pseudoscience can be just as fascinating and exciting, while having the additional advantage of dealing with what is real."

The book has received additional endorsements by such celebrities as Harriet A. Hall, a retired family physician and Air Force surgeon and columnist (SkepDoc) for *Skeptic* magazine as well as psychologist Susan Blackmore, one of Britain's most renowned skeptics who's done extensive research on paranormal claims.

*Horoscopes: Reality or Trickery?* is available in hardcover (\$19.95), paperback (\$13.95), and ebook (\$9.95) through most online book retailers including Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Green Grove Press as well as many brick-and-mortar booksellers. For more information, visit [www.greengrovepress.com/product/horoscopes-reality-or-trickery-hardcover](http://www.greengrovepress.com/product/horoscopes-reality-or-trickery-hardcover).✱

## Fort Myers High Student To Speak At Ceremony

Dahlia Dry, an 11th grader at Fort Myers High School, has been selected to be a Junior and Senior Outstanding Narratives (JASON Colloquium) speaker during the opening ceremonies of this year's 63rd annual State Science and Engineering Fair (SSEF) of Florida in Lakeland.

Dry was selected through a state-wide nomination process to present a three-minute speech to up to 1,000 attendees of the opening ceremony fair on Tuesday, March 27 at the Youkey Theatre in Lakeland. She will be one of a handful of student competitors honored at the State Science Fair speaking to inspire students to achieve positive academic goals.

Dry is a two-time Best of Fair – Physical Science winner (2018 and 2017 Kiwanis Science Fair) and traveled to the state science fair last year, where she received a Third Place Mathematics & Computational Sciences category award. She also represented the Kiwanis Science Fair as an International Science Fair Finalist in Los Angeles where she attained two awards (4th Place Category and Mu Alpha Theta scholarship.)

Dry started her research project during her sophomore year of high school because she wanted to teach herself how to code using Python



Dahlia Dry photo provided

programming language so that she could analyze local weather data and better predict optimal conditions for sailing – a hobby and passion of hers.

Thirty-one finalists from the Kiwanis Science Fair will be representing Lee and Charlotte counties at the State Science Fair beginning March 27. Dry's speech on March 27 at 7:30 p.m. will be broadcast live on the Thomas A. Edison Regional Science and Inventors Fair Twitter account (@EdisonFairs).✱

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## Music, Moods And Moments



by Kay Casperson

**I**t is always amazing to me how music helps me create the atmosphere that I desire, from moment to moment and day to day. Music has a power that can be utilized to fit

into absolutely everything you do, and it will make all the noise of life go away in just a split second. I play music to get everyone going early in the morning, for motorizing through my workout routine, plowing through the workday, and then for enjoying my preparation of the evening dinner routine.

There is a song or melody for absolutely everything we do that will inspire, motivate and lift our spirits as well as calm, relax and soothe our souls. I am such a huge fan of music that I can still sing almost every lyric of every song that I loved as I grew up. I remember enjoying everything from rock, disco, R&B to Christian, pop, jazz and country. All the various kinds of music have a place, and a time to enjoy and appreciate.

I still listen to large variety of music depending on what I am doing throughout the day, and how I want to set the mood. My family has grown to also love and appreciate the many various kinds of music, and they know which ones to turn on when we are all together, without me even having to ask.

I have a few suggestions for music that just might enhance your day and help you continue to live your most balanced and beautiful life.

Morning – Start your day out fresh with music that motivates and inspires

you. Contemporary Christian, gospel or pop music that has positive messages should keep you in good spirits and will ensure that you begin a new day with a smile, happiness and a great outlook.

Workout – In my opinion, there is nothing better to workout to than a blast from the past, but make sure it has an upbeat tempo to keep you moving fast and forward. I have many fun flashbacks from the '80s so I get a good jolt from that era, but I also love an upbeat tempo, so the teen and dance beats work well too. Of course, if you're winding down or doing yoga, you will need something motivating yet calming at the same time in order to focus on your routine.

Day time – I personally have to focus on so many different tasks at hand throughout the day so I tend to gravitate towards a very subtle tone of music with no lyrics, like spa, tranquility or soundscapes of various kinds. Even soft classical music can keep you focused, but the point is that when only instrumentals play in the background, my mind is clear to think and make major decisions without much conflict on words.

Evening – This is a time that I love to prepare dinner and wrap up my workday so my favorite music to play is a soft jazz that gives a bit of a fun festive feel yet quiet enough for all to enjoy a good conversation over.

Regardless of your age and your love of music, I know for sure that picking the right music for the right time will ensure that your moments and moods are everything you want them to be.

My affirmation for you this week is:

"I will appreciate all that music brings my moods and will make the best choices for the right moments in life."

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## Charity Grants Program Expands, Applicants Sought

**S**WFL Children's Charities, Inc., a local nonprofit dedicated to saving children's lives by supporting organizations committed to pediatric health care services and education, is accepting proposals from additional nonprofit organizations seeking funding. For those interested in becoming a beneficiary of the 2019 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, applications are available at [www.swflwinefest.org/grants-program-for-new-beneficiaries](http://www.swflwinefest.org/grants-program-for-new-beneficiaries).

To be considered, applicants must download, complete and submit an online application by Thursday, April 5.

