



Differing Views Of American Dream At Theater Conspiracy



The entire cast of *A Raisin in the Sun*

by Di Saggau

A *Raisin in the Sun* premiered on Broadway in 1959 and has remained essential theater. It is the first play written by an African-American

to be produced on Broadway, and it's playing through May 13 at Theatre Conspiracy. I highly recommend you see it. Written by Lorraine Hansberry, *A Raisin in the Sun* is about dreams as the

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Beautiful and unusual flowers are blooming at the estates

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Moms Admitted Free To Estates On Mother's Day

To celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13, moms are invited to visit Edison & Ford Winter Estates for free from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This is a great way for families to enjoy

the day with their mothers.

There are flowers blooming all around the site – some giving off a delightful scent. The rose allamanda, angel's trumpet, plumeria and gardenia – just to name a few – are bursting with colorful blooms. Visitors can walk through the award-winning Moonlight Garden with flowers of white and blue, then under the pergola between Thomas

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Travel Rally Honors Tourism Industry



Competitors taking part in the Make The Bed Race during Lee County VCB's Travel Rally, held last Tuesday at Lakes Regional Park in South Fort Myers

photos by Jeff Lysiak

The Lee County Travel Rally, a project of the Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau (VCB), celebrated tourism employees and local residents with nearly 100 exhibitors, tourism races, drawings for prize give-aways, a Kidz Kraziness Korner and other free activities at Lakes Regional Park on May 1. Some

participants wore superhero outfits.

The local Tourism Appreciation Day supported National Travel and Tourism Week, the U.S. Travel Association, and the importance of travel and tourism at the state, national and international levels. The annual event is a part of Lee VCB's Team Tourism, a year-round



Leah and Noah Cuomo of Cape Coral meeting Captain America and Wonder Woman

informational program consisting of workshops and networking opportunities for industry partners, community leaders and the Lee VCB team in order

to strengthen teamwork throughout the destination, and empower travel industry leaders to maximize marketing opportunities available to them.✧

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Oakhurst Apartments



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

The Oakhurst Apartments, pictured in 1939 below, was but one example from the 1920s boom in apartment building.

Until then, even the modern word “apartments” wasn’t in wide use. Residents who rented only part, rather than an entire structure were usually known as boarders and the places they called home known as boarding houses, boarding hotels, or home hotels.

But during the 1920s, modern all-inclusive – more urban-style – accommodations were in demand by both seasonal and permanent residents. Thus, there was a surge in the building

of apartments that offered amenities such as Murphy beds, kitchenettes, private baths and sun porches.

Fort Myers rental agencies often listed selling points such as a location close to downtown, as well as screen-in porches.

The Oakhurst, Poinciana, Seville, Miles, Rountree and Rayhill were just a few that sprang up. Of those listed, only the Seville, Miles and Rountree are still standing.

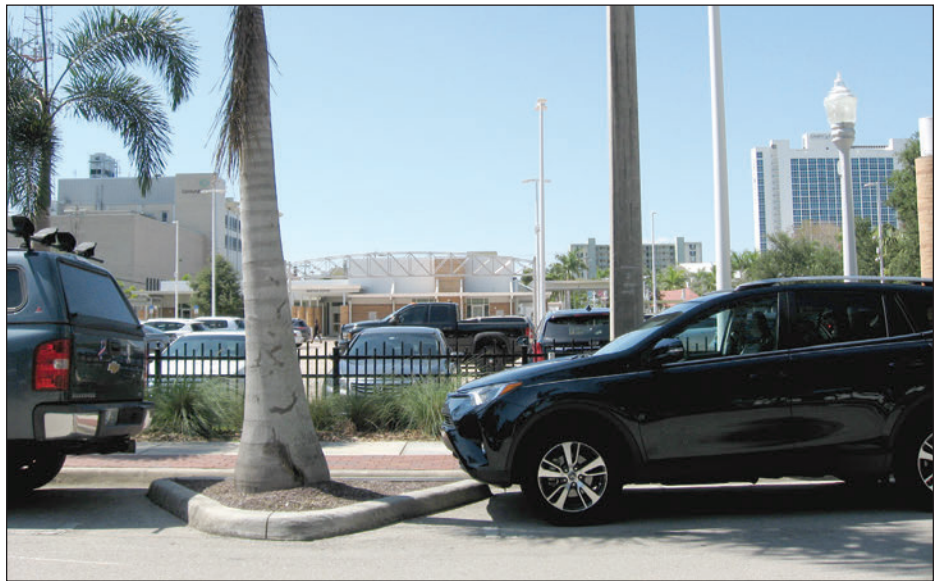
The heart-pine, three-story Oakhurst was completed by mid-decade on Second Street just east of the northeast corner at Lee. Notice the large screened porches for the six units, the pleasing architectural symmetry and the welcoming Adirondack chairs by the front entrance.

The Oakhurst was the “twin” to the Poinciana Apartments just around the corner on Lee. Both were built by a local physician, Dr. MF Johnson, who in addition



The Oakhurst Apartments, pictured in 1939, were built in the mid-1920s on the north side of Second Street. The building was demolished in 1963 to create a parking lot.

photo courtesy SWFL Historical Society, Stanley Ink Collection



The Oakhurst’s former site is now part of the Fort Myers Regional Library parking lot. In the near distance are the library meeting rooms (center). The white tower on the right is Campo Felice.

photo by Gerri Reaves

to his medical practice, dabbled heavily in real estate and rental apartments.

Johnson was unconventional for a physician in others ways, too. For example, he was convicted – and then pardoned by the state - for gambling. In the financial crash following the boom, the two apartment buildings would be among his losses.

One of the apartment building’s most exciting moments in history must have been in 1951, when a plumber discovered \$24,500 hidden behind a sink. It was soon established that it belonged to the unit resident, who had put it in a safe place until he needed to purchase a shrimp boat. All ended well.

The Oakhurst continued rentals until 1962, when it was sold and doomed to a common fate. It was demolished in 1963, and the valuable heart pine salvaged.

Then the land became a parking lot for the new First National Bank that had opened circa-1960 on the southeast corner of First and Lee (a few years ago it was the Bank of America building.)

The First National’s large facility included five drive-in tellers, two walk-up tellers and, eventually, another building, so it needed plenty of room.

Today the former Oakhurst site is still a parking lot, but now the Fort Myers Regional Library’s. And, as parking lot aesthetics go, it’s not bad.

Walk down Second Street and imagine calling the Oakhurst Apartments home.

Then visit the following two research centers to learn more about downtown’s many boom-time apartment buildings.

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

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

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

Hours for the all-volunteer, non-profit organization are Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday by appointment only.

For information, call 332-8778 or visit www.leecountyblackhistorysociety.org.

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From left, Jessica Reed, Hannah Manibo, Linda Yorde, Nancy Petralia, Helena Nesbit, Ellen Ballard, Steve Wassman and Greg Blurton. photo provided

Donation Benefits Library Summer Reading Program

Many children lose reading skills when they're away from school over the summer. That's why the Rotary Club of Fort Myers South has teamed with the Friends of Lee County Libraries to give to the Lee County Library System's Summer Reading Program. Representatives from Rotary and the Friends presented a \$5,145.30 check to the library system during a luncheon on Monday, April 30.

"Promoting youth literacy is at the core of our Rotary Club mission," said Steve Wassman, in charge of organizing the donation for the Rotary Club of Fort Myers South. "Our goal is to get books into the hands of any person age 2 to 18 in Lee County who wants one."