To qualify for funding, initiatives must strive to improve the health and

well-being of children in Southwest Florida. More specifically, organizations will be assessed on how they seek to improve new or existing programs that meet the grant criteria, through a competitive grant approval process. Grants will be funded by 10 percent of proceeds raised during the 2019 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, and divided among recipients, as approved. Announcements of successful recipients will be made in the fall of 2018, and funds will be presented following the 2019 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest.

"We are very excited to extend our grants program to additional beneficiaries serving the interests of children's health and wellness across Southwest Florida," said Sandy Stilwell-Youngquist, secretary and vice president of grants, SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. "It is integral to the mission of SWFL

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## Assisted Living Nurse Manager Appointed

**C**ypress Cove at HealthPark Florida has appointed healthcare professional Jamie Scherer as assisted living nurse manager for its assisted living community (The Inn) and its assisted living memory care facility (The Cottage).

Scherer comes to the South Fort Myers Life Plan community after serving the past eight years in healthcare management positions. The registered nurse has worked in healthcare for the past 25 years. At Cypress Cove, Scherer is responsible for overseeing the daily hiring, managing, training and development of scheduling for all nursing and care personnel at The Inn and The Cottage.

"Scherer's enthusiasm, skills and desires will ensure the quality care provided to residents of The Inn and The Cottage continues," said Cypress Cove Health Service Director David Gray, "We welcome Jamie's guidance of maintaining the excellent standard of caregiving available at both communities."



Jamie Scherer

photo provided

Prior to joining the Cypress Cove staff, Scherer worked at another Southwest Florida continuing care retirement community.

"I was so impressed the moment I came here. The facilities are so modern and up-to-date," she said. "They are beautiful and provide a family-oriented atmosphere."✱

## Hospital Receives International Award

**C**ape Coral Hospital is the first facility in Southwest Florida to receive prestigious international recognition as a Designated Baby-Friendly birth facility from Baby-Friendly USA. Currently there are 493 active Baby-Friendly hospitals and birth centers in the United States, and more than 20,000 worldwide.

"The obstetrics team at Cape Coral Hospital has worked diligently to meet the challenges of attaining this recognition," said Scott Kashman, Lee Health chief acute care officer. "They have been the first in the state to complete each level, and now achieving the Baby-Friendly Hospital designation, setting an example for other hospitals. This is another example of following the Lee Health vision to be a national leader for the advancement of health and healing."

Baby-Friendly USA, Inc. is the U.S. authority for the implementation of the Baby-Friendly Hospital initiative ("BFHI"), a global program sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). The initiative encourages and recognizes hospitals and birthing centers that offer an optimal level of care for breastfeeding mothers and their babies. Based on the Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding, this prestigious international award recognizes birth facilities that offer breastfeeding mothers the information, confidence and skills needed to successfully initiate and continue breastfeeding their babies.

"We want to support mothers

and encourage them to maximize breastfeeding benefits by continuing for as long as possible. We are proud of the initiative the team has taken to support women in their decision to breastfeed," said Nancy Travis, RN, BSN, MS, nursing director, Women's Care Center at Cape Coral Hospital. The hospital delivers over 1,500 babies a year.

The Baby-Friendly Hospital project uses hospital policy as a strategy to reduce obesity and other chronic diseases by improving optimal infant feeding practices through implementing evidence-based maternity care. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), for women who intend to breastfeed, the hospital experience is critical, and to give infants the best start in achieving a healthy life, including reduced obesity, mothers must be supported immediately after birth to establish breastfeeding.

More mothers in Florida are choosing to breastfeed their newborns but few breastfeed long enough to gain the maximum benefits for both mother and infant. According to the CDC National Immunization Survey, 77 percent of mothers in Florida choose to breastfeed their babies but less than 13 percent continue to breastfeed exclusively to the recommended six months.

Studies published by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) indicate that hospitals practicing evidence-based maternity care, as outlined by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Ten Steps have more patients breastfeeding in the hospital with longer durations outside of the hospital.

The designation is maintained by continuing to practice the Ten Steps as demonstrated by quality processes, and successful completion of an onsite survey.✱



## Planned Giving Symposium Set For June 7

The Planned Giving Council (PGC) of Lee County will present the 2018 Planned Giving Symposium at Florida Southwestern State College on Thursday, June 7 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The keynote speaker is dynamic international speaker and author Terry Axelrod, founder and CEO of Benevon, – Creating Sustainable Funding for Nonprofits.

Axelrod will provide a day's immersion into what it takes to build a sustainable individual giving program. She will share her time-tested, often counterintuitive learnings that have helped more than 5,000 nonprofit teams raise more than \$1 billion collectively in unrestricted funding, capital and endowment. Attendees will learn what it takes to build a culture of engagement.

"The donors are truly out there—wanting to contribute," said Axelrod. "It's up to the organizations to connect them powerfully to their work and nurture that connection over time."

"Nonprofits want to know how to create lifelong donors. Terry Axelrod will explain how any nonprofit, regardless of size or mission can develop real relationships with individuals who are passionate about their program; and build a strong major gifts program," said Dotty St. Amand, president of The Planned Giving Council of Lee County. "This is an excellent opportunity for non-profit professionals, financial and legal professionals that work in philanthropy, board members, volunteers and community leaders to have an engaging day of education and networking."

For more than 40 years, Axelrod has worked in the non-profit field, including founding three nonprofit organizations in affordable housing. She realized early in her career that the only path to sustainable funding was to systematically connect donors to the mission of the organization, then involve and cultivate them until they were clearly ready to give – in short, to



**Terry Axelrod**

photo provided

treat donors the way you would treat a close friend or family member, someone with whom you planned to have a lifelong relationship.

Axelrod created the Benevon Model in 1996 after serving as development consultant to a private inner city school from 1992 to 1995. There she designed and implemented the fundraising and marketing programs that yielded \$7.2 million in two and a half years as well as national recognition of the program including a cover story in *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*.

Author of eight books and several DVDs, she is a sought-after speaker, both nationally and internationally. Her passion and commitment to the possibility of sustainable funding for all nonprofits drive the mission of Benevon and each of its programs.

Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Early bird registration is \$50 until May 17. After May 17, registration is \$60. Registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. To register, visit [www.plannedgivinglee.org](http://www.plannedgivinglee.org).✱

## Mental Health Expert Headlines Luncheon

Award-winning mental health expert Dr. Radu V. Saveanu of the University of Miami will discuss the latest advances in mental health treatment at a special luncheon presented by SalusCare at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre on Monday, May 14 at 11:30 a.m. Registration begins at 11 a.m. The seminar entitled Shattering the Stigma is presented in honor of Mental Health Month.

Dr. Saveanu and his colleagues assisted a local family as they struggled to find the correct mental health diagnosis for their young adult son. Through videos and honest first-hand accounts, Dr. Saveanu and this family will share the journey that ultimately led to a diagnosis of bipolar disorder.

"We are very fortunate to have Dr. Saveanu join us for our second annual Shattering the Stigma luncheon event. He is internationally recognized for his work in mental health, and his presentation will be honest and insightful with an aim to humanize and eliminate stigma," said SalusCare President and CEO Stacey Cook-Hawk.

Dr. Saveanu is currently a professor and vice chairman for education in the University of Miami's department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences. He has special expertise in psychotherapy



**Dr Radu Saveanu**

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and conducts clinical research in the treatment of mood and anxiety disorders. He received his medical degree from Tufts University Medical School. Prior to joining the University of Miami, he was chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at The Ohio State University.

Tickets are \$45 with lunch and \$60 with continuing education units for mental health professionals. Purchase tickets at [www.shatteringthestigma.org](http://www.shatteringthestigma.org).

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre is located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, contact Todd Cordisco at 791-1575.✱

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## Grants Program

Children's Charities, Inc. to enhance the lives of the young people within our community. By expanding the network of organizations we fund, we are extending the amount of support we can offer to the community, as well as solidifying our commitment to do all we can to help improve the health, well-being and vitality of our children."

To learn more about the SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. grants program, determine whether an organization meets funding criteria, and for funding application details, visit

[www.swflwinefest.org](http://www.swflwinefest.org).

SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. recently hosted its 2018 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest on March 2-3, raising \$2.9 million in total to support pediatric health care and education. All proceeds of the auction will support Golisano Children's Hospital, Florida Gulf Coast University and Florida SouthWestern State College. Additionally, 10 percent of auction proceeds will benefit PACE Center for Girls of Lee County, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, SalusCare, Inc. and The Heights Foundation.

For more information, visit [www.swflwinefest.org](http://www.swflwinefest.org).✱

## Help Break our **RECORD** for the Partners Human Pink Ribbon



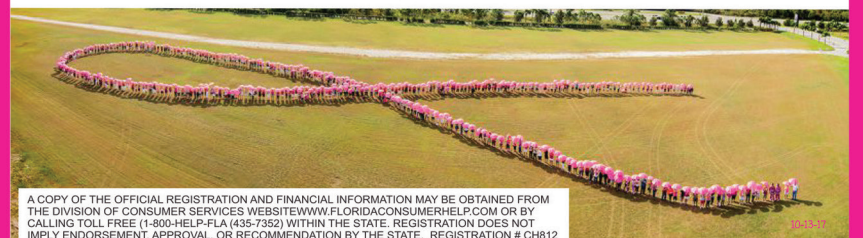
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- 9-10 VIP breakfast by Naples Flatbread & Wine Bar
- 10:45 Group Photograph
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- Flashy Car Club
- UaStar Photo Booth

**RAIN OR SHINE**

Participants will be forming the human ribbon holding uniform pink umbrellas. Each \$20 donation will receive one umbrella, yours to keep. Registration is \$10 if you bring your umbrella from last year's event. For more information, visit [www.pfbcc.org](http://www.pfbcc.org) or call 239-454-8583.



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dearRPharmacist

# Don't Ignore Bloating, May Be Ovarian Cancer



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**D**ear Readers: Cancer, named by Hippocrates as “karkinos,” actually refers to a giant red crab in Greek mythology. Eating crab legs (something I haven’t done in years) will never be the

same now that you know this useless fact but anyway... cancer means that there is uncontrolled cell growth in a tissue, and it’s termed “proliferation.”

Cancer strikes fear into the heart of millions of people each year. Once diagnosed, people are often motivated to alter the number of chemicals in their life, change their diet and lifestyle and sometimes end toxic relationships.