The library system gives out a free book

to every child who expresses interest in the program, while supplies last. In 2017, 10,000 children took part in the program, but the library only had 8,500 books to give. Rotary and the Friends are committed to making sure that shortfall doesn't happen again.

Rotary collected money for the program from fundraising events throughout the year, including the Law and Order Ball and the club's annual All-Star Classic football game. The Friends put together a book fair at Barnes & Noble and applied for a grant to help fund their contribution.

The library's program, which runs May 29 through Aug. 11, is designed to foster literacy skills and develop a love of reading. A series of interactive, kid-focused events are planned, like reptile shows, science demonstrations and cooking classes. All are geared toward sparking creativity and an interest in reading to learn more.

For more information about how you can help improve childhood literacy in Southwest Florida and other Rotary Club projects, visit www.rotarysouth.org.

Mound House Weekly Events

Mound House and Newton Beach Park are offering weekly events. They include Beach Walk, a free exploration of the shoreline with a Mound House naturalist at Newton Beach Park on Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

On Saturday, May 12, Biologist Dexter Norris, the environmental educator at the

Mound House, is offering Conservation Café, a fun lecture about the ecology of Fort Myers Beach at 9 a.m. Breakfast is provided. Cost is \$15. Reservations required. Call 765-0865 and visit www.moundhouse.org.

Newton Beach Park is located at 4650 Estero Boulevard on Fort Myers Beach. Mound House is located at 451 Connecticut Street on Fort Myers Beach. Visit www.moundhouse.org or call 765-0865 for more information.

Marine Science Center Offers Kids Summer Camp



Ostego Bay Marine Science Center summer campers photo provided

There are still openings for the Kids Summer Camp at Ostego Bay Marine Science Center. Held every year in June and July at the marine science center for children ages 6 through 15, the camps are taught by state certified teachers who lead the campers on boat and beach excursions, teach about sea grass communities, plankton populations, mangrove tangles and bird nesting areas.

"We're finding the parents that participated as children in our summer

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

Ostego Bay Marine Science Center is located at 718 Fishermans Wharf on San Carlos Island. Learn more or pick up a registration form at www.ostegobay.org/marine-science-summer-camp or call the center at 765-8101.

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Valerie's House officials received a \$10,000 check from Wildcat Run Golf & Country Club Foundation photos provided

Charities Receive \$125,200 From Golf Proceeds

Wildcat Run Golf & Country Club Charitable Foundation raised \$125,200 this season for local children's charities, with proceeds from its annual Wildcat Cares 4 Kids golf and dinner event and additional fundraising. This brings the total raised to more than \$750,000 over the past eight years. The foundation presented awards

to several local nonprofits, including \$40,000 to Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships Artreach Program; \$40,000 to Wings of Shelter; and \$10,000 to Valerie's House. "I am so proud of our community and our local businesses for eight years of support and generosity, and I look forward to continuing our mission to improve the lives of Southwest Florida's children," said Foundation President Judy Mittino. Members of the Wildcat Run Charitable Foundation Board of Directors include Mittino; Pamela Bishop, vice president; JoAnne Vicidomini, secretary;



Wings of Shelter officials received a \$40,000 check from Wildcat Run Golf & Country Club Foundation

Linda Scalley, treasurer; Peggy Dodge; Judy Gietzen; Mary Joyce; Mary Karas; and Chris Wheeler. Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships' mission is to prevent human trafficking through education and collaborative action in Southwest Florida. For more information, visit www.humantraffickingawareness.org Wings of Shelter Int'l, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) faith-based organization dedicated to the intervention and prevention of child sex trafficking. The organization offers restoration, rehabilitation and safe housing to minor female survivors of sex trafficking while fighting against

the factors that encourage trafficking to thrive. To learn more, visit www.wingsofshelter.com or call 340-2980. Valerie's House, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization devoted to providing children and their families, who have experienced the death of a loved one, a safe place to share and experience support with others who are also grieving, while moving through the healing process. Visit www.valereshouseswfl.org or call 478-6734. Wildcat Run Golf & Country Club is a private, member-owned country club. For more information, visit www.WildcatRunCC.com or call 947-6066.

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Fort Myers Art:

Reflecting On The Artistic Legacy Of A Sanibel Icon



by Tom Hall

Southwest Florida art lovers are mourning the passing of another Sanibel-Captiva icon. Artist Hollis Jeffcoat died on April 28.

Jeffcoat was a highly

accomplished, well-regarded and critically acclaimed abstractionist. She lived, worked and taught in France, Canada, New York City and Southwest Florida. Over the course of her illustrious career, her paintings were the subject of more than 20 solo and nearly four dozen group exhibitions in the United States, Canada and France. Her paintings can be found today in numerous private and corporate collections, as well as the permanent collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Brooklyn Museum, The Morgan Library, The Contemporary Museums of Art in Montreal and Quebec City, and the Pierre Matisse Collection.

During the final years of her life, Jeffcoat explored the relationship of color to sound. A chromesthetic, Hollis saw color every time she heard a sound. "It's always been that way for me, and I



Hollis Jeffcoat, who recently passed away, is pictured near one of her abstract paintings

photo courtesy www.artswfl.com

thought that's the way it was for everyone else too," she once confided. "It wasn't until I was in my mid-20s [living in Paris] that I found out otherwise."

Chromesthesia is a subset of synesthesia, a neurological phenomenon in which the stimulation of one sensory or cognitive pathway (such as hearing) leads to automatic, involuntary experiences in a second cognitive pathway (such as sight). Some studies suggest that as few as 1 in 2,000 and as many as 1 in 23 people experience some degree of synesthesia. For chromesthetics like Hollis, everyday sounds like music, dogs barking and people talking trigger the perception of

colors (called photisms.)

Living on Sanibel since 2008, Jeffcoat immersed herself in the island's unique panoply of sounds. She filled her creative soul with the gentle sound of water slapping mangrove knees, evening zephyrs stirring palm fronds and the chirps and calls of reddish egrets, roseate spoonbills and yellow-crowned night herons. For Jeffcoat, water lapping along the shoreline and the warble of native ospreys gave rise to her most intense synesthetic experiences.

"Because I'm so attuned to nature, I see different shades, hues and intensities of green," Hollis once explained. They burst like fireworks across her mental movie screen before morphing like a kaleidoscope or fading as the sound changed, got louder or abruptly ended.

"In effect, my subject is color making space based on nature," Jeffcoat maintained. "That space is created by the rhythm of colors instead of constructing a series of outward mounting planes."

While one might expect that an abstract expressionist or colorist would regard chromesthesia as a creative gift, Jeffcoat did not consciously incorporate her synesthetic experiences into her art until 2014, when she debuted *Sound of the Osprey*, a high-spirited, energetic painting that many others could "hear" too. Until then, her education and training compelled her to ignore or sequester her chromesthesia when it came time to apply pigment to linen. As none of her teachers were synesthetics, they had no way of showing her how to express the ways in which the sounds she heard transformed into visual stimuli.

But it is hard to suppress a creative impulse like chromesthesia, and art history is filled with examples of artists,

composers, poets, novelists and digital artists who didn't, including Isaac Newton, Goethe, Russian artist Wassily Kandinsky and Mondrian.

Soon after she decided to embrace her unique way of experiencing the world, Hollis entered into a groundbreaking collaboration with Peabody, Edward R. Murrow and Emmy Award-winning composer and flutist Kat Epple to create an exhibition titled the *Sound of Color*. But the two did not get together in an art or sound studio. That would be too regimented for Jeffcoat, who steadfastly refused to force a synesthetic response at the advent of a painting session.