Hindsight 20/20 occurs, like with my dear brother Danny, who had chronic low back pain and dismissed it. Sadly, it was one of several plaguing symptoms that was connected to colon cancer and he realized this after his diagnosis. “My brother was a secret,” and he really was. If you’d like to read more about us, our relationship and his ultimate passing go to my website and search that phrase. Momentarily, I am going to tell you about a common symptom that you might have which could be tied to ovarian cancer.

No one is immune from hearing the word if they live long enough, especially in a day and age where environmental and food pollutants abound. And then there’s cosmetic ingredients as well, such as talc. There was a woman who passed away from ovarian cancer in 2015, and her family was awarded \$72 million dollars as a result of this talcum powder lawsuit.

New clinical trials and scientific articles have been popping up over the past year about medications and their benefit to ovarian cancer. For example, the medication class of statins (used for cholesterol management) have been investigated for their chemoprotective role, which is good. And recently, a study cleared metformin concluding that it does not raise risk for ovarian cancer, which is also good.

Here’s more interesting news. You might be able to detect it sooner if you don’t ignore this common symptom. Bloating. The bloating is not the typical kind of bloating that you might get now and then with your menstrual cycle, or after eating beans. The type of bloating is chronic. Additionally, other signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer include pelvic pain, frequent urination, quick satiety, feeling queasy and chronic fatigue.

There are six natural remedies that I’d like to share with you today. I will list them all here for you, so you can research on your own. If by chance, you want me to elaborate on the benefits of all of these, please sign up for my free newsletter at [www.suzycohen.com](http://www.suzycohen.com), and I’ll email you a longer version of this article that contains that information. In no particular order, here are the six holistic options to consider for healthy reproductive structure and function:

1. Medicinal mushrooms
2. Chia and Flax seeds
3. Turmeric
4. Resveratrol
5. Green Tea Extract
6. Iodine

If you’re struggling with ovarian problems, do personal research because new compelling treatments, natural remedies and anti-cancer therapies are constantly being evaluated and released. There is always hope.

*This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit [www.SuzyCohen.com](http://www.SuzyCohen.com).✧*

There are several ways that Florida residents and visitors can help bats: Preserve natural roost sites, including trees with cavities and peeling bark. Dead fronds left on palms can also provide roosting spots for bats.

Put up a bat house.

Report unusual bat behavior to: [www.myfwc.com/batmortality](http://www.myfwc.com/batmortality).

Bats can carry rabies. Although infected bats may not become aggressive, like any other wild animal, they can bite to defend themselves if handled. Don’t touch or go near any wild animal, especially one that’s not acting normally. For more information about rabies, visit the Florida Department of Health website at [www.floridahealth.gov](http://www.floridahealth.gov).

FWC staff are working to learn more and share information about Florida’s bats. For more information on Florida’s bats, visit [www.myfwc.com/bat](http://www.myfwc.com/bat). If you need assistance, contact your closest FWC Regional Office to speak with a regional wildlife assistance biologist for more information.✧

Doctor and Dietician

# Exercise And Brain Function



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

**W**e already know that exercise is great for our bodies, but scientific evidence continues to confirm that exercise also strengthens the brain. Moderate exercise nourishes the brain, improves our ability to learn, boosts mental performance, remodels the brain and helps prevent the brain from aging.

Scientists used to think the adult brain structure was fixed, and no new cells could be made or the brain altered in any way after adolescence. However, physical activity boosts blood flow all through the body, including the brain, which increases the ability of brain cells to connect with each other. Increased connectivity can occur by simply walking. More vigorous exercise, such as running, leads to faster reaction times and improved learning. Physical

activity has been linked to a lower risk of the development of cognitive decline, because it is, in essence, a fertilizer for the brain, nourishing it and improving attention, memory and information processing.

A March 2018 article from Mayo Clinic Proceedings, researched all PubMed literature from 2017 regarding exercise and Parkinson’s disease, as well as exercise and cognition. The literature showed a direct benefit of exercise on the brain. Dementia is the most feared aspect of Parkinson’s, but adults who engage in exercise during midlife, are able to significantly reduce the risks of dementia and cognitive impairment later in life.

Exercise reshapes the brain. When we don’t use our muscles, they atrophy. The brain is no different. Boost the health of brain cells, stimulate the growth of new blood vessels in the brain and encourage new neuronal connections through exercise.

Start your day with exercise. Exercising in the morning prepares you for the day by enhancing brain activity, improving information retention and fine-tuning your ability to react to the situations and stressors that come your way.

*This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Caring Medical Regenerative Medicine Clinics has two locations: one in Oak Park, Illinois, and one in Fort Myers. It was established in 1991 by Ross Hauser, MD, and Marion Hauser, MS, RD. They can be reached at [info@caringmedical.com](mailto:info@caringmedical.com).✧*

# Chronic Pain Workshops

**W**ould you like to learn how to better manage chronic pain conditions such as arthritis, fibromyalgia, back pain and headaches?

Lee Health is offering a free six-week workshop, entitled Chronic Pain Self-Management – a research-based program developed by Stanford University. Sessions will be held at Shell Point Retirement Community on Thursdays beginning April 5 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. as well as at Grand Villa of Fort Myers on Tuesdays beginning April 10 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. .

Information presented in the

workshop can help you become empowered to improve your quality of life by learning how to more easily manage your medications, understanding the benefits of exercise, managing symptoms of stress, pain and fatigue as well as making smarter decisions related to healthy eating. Participants will also receive a copy of the book *Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Pain*.

Shell Point Retirement Community is located at 15000 Shell Point Boulevard in Fort Myers. Grand Villa of Fort Myers is located at 1499 South Brandywine Circle in Fort Myers.

Seating is limited and registration is required. Call 343-9264 for more information.✧

# Understanding Dementia

**S**idney & Berne Davis Art Center will host an informative community event called Understanding Dementia on Wednesday, April 11 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Presented by Robin Baum, the Alzheimer’s Association and Seniors Blue Book, the free event is open to the public. Proceeds and donations from the event are to benefit the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer’s Resource Center.

Catherine Cruikshank, Ph, director of education at the Alzheimer’s Center and Angel Duncan, MALMFT, director

of Neuropsychiatric Research Center of Southwest Florida, will be two key note speakers. They will explain the disease process, recent updates on research and development, and answer questions from the audience.

There will also be vendor sales, giveaways and goodies. Vendors include LuLaRoe, Pampered Chef, Rodan & Fields Skincare, Gifts that Care, Innovative Caregiving Solutions and Fantastic Sams. Sponsors include Brookdale Senior Living, Arden Courts, Winkler Court, Harbor Chase, and Cypress Point Assisted Living and Memory Care.

Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in Fort Myers. To RSVP, call 850-4099.✧

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# Bat Season

the maternity season.

Exclusion guidelines on how to remove bats from buildings can be found at [www.myfwc.com/bats](http://www.myfwc.com/bats). Materials and methods to exclude bats can affect the success of that process. For more information on how to conduct a bat exclusion, watch the YouTube video: How to Get Bats Out of a Building. Further details on how to conduct a legal bat exclusion can be found at Bat Conservation International.

Bats are beneficial to people and are an important part of the ecosystem. The state’s native bats help keep insect populations under control, with the average bat eating hundreds of insects a night. In addition to the benefit of keeping mosquitoes and other insects at bay for residents appreciating the outdoors, the value of insect suppression by bats to U.S. agriculture has been estimated to be in the billions of dollars.



# PETS OF THE WEEK

## Lee County Domestic Animal Services

### Penny And Scooter

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.

Hello, my name is Penny. I am a 1-year-old female hound mix who has a curious nature and loves to run around and play. If you have an active lifestyle, I will fit into it perfectly. I am currently starting my obedience training with our volunteers, and my new family can continue my classes at ABC 4 K9 at 18481 North Tamiami Trail in North Fort Myers.

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

Hi, I'm Scooter. I am a 4-year-old male pit bull who is your typical 'big lug' kind of guy. I



Penny ID# A728683

photos provided

like to think I am a lap dog and will definitely try to get all four paws completely in your lap at one time. I like to go for walks and play with tennis balls in the yard. I would be great for a family with older kids.

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](http://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.✱



Scooter ID# A620828

## Haven on Earth Animal League

### Blueberry And Taters

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.



Blueberry

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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 [haveneearthanimalleague@yahoo.com](mailto:haveneearthanimalleague@yahoo.com).✱



Taters

## PAWS Of Sanibel

### Figero

This is Figero. He's 22 years old and has been missing from his home on Seagrape Lane on the east end of Sanibel since about 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 18. He's a male, beautiful orange tabby.

If you live in that area, be on the lookout for him and call Pam at PAWS at 472-4823 if you see him. If possible, take him into your garage or a small room where he will be safe. Thanks so much.✱



Figero

photo provided



Emergency	911
Lee County Sheriff's Office	477-1200
Florida Marine Patrol	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
Poison Control	1-800-282-3171
HealthPark Medical Center	1-800-936-5321
Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce	332-3624
Foundation for Quality Childcare	425-2685
Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce	454-7500
Fort Myers Beach Library	463-9691
Lakes Regional Library	533-4000
Lee County Chamber of Commerce	931-0931
Post Office	1-800-275-8777
Visitor & Convention Bureau	338-3500

<b>ARTS</b>	
Alliance for the Arts	939-2787
Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall	481-4849
BIG ARTS	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	278-4422
Cultural Park Theatre	772-5862
Edison Festival of Light	334-2999
Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade	332-4488
Florida West Arts	948-4427
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers	288-2535
Gulf Coast Symphony	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater	472-6862
SW Florida Symphony	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy	936-3239
Young Artists Awards	574-9321

<b>CLUBS &amp; ORGANIZATIONS</b>	
American Legion Post #38	239-332-1853
Angel Flight	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center	731-3535
American Business Women Association	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL	339-8046
Audubon Society	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR	482-1366
Caloosahatchee Folk Society	321-4620
Cape Coral Barbershop Chorus	1-855-425-3631
Cape Coral Stamp Club	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists	415-2484
Embroiderers Guild of America - Sea Grape Chapter	239-267-1990
FM UDC Chapter 2614 - United Daughters of the Confederacy	728-3743
Friendship Force Of SW FL	561-9164
Garden Club of Cape Coral	239-257-2654
Horticulture and Tea Society	472-8334
Horticultural Society	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation	939-7278
NARFE(National Active & Retired Federal Employees	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL	667-1354
Sons of Confederate Veterans	332-2408
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association	561-2118
Kiwanis Fort Myers Beach	765-4254 or 454-8090
Kiwanis Fort Myers Edison	694-1056
Kiwanis Fort Myers South	691-1405
Gateway to the Islands	218-5768
Iona-McGregor	482-0869
Lions Club Fort Myers Beach	463-9738
Lions Club Fort Myers High Noon	466-4228
Lions Club Estero/South Fort Myers	898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County	768-0417
Organ Transplant Recipients of SW Florida	247-3073
POLO Club of Lee County	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society	472-6940
United Way of Lee County	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour)	211 or 433-3900