Instead, Jeffcoat immersed herself in music from *Elemental Circuitry*, an album Epple recorded with Nathan Dyke. (It was one of the best Ambient-Chillout-Downtempo albums of 2015.) After internalizing the notes and melodies, Jeffcoat produced a handful of oils, including *Gliding Over Treetops*, *Journey to Timbuktu I*, *Journey to Timbuktu II* and *Expedition*, a diptych she had abandoned several months earlier because it was not unfolding as she'd envisioned.

"When I listened to Kat's *Expedition*, the colors that came, the movement evoked, I knew that the diptych was ... about ... two people's life journey," Jeffcoat explained at *The Sound of Color* opening at Sanibel's Watson MacRae Gallery in 2016. "They are separate, but traveling together. To me, an expedition does not mean that there are not trials, ups and downs, but when one looks back over, it is beautiful."

In the final years of her life, Hollis gave herself over to expressing her own highly personal reactions to nature-based sounds and the ripples of color they spawned. While Jeffcoat's viewers can never experience the precise emotions that gave rise to her deeply evocative compositions, the body of work she leaves behind provides myriad portals of resonance and connectivity.

Through the centuries, artists have strived to develop new and important ways of seeing and experiencing our environment. In this regard, Jeffcoat's oeuvre affords present and future generations a novel and heretofore-unexplored platform for examining their own relationships with nature, the ecology and the products of their senses, including those of taste and smell. This is Hollis Jeffcoat's legacy. It's why her work is sure to endure.

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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Mother's Day

Edison's House and the Guest House and look up to see the queen's wreath blossoms dangling down. Orchids, Mina Edison's favorite flower, are also blooming all around the site.

Stop in the Ford Cottage Shoppe for a cool beverage or ice cream then

stroll outside and take in the river view. Moms will also receive 10 percent off retail purchases on Mother's Day – including plants – in the Ford Cottage Shoppe, Museum Store and Garden Shoppe.

Edison & Ford Winter Estates is located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.edisonfordwinterestates.org or call 334-7419.*

FGCU Honors Advocates With Service Award

Geoff and Robbie Roepstorff received the Green & Blue Service Award at the Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) annual Men's Basketball Banquet.

The Green & Blue Service Award is bestowed annually in recognition of the recipients' numerous distinguished contributions that have continually fostered goodwill for and the image of FGCU Men's Basketball and the gentlemen who comprise the program. Since 2012, the award has been presented to Jim and Donna Sublett, Art and Phyllis Herman, Dr. Bob and Cinda Ryan, Dean and Janie Schreiner, Sam and Carol Crimaldi, and Mike and Karen Hartley.

"Geoff and Robbie personify what this award represents. A couple who proverbially bleed green and blue and who have demonstrated such for years in so many ways to FGCU as a whole on a daily basis. In particular, in relation to our men's basketball program, as with their predecessors who have been bestowed the Green & Blue Award, they simply have been tremendous advocates and supporters and do so without any stipulations, beyond wanting the best overall for our student-athletes academically, athletically and with their personal growth," said FGCU



From left, Edison National Bank's Geoff and Robbie Roepstorff with FGCU Director of Athletics Ken Kavanagh photo provided

Director of Athletics Ken Kavanagh.

Geoff and Robbie Roepstorff, who are co-founders of Edison National Bank and serve respectively as chief executive officer and president, are longtime Eagles fans.

"I am just so proud to be part of this university and see how much it means to the Southwest Florida community," said Robbie, who serves as the vice chair of the FGCU Board of Trustees.

The Roepstorffs' appreciation for the FGCU athletics programs has only

grown since Kavanagh's arrival in 2009.

"We are impressed with Athletics Director Ken Kavanagh and consider him to be the best in the nation," said Geoff. "Just look at FGCU's Athletics

programs, and you can see the value of his decision-making. Ken's choice of Michael Fly to lead our men's basketball team is another great example of that."

FGCU is one of only four schools in the nation to have its men's and women's basketball teams both win at least 20 games in six straight seasons, joining Duke, Louisville and Saint Mary's.

FGCU teams have combined to win an incredible 70 conference regular season and tournament titles in just 10-plus seasons at the Division-I level. Additionally, in just six-plus seasons of D-I postseason eligibility, the Eagles have had 33 teams or individuals compete in NCAA championships. Seven FGCU programs have earned a top-25 national ranking in their respective sport. In 2016-17, the Green and Blue posted a department-best 6th place finish in the DI-AAA Learfield Directors' Cup and top-100 showing nationally, ahead of several Power-5 and FBS institutions. FGCU also collectively earned a 3.27 GPA in the classroom and served an all-time high 7,200-plus volunteer hours – being recognized as one of two runner-ups for the inaugural NACAD Community Service Award presented by the Fiesta Bowl.✱

Hurricane Seminar At Shell Factory

John Patrick, chief meteorologist with ABC-7, will be the lead speaker at a comprehensive hurricane seminar being offered at The Shell Factory on Tuesday, June 5. The 10 a.m. program will feature Patrick and representatives of the Red Cross, Lee County Emergency Management, StormSmart, Fireservice and Home Depot.

The free program will provide an emphasis on preparation for the hurricane season and recovery procedures should there be a hurricane. More information will be provided by United Way, Project Hope and Lee County Crime Prevention. A representative of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center will provide signing. Pre-registration is not required.

Participants will be offered free Nature Park passes for the family and door prizes. Hurricane-related businesses will have table displays that feature hurricane preparedness items.

Speakers will cover topics such as what a hurricane is, when to evacuate, flood damage and storm surge, shelters, how to prepare a hurricane kit, what happens after a hurricane, insurance needs and how to find relief assistance. Participants will be provided with a variety of printed materials which will be invaluable in preparing for a hurricane. Hurricane season is in effect from June 1 until November 30.

For more information, contact Chris Forbes at christine@shellfactory.com or 246-6364.✱

Group Guided Meditation Session

Beginning on May 14, Four Freedoms Park will offer a law of attraction group guided meditation session every Monday from 9 to 10 a.m. The session will help prepare your thoughts for a positive future, relieve stress and meet others who like to meditate just like you. The meditations are guided by Abraham Hicks and are based on the book *Ask and it is Given* by Esther and Jerry Hicks.

The first 30 minutes of the meditation will be guided meditation, and the second half hour will be a 432 hertz happiness frequency silent meditation to foster more personal subject matter focus.

Cost is \$5 per resident and \$6 per non-resident. All levels of meditators are welcome. If you have never meditated before, we welcome you to join and try something new. Personalize your experience by bringing a yoga mat or pillow; chairs are available to make your meditation experience more comfortable. The atmosphere will be activated to set the meditation mood with candles and a scented diffuser.

Four Freedoms Park is located at 4818 Tarpon Court in Cape Coral. For more information and required pre-registration, call 574-0804.✱

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Cinco de Mayo week continues this Friday, May 11 with a **Yappy Hour** Fiesta event celebrating "Once de Mayo" (Spanish for the 11th of May) at **Bell Tower Shop's** Center Court this Friday, May 11 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Pet owners can enter their dogs in the fiesta-themed costume contest for a \$5 donation to the Gulf Coast Humane Society; prizes will be awarded to the best-dressed dog. Live entertainment will be presented by DJ Robert McDonald in Center Court, in addition to a bounce house, sidewalk chalk station and lawn games for guests to enjoy. Cru will offer beer and wine for the evening, while Omaha Steaks will have \$2 hot dogs and \$1 water bottles. All proceeds will be donated to the Gulf Coast Humane Society, who will have adoptable dogs among the vendors.