<b>AREA ATTRACTIONS</b>	
Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum	395-2233
Burrough's Home	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates	334-7419
Fort Myers Skate Park	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site	239-992-0311
Langford Kingston Home	239-334-2550
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center	765-8101
Skatium	321-7510
Southwest Florida Historical Society	939-4044
Southwest Florida Museum of History	321-7430
True Tours	945-0405

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# PUZZLES

**Answers on page 37**

# Super Crossword

## DRESSING ROOM DELAY

## ACROSS

1 Bible book between Zephaniah and Zechariah  
7 Largest New Deal agcy.  
10 "The Wizard —"  
14 In the slightest  
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20 Vacillating response  
22 Olive-green bird  
23 Start of a riddle  
26 iPod model  
27 Musician Brian  
28 From Jan. 1 until today  
29 Disagreeing (with)  
30 Tomorrow, to José  
33 Essen article  
35 Santa — winds  
36 Riddle, part 2  
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46 Classical music record label  
47 Coup d'—  
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89 Pewter metal  
90 Reformer  
Sinclair  
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    Woman" gp.  
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115 Actress  
    Rowlands  
119 Riddle's  
    answer  
125 Lopez of pop  
    music  
126 More smart  
127 Straight, as  
    an arm or leg  
128 Praise  
129 Trig  
    calculation  
130 Gridiron pts.  
131 When wages  
    are given

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    "Foul Play"  
2 Turkish chief  
3 Campbell of  
    country  
4 Full  
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    set  
5 Car-towing  
    org.  
6 Gigantic  
7 One of the  
    Judds  
8 Shar- —  
    (dog breed)  
9 "With God —  
    witness"

10 Phrase on a thin coin  
11 New Deal prez  
12 Add- — (extras)  
13 Wildlife park  
14 Incarnations of deities  
15 Jazz great Puente  
16 Very dry  
17 Advance, as money  
18 Captains' journals  
21 More fitting  
24 "For want of —, the shoe was lost"  
25 Half of Mork's sign-off  
31 Poker stakes  
32 Feel likewise  
33 Insect snare  
35 Be part of, as a film  
36 Montreal's province  
37 Elevated region  
38 Puts into law  
39 Tobaccolless smoke  
40 Sitarist Shankar  
41 Like a child  
42 Toad feature  
43 Jason's ship  
44 Reverse of NNW

50 Boxing ref's ruling  
52 Be sure the job is done  
54 Docket  
57 Spoils  
58 "— longa, vita brevis"  
59 Big maker of SUVs  
60 Mr. Capote, to pals  
61 Tartan cap  
62 Neither Rep. nor Dem.  
68 "I'm talkin' to you!"  
69 Munic. law  
70 "Quiet down!"  
71 Little newt  
72 "So adorable!"  
73 Ear malady  
74 Kid-lit "pest"  
75 Part of NSA  
76 With 109-Down, one of five famed comedic brothers  
79 Big name in fuel additives  
80 For takeout  
81 Red Scare gp.  
82 "Hot dog!"  
83 Oahu feast  
84 Sorvino of Hollywood

85 Monogram, e.g.: Abbr.  
86 Japanese fish dish  
87 Used a bench  
92 Involve in conflict  
94 Pig's place  
95 Honey  
97 Loving ones  
98 Drowsy  
99 Made sense  
102 Part of 44-Down  
103 Trojan beauty  
104 Move past carefully  
108 Place  
109 See 76-Down  
110 Send forth  
111 Latin "year"  
113 "Think nothing —"  
116 One- — jack  
117 "99 Luftballons" group  
118 J.D. holder  
120 NFL players who pass  
121 Mentalist Geller  
122 Swimming star Thorpe  
123 Blushing hue  
124 — big way

## ACROSS

- 1 Whatever's left
- 5 Fix a skirt
- 8 Ollie's pal
- 12 Sore
- 13 "All the Things You —"
- 14 Stylish
- 15 Item on stage
- 16 Moving vehicle
- 17 Shakespeare villain
- 18 Elvis' Mississippi birthplace
- 20 Feathery cluster
- 22 Gave up
- 26 Censor's sound
- 29 Tic-tac-toe win
- 30 Scoffer's laugh
- 31 Libretto
- 32 Play on words
- 33 Mexican money
- 34 French article
- 35 Moonshine container
- 36 Petruchio's Kate, e.g.
- 37 Western capital
- 40 Freeway access
- 41 Attractive person

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45	"Zounds!"	5	Devastation	Horne
47	Mauna —	6	Historic	28 Denounce
49	Church sec-		period	32 Jack-o'-
		7	Bring up	lantern
50	VHS alterna-	8	Bradbury	33 Southwestern
	tive		genre	city
51	Mischievous	9	Margaret —	35 Bread spread
	tyke	10	Bailout recip-	36 Phippen
52	Enrages		ient in 2009	38 "M*A*S*H"
53	Keg contents		news	role
54	Greek conson-	11	Sgt., e.g.	39 Types of tides
	nants	19	Track circuit	42 MacDonald's
55	Opening day?	21	Venusian	place
			vessel?	43 Eye layer
<b>DOWN</b>		23	Cheek	44 Not as much
1	Engrossed		enhancer	45 "Chicago"
2	Beige	24	Facility	lyricist Fred
3	Buy stuff	25	Arab boat	46 "Golly!"
4	Prepare for	26	A/C measures	48 Ostrich's
	printing	27	Musical	cousin

# King Crossword

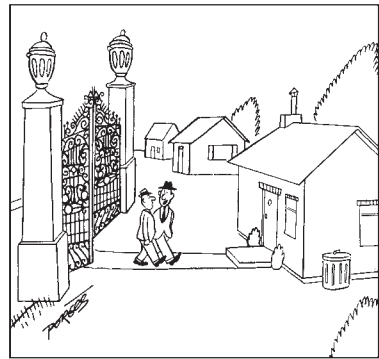
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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Chimney	Fingernails	Pastry	Teeth
Dishes	Floors	Shoes	





"... And then we ran out of \_\_\_\_\_"

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!

Simple  
VEAIN

Scout  
PORTAL

Blur  
MARES

Teamwork  
GYRNSEY

TODAY'S WORD

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## SUDOKU

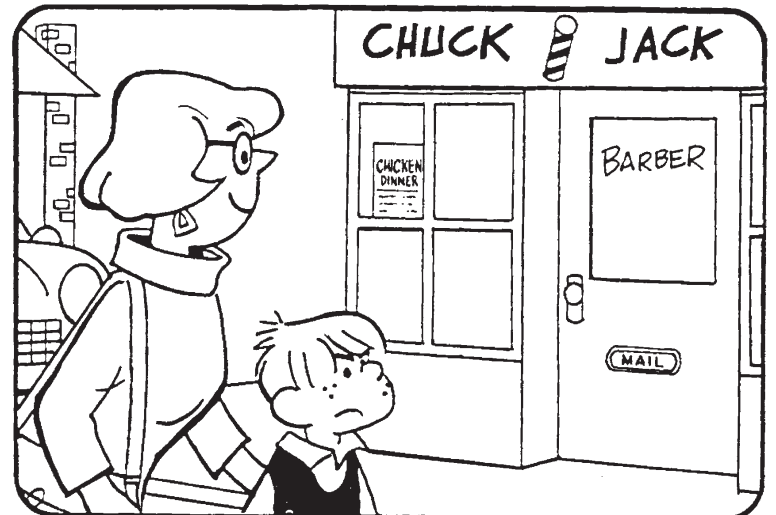
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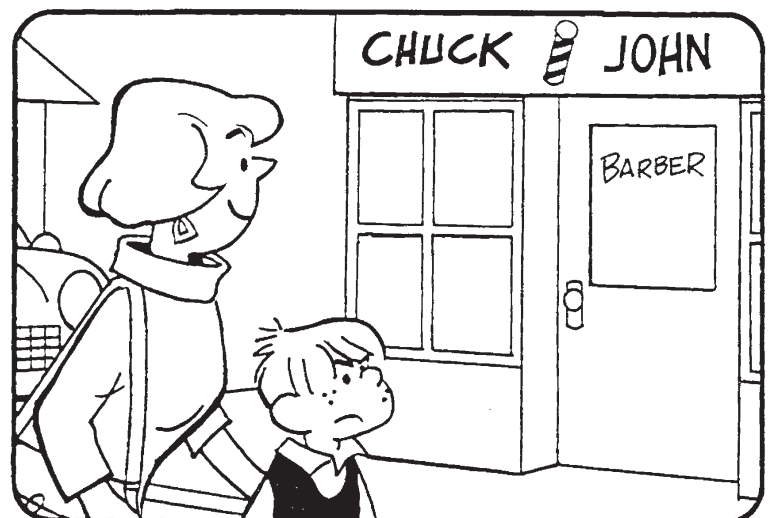
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Chimney is missing. 2. Glasses are missing. 3. Sleeve is shorter. 4. Poster is missing. 5. Name is different. 6. Mail slot is missing.



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1 tablespoon olive oil

Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste

Add all ingredients, except the salt and pepper, to a medium-sized mixing bowl. Lightly toss all ingredients to coat. Taste salad and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper. Keep refrigerated and serve cold.✱



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Sat	6:24 pm	1:34 am	None	None	Sat	5:29 pm	1:36 am	None	None	Sat	8:18 am	1:40 am	5:52 pm	11:08 am	Sat	8:34 pm	4:50 am	None	None
Sun	7:51 pm	3:01 am	None	None	Sun	6:56 pm	3:03 am	None	None	Sun	9:38 am	3:00 am	8:21 pm	2:31 pm	Sun	10:01 pm	6:17 am	None	None
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Thu	12:03 am	6:40 am	1:29 pm	6:32 pm	Thu	12:34 pm	6:42 am	None	6:34 pm	Thu	12:07 am	6:38 am	12:51 pm	6:45 pm	Thu	2:13 am	9:56 am	3:39 pm	9:48 pm