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

Dress for Success SW Florida's **A New York Night in Black & White** will be held at the **Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa** this Friday, May 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. The evening will include hors d'oeuvres, Champagne and dinner as well as live and silent auctions. Guests are invited to wear their finest black and white cocktail attire for an evening of fun and fashion to support Dress for Success SW Florida.

Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa is located at 5001 Coconut Road in Bonita Springs. For more information, contact Nickole Hendra at 689-4992.

Acclaimed rapper **Nelly** will be performing at **Hammond Stadium**, home of the Fort Myers Miracle, this Friday, May 11 at 7 p.m.

Tickets start at \$34 and available online at www.miraclebaseball.com or by calling 768-4210. Luxury suites also will be available for large groups.

Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day by



An artist paints at The Union Artist Studios, one of the venues that participates during SoCo Second Saturday

photo courtesy www.socoswfl.com

participating in a **bird count** at **Hidden Cypress Preserve** in Bonita Springs this Saturday, May 12 from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

Participants will be guided by expert birders and volunteers with the Lee County Bird Patrol through the 1.5-mile loop trail.

Hidden Cypress Preserve entrance is located at the intersection of Wellfield Road and Liberty Youth Ranch Way. Visit www.conservation2020.org or call 204-1125 for more information.

The **Florida Automotive & Motorsports Expo** (FAME) will be held at Top Rocker Field at **Six Bends** this weekend, May 12 and 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

both days. FAME is the largest recreational and show vehicle exposition in Southwest Florida.

Activities and events include a food truck rally, Saturday night after-party, and more. A Mother's Day brunch will be hosted on Sunday morning to benefit Eva's Closet and Foundation. In addition to brunch, the organization will host a raffle to win a custom 1957 Chevrolet Suburban. Tickets are \$25 each and all proceeds will go directly to the foundation. Additional raffles from other sponsors and vendors will be hosted throughout the event for \$5 per ticket.

Single-day admission is \$12 and a two-day event ticket is \$20. Children under age 12 are free.

Top Rocker field at Six Bends is located at 9510 Thunder Road in Fort Myers. To purchase tickets, enter your vehicle into the expo, become a vendor and more, visit www.visitfame.com or call 980-5674

The monthly **SoCo Second Saturday Art Crawl** will showcase another artful night along the **SoCo Cultural District** this Saturday, May 12 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Vendors will set up at various locations in the Royal Palms Square, offering their handmade and fine crafts during the event.

The SoCo Cultural District location encompasses the block south of Colonial Boulevard, from the corner of McGregor Boulevard to Summerlin Road, to Royal Palm Square Boulevard and back to McGregor Boulevard. For more information, visit www.socoswfl.com or call 590-8645.

Alliance for the Arts Member Gallery Book Club will continue its monthly exploration of literature focused on art, artists, art history and art appreciation on Tuesday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Club members must purchase their own copy of each book. An active Alliance membership is all that's required to join the club. The group meets the third Thursday of every month in the gallery.

For more information, visit www.artinlee.org or call 939-2787.✧

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Food-Rescue Campaign A Success

Lee County's inaugural food-rescue campaign successfully diverted 3,771 pounds of food from potential disposal. The unopened food pantry items were donated to Harry Chapin Food Bank and the campaign exceeded the goals by 89 percent.

The campaign, conducted by Lee County Solid Waste in partnership with the Harry Chapin Food Bank, Waste Pro, FOX4, the Lee County Library System and Lee County Parks & Recreation, encouraged seasonal residents and visitors to donate sealed surplus pantry items before returning north.

"We are so grateful for the support of our community and partners. Together, we will provide another 3,143 meals for hungry working families instead of throwing it away," said Richard LeBer, president and CEO of Harry Chapin Food Bank. The food bank distributed 22.3 million pounds of food-to-food pantries throughout Southwest Florida during their last fiscal year.

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

Diverting items from final disposal is an important goal.

The county's libraries and recreation centers provided 18 locations and residents responded with enthusiasm. The campaign organizers had hoped to see at least 2,000 pounds of food collected during the campaign, said Pam Keyes, acting director of Lee County Solid Waste. The 3,771 pounds collected demonstrated that the community is receptive to the idea, Keyes said.

The campaign partners anticipate making it an annual event.✧

Walkathon Breaks Record For Guide Dogs

Southeastern Guide Dogs' two- and four-legged supporters recently broke the fundraising record at the 32nd annual Walkathon of 2018.

More than 1.2 million dollars was raised by participants in Sarasota, Bradenton, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Polk County, Lakewood Ranch, Orlando and Fort Myers. New this year were eight virtual walkathons, four of which were completely conducted online, and another four where volunteers held their own events in North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama and South Florida.

"Our family and dog-friendly Walkathon is our largest fundraiser of

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Kevin Nealon photo provided

Comedy Benefit For Hope Hospice

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre will present An Evening with Kevin Nealon, a comedy benefit for Hope Hospice on Tuesday, June 5.

A beloved comedian and *Saturday Night Live* alumni, Nealon will entertain Hope supporters with a family-friendly standup performance. With Nealon's generosity, and the support of Broadway Palm and the community, 100 percent of the event proceeds will benefit Hope Hospice.

"My first experience with Hope was about 20 years ago when my grandmother was cared for in Fort Myers. I was beyond grateful for the love, compassion and comfort that was shown to her, and to the rest of my family as well," said Nealon. "Doctors, nurses, support staff and

volunteers all brought comfort to my family at a crucial time when we really needed it. I'm honored for this opportunity to support Hope in its mission to help others in Southwest Florida in the same caring, kind and loving way they helped my family."

Nealon stars in CBS's *Man with a Plan* and recently starred in *Weeds* on Showtime. He has appeared in several movies, including *Happy Gilmore* and *The Wedding Singer*.

"Kevin has been a longtime friend of Hope Hospice, and we are truly grateful that he will share his time and talent to help people during a most critical time of life," said Samira K. Beckwith, president and CEO of Hope Healthcare. "With changes in healthcare regulations and reimbursement, we need community support now more than ever to continue the promise of Hope and meet our community's needs."

Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by a 7:30 p.m. show. General admission tickets are \$65, and Meet-and-Greet tickets, which include preferred seating and the opportunity to meet Nealon at a private, pre-event reception, are available for \$150.

To purchase general admission tickets, visit www.broadwaypalm.com or call 278-4422. To purchase a Meet-and-Greet ticket, visit www.donate.hopehcs.org/kevinwww.hopehcs.org/Kevin.

Sponsors include Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Chippendale Audiology, Studio Plus, Joint Implant Surgeons of Florida, WINK 96.9 FM, WXNX FM 93X, Traders, and Luis E. Insignares, Attorneys at Law.

Hope Healthcare is a not-for-profit health care organization dedicated to providing care and comfort to every individual and their loved ones as they fulfill life's journey.

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre is located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, call 482-4673 or visit www.hopehcs.org.

Mailbox Food Drive Saturday

The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will conduct the 26th annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 12. The nation's largest single-day food drive will involve the help of sponsors, volunteer organizations and U.S. Postal Service employees in 10,000 communities nationwide.

Last year's drive resulted in carriers collecting 75.3 million pounds of food from local communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Since the drive began in 1993, total donations have surpassed 1.6 billion pounds of food.

Making a donation is easy. Customers should leave their non-perishable food donations in a bag near their mailbox on Saturday, May 12, before their letter carrier arrives. In the days leading up to the food drive, letter carriers will be delivering special bags along with your mail that may be used to make donations. Food collected during Saturday's drive will be delivered to local community churches, food banks and food pantries for distribution.

While all non-perishable donations are welcome, foods that are high in protein

such as canned tuna, salmon, beans and peanut butter are most needed. Canned fruits and vegetables, whole grain, low sugar cereals, macaroni and cheese dinners and 100 percent fruit juice also top the list of most needed items.

Most-wanted foods include:
Canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon)
Canned and boxed meals (soup, chili, stew, macaroni and cheese)

Canned or dried beans and peas (black, pinto, lentils)
Pasta, rice cereal
Canned fruits
100 percent fruit juice (canned, plastic or boxed)

Canned vegetables
Cooking oil
Boxed cooking mixes (pancake, breads)
What not to give:
Rusty or unlabeled cans
Glass containers
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Noncommercial canned or packaged items

Alcoholic beverages or mixes or soda
Open or used items.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

Pilot Club Check For Sheriff's Office



From left, Stacey Payne, Fran D'Alessandro and Beth Schell photo provided

The Pilot Club of Fort Myers' recent shredding event collected \$1,697.25, and all proceeds were presented to the Lee County Sheriff's Office in support of the county's Project Lifesaver program.

The Project Lifesaver program began as a partnership of the Lee County Sheriff's Office and the Pilot Club of Fort Myers in 2006. The club continues to be the main source of income to support the program. This program is always in need of replacement due to wear and tear and advancements in technology. Individuals who tend to wander wear a personalized

wristband that emits a tracking signal.

When caregivers notify the Lee County Sheriff's Office that the person is missing, a search-and-rescue team responds to the wanderer's area and starts searching with a mobile locator tracking system. Search times have been reduced from hours and days to minutes. A representative of the Sheriff's Office maintains contact with the individuals and personally changes batteries in the bracelet as they are needed.

For more information, contact Pilot Club president Fran D'Alessandro at 332-1140.



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FSW Foundation Executive Director Susie DeSantis (center) accepts a \$1,000 check from KWVA to help the college's veteran students

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Korean War Veterans Present \$1,000 Scholarship

Members of Cape Coral's Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) of Southwest Florida Chapter 155 recently presented Florida

SouthWestern State College a \$1,000 check to the FSW Foundation for veteran scholarships.

"We strongly believe in the importance of educational opportunities for veterans so they can pursue careers that in turn benefit our community," said Bob Kent, treasurer for KWVA Chapter 155. "We created the endowment to help our fellow veterans. It will be on record long after we're all gone."

"The KWVA is a group of exceptional gentlemen who are inspiring to all of us. They have served our country with honor and distinction, and they are wanting to help our veteran students realize their career dreams," said Susie DeSantis, executive director, FSW Foundation. "We greatly appreciate their generosity and how this will positively impact students."✱✱

Churches/Temples

ALL FAITHS UNITARIAN CONGREGATION

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

ALL SAINTS BYZANTINE RITE CATHOLIC

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

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX

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

BETH SHILOH MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE

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

BIBLESHARE

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

BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRIES

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

CHABAD LUBAVITCH ORTHODOX

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

CHAPEL OF CYPRESS COVE

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

CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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

CONGREGATIONAL

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

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

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

CYPRESS LAKE BAPTIST

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

CYPRESS LAKE PRESBYTERIAN

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

CYPRESS LAKE UNITED METHODIST

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

FAITH FELLOWSHIP WORLD OUTREACH

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST

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

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Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. 13545 American Colony Boulevard, 936-2511.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

FORT MYERS CHRISTIAN

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

FORT MYERS CONGREGATIONAL

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

IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CONGREGATION

Saturday 5 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.; Tuesday 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday 9:30 a.m. 9650 Gladiolus Drive, 454-4778.

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Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday 8, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. 881 Nuna Avenue, 481-1143.

KINGDOM LIFE

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

LAMB OF GOD

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

View Drive, lambogodchurch.net, 267-3525.

NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER

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

NEW COVENANT EYES

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

NEW HOPE BAPTIST

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

NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN

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

PEACE COMMUNITY

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

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Sunday 8 and 10 a.m. 15840 McGregor Boulevard, www.peaceftmyers.com, peace@peaceftmyers.com, 437-2599.

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Walkathon

the year, and we continue to be delighted by the numbers of walkers, dogs and money raised," said CEO Titus Herman. "This more than 30-year tradition makes a difference in the lives of people with vision loss and veterans with disabilities who rely on our extraordinary dogs for their freedom, independence, dignity and mobility. We receive no federal funding and count on private philanthropy, including generous Walkathon donors and volunteers, to underwrite our services, for which there is never any charge. We also thank Progressive for being our Walkathon Presenting Sponsor this year."✱✱

Sunday 10 a.m. 3049 McGregor Boulevard, 344-0012.

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN

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

SAINT NICHOLAS MONASTERY

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC

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

SOUTHWEST BAPTIST

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

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

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

THE NEW CHURCH

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

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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

UNITY OF FORT MYERS

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

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN

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

WORD OF LIFE

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

ZION LUTHERAN

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

CROW Case Of The Week:

Injured Migrating Songbirds



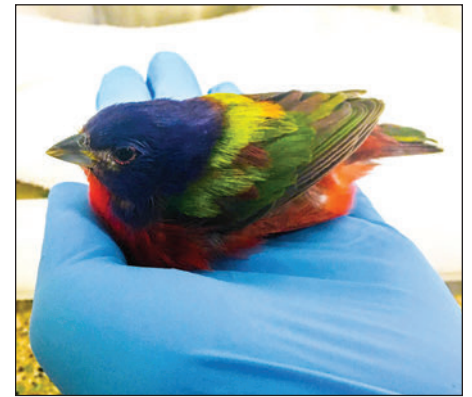
by Bob Petcher

Migrating songbirds, including many species of warblers, thrushes, vireos, orioles, flycatchers and grosbeaks, to name a few, are known to be strong travelers. During the course

of an evening, these night fliers can cover more than 200 miles only to find a tree near dawn to rest up for another night of migration. Incredibly, some long-distance fliers – like the scarlet tanager and cliff swallow – can cover a distance of more than 10,000 miles on a journey.

Keep a watchful eye out. Migrating songbirds are on the move at this time of year. According to the National Audubon Society, there are hundreds of millions of small songbirds migrating north in early May. With that vast estimated number, you can expect songbirds are flying north over a large territory of land and water in this country. There are reports that say that some of these migrating birds often return to the same tree each year. That's impressive!

Unfortunately, these night travelers sometimes get disoriented and suffer window strikes. According to The Sierra Club, collisions are the second largest killer



From left, patient #18-1501 and patient #18-1504 were temporarily stunned and were released within 24 hours. Patient #18-0246, on the far right, succumbed to severe brain swelling.

photos by Brian Bohlman

of birds in the nation after cats. Bright lights tend to confuse birds, especially on buildings that reflect trees. These situations trick birds into thinking such reflections are actually places to perch. That causes these tired fliers to fly headlong into the glare.

At CROW, there have been a number of different species of songbirds admitted to the clinic, most commonly from window strikes.

"So far this year, we have admitted approximately 200 patients that sustained blunt force trauma from a known cause, such as window strike, hit by car, etc. Oftentimes, we do not have a history of what happened to the patient, so many other patients that are treated for trauma may ultimately fall into this category," said Dr. Robin Bast, CROW veterinary intern.