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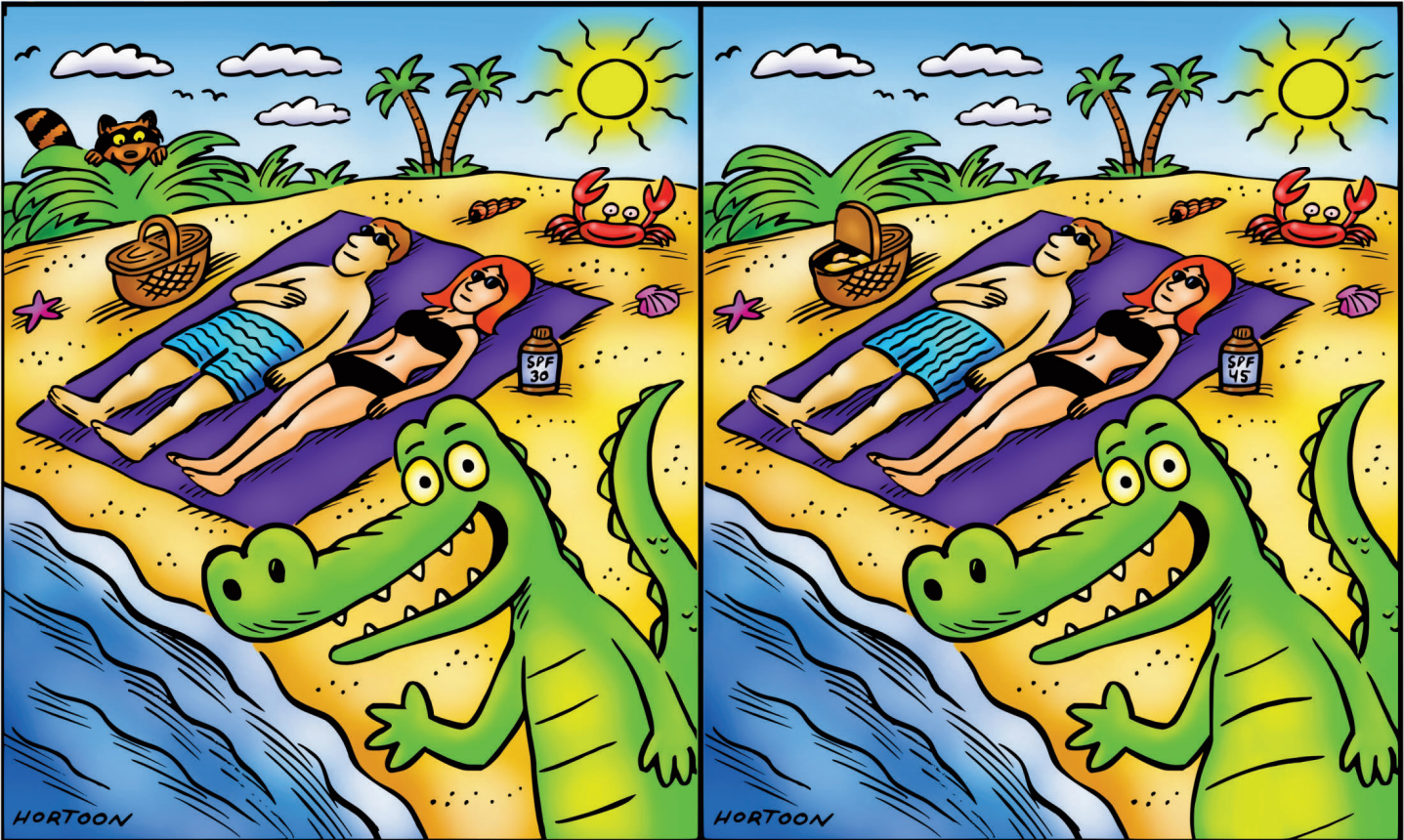


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## HORTOONS

Find at least six differences in details between panels (Answers below)




Differences: 1. Tooth on alligator is missing. 2. Number has changed on sunscreen bottle. 3. Swimsuit lines changed direction. 4. Picnic basket is open. 5. Raccoon is missing. 6. Alligator is fatter from eating raccoon.

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Verona Lago	Miromar Lakes	2004	3,305	\$1,999,000	\$1,884,000	189
Seagrape	Sanibel	1971	3,011	\$1,379,000	\$1,235,000	148
Pine Island Shores Unit 4	St. James City	1982	2,466	\$1,200,000	\$1,065,000	15
Cape Royal	Cape Coral	2015	4,021	\$1,095,000	\$1,045,000	37
Shenandoah	Fort Myers	2005	3,527	\$982,000	\$965,000	4
Hidden Harbor	Fort Myers	2016	2,585	\$939,990	\$895,000	364
Cedar Glen	Estero	2000	3,023	\$914,900	\$892,500	91



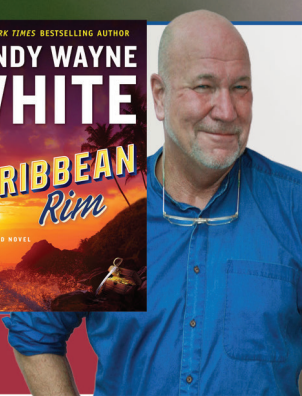


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