"In the past two weeks alone, we have treated 12 songbirds for window strikes. Oftentimes, people will find a songbird at the base of a window to their house. The bird cannot see the glass barrier and

inadvertently flies into it, thinking it can fly through it."

When a bird collides with a window, CROW officials state swelling in the brain may cause it to be temporarily stunned. Often times, it will just need some time for the swelling to subside, while other times the swelling may prove fatal.

"When a bird flies into a window, it often hits the glass head-first, resulting in blunt force trauma to the head. If the bird wasn't flying very fast, it may have only minor injuries, temporary mentation change or 'stunning' similar to a concussion in people," said Dr. Bast. "However, it is also possible for the injuries to be more severe, resulting in brain swelling, permanent neurologic deficits and even fractures of the spine or shoulder bones."

If a songbird is found after a window strike, keep it safe from predators while it recovers. Do handle the bird as little as possible but do not offer it any food or water. If the bird recovers quickly, it will

fly away. If it is slow to recover or has a broken wing or leg, it is best to get it medical attention immediately.

"If you find a bird that flew into a window and needs medical attention, bring it to your local wildlife rehabilitator," said Dr. Bast. "Place it in a box in a quiet, dark space until you can bring it to a rehabilitator for further assessment. Do not offer food or water -- if the bird is stunned, it is at increased risk of drowning or choking. Once at the rehab center, it will be assessed for any fractures, given pain medication and placed in oxygen while it recovers."

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

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Wind, weather, tides, water clarity and moon phase are just a few of the factors that play a huge part in tarpon fishing. No matter how good a certain spot was the day before, a change in any one of these factors will change everything. Choosing a location to tarpon fish because it sets up better on that tide and wind direction will certainly increase your odds. The shape of Pine Island Sound and the barrier islands make it possible to almost always be able to find somewhere to tarpon fish no matter what our wind direction.

Reacting to the wind direction will

dictate where your going to spend your time hunting tarpon. During east winds the eastern side of the sound along with out on the beaches from Knapp's Point north is the sheltered calmer water. West winds mean fishing the west side of the sound from the powerlines all the way to Cayo Costa is often the call. During periods of north wind, it's all about the southern end of Sanibel from Lighthouse Point to Knapp's Point along with a few other places in the sound that are either sheltered by shoals or mangrove islands. Throw in northeast, southeast, northwest etc., and it's a game of angles dodging the wind and looking for that little bit more sheltered calmer water that will give you a chance at spotting these tarpon.

During calm conditions, all our water is fishable, and you can cover lots of ground and spot tarpon from a long way off. Throw in a big full moon and it seems the tarpon simply disappear as its presumed they move offshore to spawn. Even when every variable comes together and you're sitting in rolling tarpon, the one factor you have no control over is if they will bite.

This week marks the 7th annual "Ding" Darling & Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament with more than 50 of the best local tarpon teams coming together to decide the winner. All the above factors will come into play as weather conditions during the past few years have been a major factor in this event. At the end of the day, one team will have a big pay day, a converted pink tarpon sport jacket and, best of all, bragging rights for another year.

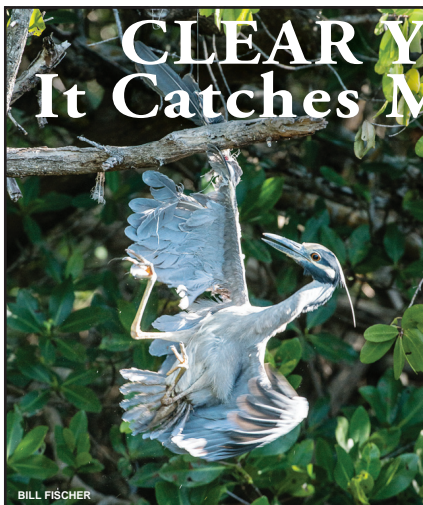
Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing



Chase Calkin with a slot-sized redfish caught this week while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell photo provided

local waters since he moved to Sanibel in 1980. He now lives in St. James City and works as a back country

fishing guide. If you have comments or questions, email captmattmitchell@aol.com.✪



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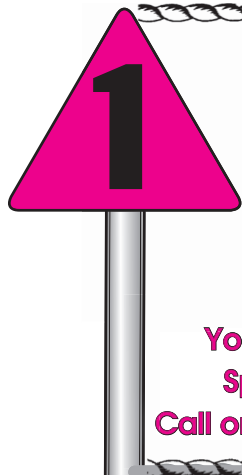
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The leaves of Bracken's brown beauty, a cultivar of the iconic Southern magnolia, are shiny deep green with velvety brown undersides

photos by Gerri Reaves

Plant Smart

A Southern Magnolia Brown Beauty

by Gerri Reaves

Southern magnolia's (*Magnolia grandiflora*) many attributes qualify it as one of Florida's most attractive native trees: large fragrant flowers, shiny leaves, wildlife friendliness, low maintenance and shade.

The iconic tree's natural range doesn't extend to southernmost Florida, and its size – 100 feet or more – renders it unsuitable for most residential and commercial landscapes anyway.

However, a number of smaller cultivars of the famed magnolia have become popular landscape trees in South Florida.

One is Bracken's brown beauty, named for the leaves' velvety brown undersides.

Brown beauty reaches a height of 30 to 50 feet with a somewhat pyramidal shape and narrow oval crown. It is multi-branched with dense ornamental foliage that provides cover for birds.



In fall and winter, the fuzzy cones bear seeds sought by wildlife

When planted in a row, this tree creates an especially pretty effect. The glossy coarse oval leaves measure up to eight inches long.

Showy saucer-shaped flowers appear



Showy large fragrant flowers bloom in spring and summer

in spring and summer at the branch ends. They can be up nearly a foot across and have six to 12 petals. As they age, they gradually darken, becoming a soft tawny brown that complements the undersides of the leaves, which are smooth velvety cinnamon.

The fuzzy cones of about four inches long are pale yellow to soft pink. They ripen in fall and winter to yield seeds with fleshy deep-red outer coverings and pendant threads. A variety of wildlife eat the seeds.

Plant this tree in full sun to partial shade where it will have plenty of moisture. It has moderate drought

tolerance but poor salt tolerance.

Protect the thin bark from landscape tools and equipment.

Sources: *Florida Gardner's Guide* by Tom MacCubbin and Georgia B. Tasker; *Florida Landscape Plants* by John V. Watkins and Thomas J. Sheehan; *Florida, My Eden* by Frederic B. Stresau; *Florida Plants for Wildlife* by Craig N. Huegel; *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio; *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell; www.hort.ifas.ufl.edu; and www.southernliving.com.

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

Audubon Hike At Slough Preserve

Audubon of Southwest Florida is offering a hike along the boardwalk at Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve on Saturday, May 12 at 8 a.m. This site offers some of the best birding around.

The free boardwalk walk is a slow and silent stroll through the freshwater swamp and hardwood hammocks, watching the wildlife at close range. Blinds and

viewing platforms offer places to sit for long periods and observe. Donations are appreciated.

Six Mile Cypress Slough is located at 7751 Penzance Boulevard. Parking fee is \$1 an hour or a maximum of \$5. Lee County parking stickers are accepted.

Participants will meet in the picnic area located in the eastern part of the parking lot. Members and non-members from beginner to advanced birders are welcome.

To RSVP, email audubon.southwest.florida@gmail.com.*

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From left, Audrea Anderson, Melvin Morgan, Karen Watson and Sarah Owen
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From left, Gail Baumgarten with Barbara and Juliana Meek

Women’s Legacy Fund Spring Luncheon

More than 80 Women’s Legacy Fund (WLF) contributors and Prima Donors recently attended the Southwest Florida Community Foundation Fund’s spring luncheon that was exclusively for them.

The Women’s Legacy Fund is a group of women who combine their contributions in this collective philanthropy initiative to foster the immersion of women in philanthropy and develop the region’s next philanthropic leaders.

The luncheon included facilitated discussions around the two grant focus areas selected by the WLF grants committee this year which was access to resources for business ownership for women, and access and attainment of education opportunities for women and girls.

Since its inception, the WLF has been able to provide more than \$200,000 in grants to benefit people and communities in Southwest Florida, including this year’s grant of over \$30,000. Currently, the fund has \$827,000 in endowment that will continue to help fund local issues now and in the future.

Contributors to the WLF give a minimum of \$250 each year (\$100 for women younger than age 25). The first half of contributions is pooled for the purpose of immediate annual grants, while the second half is pooled into the WLF’s endowment fund which provides additional grants to be made both now and in years to come. Prima Donors are local women who have contributed \$10,000 or more to the WLF endowment and are committed to making an impact in their community through charitable giving.

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation, founded in 1976, cultivates regional change for the common good through collective leadership, social innovation and philanthropy to



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address the evolving community needs in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. It partners with individuals, families and corporations who have created more than 400 philanthropic funds. Thanks to them, the foundation invested \$5 million in



Lucy Costa and Barbara Yeomans

grants and programs to the community last year. With assets of \$93 million, it has provided more than \$67 million in grants and scholarships to the communities it serves since inception. The Southwest Florida Community Foundation is the backbone



Renee Porter-Medley and Colleen DePasquale

organization for the regional FutureMakers Coalition and Lee County’s Sustainability Plan. Based in Fort Myers, it has satellite offices located in Sanibel, LaBelle (Hendry County) and downtown Fort Myers.✧



Kelly Fayer

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Hope Clubhouse Mental Health Luncheon Set

Hope Clubhouse will showcase its new work placement initiative for people who've faced a mental illness at its annual Mental Health Luncheon at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre on Monday, October 29 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Attorney Kelly L. Fayer of The Law Offices of Kelly L. Fayer, PA will serve as event chair and Florida Rep. Heather Fitzenhagen will be the honorary chair for the luncheon, which will have the theme of Faces of Hope at Work. It's designed to spotlight the organization's job placement efforts through the new Hope Works LLC, which connects employers to Hope Clubhouse members, who in turn provide dedicated, reliable and immediate work.

"What's nice about this is it's a win-win, because the employer can have a person who really cares and wants to do a great job," Fitzenhagen said. "They can benefit because the Hope Clubhouse member is going to do



Heather Fitzenhagen

a job that someone else might not want to do, and do it well, and with a great deal of pride."

Fitzenhagen was motivated to get involved after hearing attorney Sawyer Smith's eloquent speech at the luncheon last year, when he revealed his struggle with mental illness.

"Positive mental health is the gateway to positive community," Fitzenhagen said.

Fayer has been involved on the luncheon's host committee and as a sponsor for years, and she can provide personal testimony for Hope Clubhouse job placement services, having previously hired Hope Clubhouse members to work in her law office.

"These are people who understand the value of a job, and they work harder as a result of it," Fayer said. "I'm excited for the community to see just what they can do."

Luncheon sponsorship packages are available. Event proceeds benefit the programs and services at Hope Clubhouse.

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre is located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. Call 900-4200 for more information.✧

Social Service Center Adds Two Board Members

Nida Eluna, executive director of the Dr. Piper Center for Social Services, Inc., recently added two new members of the organization's board of directors.

Randall Santerfeit is a professional employer consultant and a sixth generation Lee County resident. A graduate of Riverdale High School, Santerfeit served in the U.S. Navy and is a veteran of Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He has an interest in helping local seniors and plans to assist the Dr. Piper Center with upcoming event

planning and other activities.

Doug Whitaker, a retired educator and leadership consultant, is a former teacher, school principal and school superintendent. He brings extensive leadership skills to the board. A graduate of Taylor University and Ball State, both in Indiana, Whitaker completed his EdD in early childhood education at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale.

"Our new board members offer the Dr. Piper Center many great strengths and unique skills," said Eluna. "Together with the rest of our dynamic, hard-working board, we will continue to bring the utmost in quality programs to serve our community."

For more information, visit www.DrPiperCenter.org.✧

Founder Of Marketing Firm Earns Award

Priority Marketing President and Founder Teri Hansen, APR, was honored with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award by the Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA) Southwest Florida Chapter. Hansen was selected by the leadership of FPRA Southwest Florida based on her accomplishments within the public relations industry, her ongoing mentorship of public relations professionals and her long-standing support of the chapter. Only four other Southwest Florida Chapter members have been honored with this coveted award during the organization's 33-year history.

"I am extremely humbled to accept this honor from the Southwest Florida Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association," said Hansen. "As a founding member of this chapter, it is astonishing to see how much it has grown and the caliber of professionals who are involved, and it has been a pleasure to serve this organization. I look forward to continuing to support FPRA in any capacity, as well as being a resource for local industry professionals and businesses for many years to come."

Hansen founded Priority Marketing, in 1992 as a home-based business. A native of Fort Myers, her 34-year public relations and marketing career has earned her a reputation for exceptional integrity, leadership and spirit. Hansen has been



Teri Hansen

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an impetus behind thousands of business successes throughout the community and beyond. Her previous honors include the Southwest Florida Blue Chip Award, Lee Building Industry Association Marketing Professional of the Year and Marketing Firm of the Year, Commercial Contractor's Council Marketing Firm of the Year and Florida Public Relations Association PR Professional of the Year. Most recently, she was honored as a Junior Achievement Hall of Fame, Lee County laureate in 2017 and as a finalist for the 2017 Paulette Burton Citizen of the Year Award.

For more information, call 267-2638 or visit www.prioritymarketing.com.✧

Financial Officer Named For FSW Foundation

Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) Foundation recently announced Dr. Ami Desamours has joined as chief financial officer (CFO).

In this role, Desamours is responsible for operations of the foundation's budget, financial accounting and procurement, as well as communication to all stakeholders regarding how funds are used and impact of funds donated to the foundation. She brings more than 15 years of non-profit financial leadership experience in Southwest Florida. Prior to joining FSW, she was the CFO of the School District of Lee County.

Desamours earned her bachelor of science and master degrees in accounting from the University of Florida. She then earned her doctor of education from Nova Southeastern University. Community involvement includes attending sporting



Ami Desmours

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and arts events at local schools, the Rotary Club of Lehigh Acres and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.✧

Greeters Club Luncheon

The Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers will hold its monthly luncheon at the Plantation Country Club on Thursday, June 21 at noon. Register from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.

Celebrating its 50th anniversary, the Greeters Club will instruct on its history and how it continues to provide

the women of the community with opportunities for building friendships through social, cultural and philanthropic activities.

Cost is \$25. To register in advance, visit www.greetersfortmyers.com or email: greetersclub@gmail.com. Provide your name, email address and phone number, and you will receive a return email confirming your reservation.

The Plantation Country Club is located at 10500 Dartington Drive, Fort Myers.✧

Academy Of Lifelong Learning Programs In May

The Academy of Lifelong Learning at Shell Point Retirement Community invites the public to attend May classes that will discuss the environment, politics and history.

At 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 17, Kristie Anders, education director at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, will present Tides and Currents in the Grand Cypress Room at The Woodlands at Shell Point, located at 14441 Woodsong Lane in Fort Myers. This presentation will explore waves, tides and currents of the sea. During the lecture, Anders will explain not only what influences the tides, but also how they affect Southwest Florida residents. A short film by the Captiva Island Historical Society, entitled *Santiva*, will also be shown.

The Academy of Lifelong Learning will also welcome Lee County Supervisor of Elections Tommy Doyle for a free presentation at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, May 19 in the Social Center on The Island at Shell Point, located at 15101 Shell Point Boulevard in Fort Myers. During his class, entitled Lee County Supervisor of Elections Preparing for



Kristie Anders

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Mid-Term Elections, Doyle will focus on politics and upcoming elections. As a lifelong resident of Lee County, Doyle has a deep-rooted passion for the county's history and traditions. His fundamental belief in a representative form of government led him to run for office, and he was elected supervisor of elections in 2016.

The final class offered in May is The Viking Age, hosted by Florida



Tommy Doyle

SouthWestern State College Professor Adrian Kerr at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22 in the Grand Cypress Room at The Woodlands at Shell Point, located at 14441 Woodsong Lane in Fort Myers. During his compelling presentation on the Vikings, Kerr will explain how the Norse invaders spread out and colonized Dublin, York, Normandy, Greenland and even parts of Russia and the Mediterranean during the Germanic Iron Age. Kerr will



Adrian Kerr

uncover what led the Vikings to flee their homeland and set off on many dangerous expeditions, and also examine the rich influence these Norseman left on the world today.

Tickets for the classes with Anders and Kerr are \$10. The event with Doyle is free, however, an RSVP is requested. Ticket purchase and registration can be made by calling 489-8472. To learn more, visit www.shellpoint.org.✴

Tax Collector Certificate Sale

The 2018 Tax Certificate Sale of properties with unpaid real property taxes will be held online at <https://leefl.realtaxlien.com> on Tuesday, May 22 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tax certificates bear interest of as much as 18 percent per year. They represent liens for delinquent taxes, interest and charges associated with each property involved in the auction. Tax certificate holders pay the delinquent taxes to the county in exchange for the chance to reap the interest.

"This is a win-win for tax certificate buyers and for the county," Lee County Tax Collector Larry Hart said. "It's an opportunity for people who invest to reap valuable returns, and it pays off delinquent taxes that would otherwise drain resources from the citizens of Lee County."

The sale is conducted auction style, with each certificate going to the bidder willing to accept the lowest interest rate. The bidding starts at 18 percent per year and progresses downward in 0.25 percent increments. Buying a certificate isn't the same as buying the property, but beginning April 1, 2020, anyone holding a certificate issued in this year's sale can apply for a tax deed to sell the land. That right expires along with the certificate on April 1, 2025.

Any certificate that isn't bid on will be issued to the county and available for purchase from the tax collector. The cost to purchase a county-held certificate is face value plus interest and a \$6.25 processing fee. Visit www.leetc.com for more information and to view county-held certificates once they become available after the May 22 auction.

For more information on bidding rules,

auction guidelines and to learn how to become a registered bidder, visit <https://leefl.realtaxlien.com>. Registration closes Friday, May 18 at 5 p.m.✴

Air Show Group Selects Board

The Florida International Air Show, one of Charlotte County's largest and most popular annual events, recently announced its 2018 board of directors. The eight-member board includes three new members who complement the talents of the existing members to create a team with expertise in leadership, air operations, event planning and marketing.

The organization is led by President Dana Carr. Board members are Mike Dallenbach, vice president; Pam Brown, treasurer and corporate secretary; Ricki Markel, director of concessions; and Doug Wanroy, director of logistics. New board members are Michael Anderson, director of security and safety; Rich Emch, director of sponsorship development; and Stan Smith, director of aviation.

"We are fortunate to have a talented group of people dedicated to producing the best air show to date," said Carr. "The next Florida International Air Show will take place October 19 through 21, and although it may seem a long way off, the air show's board of directors has already been hard at work coordinating show details ranging from performers to ticketing and security to logistics. To complete the board, we are seeking a few more individuals, specifically in roles as marketing director and volunteer coordination director."

Those interested in heading up Florida International Air Show's marketing

efforts or volunteer coordination can contact Carr at dana@airtrek.aero or 941-628-4291.

Last year, the show generated an estimated \$4.2 million benefitting Charlotte County, businesses and citizens. Because of the show's continued success, during its 36 years it has donated almost \$3 million to local working charities that have volunteered during the show.✴

Airport Reports March Traffic

During March, 1,379,728 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers, an increase of 10.2 percent compared to March 2017. Year-to-date, passenger traffic is up 10 percent from the same period last year.

"Despite numerous flight cancellations in March due to weather conditions in other parts of the U.S., Southwest Florida International Airport still experienced the single-largest month for passenger traffic in our 35-year history and a record-breaking first quarter," said Jeff Mulder, AAE, executive director of the Lee County Port Authority. "I want to thank our airlines and airport business partners for working together during the busy winter travel season to accommodate and welcome millions of travelers to our region."

The traffic leader in March was Southwest Airlines with 297,668 passengers traveling to and from Fort Myers. Rounding out the top five airlines were Delta Air Lines (268,505), American (168,995), Spirit (166,602) and JetBlue (136,670).

Southwest Florida International Airport had 10,907 aircraft operations, an increase of 3.5 percent compared

to March 2017. Page Field saw 8,415 operations, a 20.5 percent decrease from March 2017. In addition, nearly three million pounds of air freight moved through Southwest Florida International Airport in March 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. For more information, visit www.flylcpa.com or Facebook at www.facebook.com/flyRSW.✴

Horizon Council Meeting

The Horizon Council and the Lee County Economic Development Office will host the Horizon Council General Membership Meeting at Florida SouthWestern State College, Building U, in Fort Myers on Friday, May 18 at 8 a.m. The event will begin with networking and a light breakfast at 8 a.m., followed by the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Benjamin Toro-Spears, technical advisor, Florida Housing Coalition, will deliver the keynote address. A panel discussion on attainable housing will include panelists Mitch Hutchcraft, board chair, Habitat for Humanity; John Talmage, chief of staff, City of Fort Myers; Michelle Zech, human resources business partner and workforce planning, Lee Health; and Jason Brewer, senior vice president and market president, BB&T.

Florida SouthWestern State College is located at 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.leecountybusiness.com. To register, email tgrint@leegov.com.✴



Pelican Bay Financial Center

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Law Firm Opens Office In Naples

Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, PA has opened a new fully-staffed office in Naples at the Pelican Bay Financial Center located at 8889 Pelican Bay Boulevard, Suite 400.

The new and larger office is located off U.S. 41/Tamiami Trail North, has panoramic views of Naples and offers free parking to serve individuals and business owners in Naples and all of

Collier County.

"We are excited about the firm's growth into Collier County," said Scott Beatty, the partner managing the Naples office. "Since 1924, Henderson, Franklin has worked to support the families and businesses in the Southwest Florida community. Having a new office in Naples allows us to continue that tradition and make our services available to more clients, specifically in the areas of business litigation, family law, estate planning, land use, trust administration, real estate and zoning."✱

Speaker Announced For Symposium

Next Level Church Founder Matt Keller will be the keynote speaker at the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce Business Building Symposium V at the Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa on September 19 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This year's theme is Unleash the Spirit of your Organization. The program includes a series of informative, interactive workshops led by local business leaders, including sessions covering social media and talent management along with the keynote address.

Admission to the symposium, now in its fifth year, is set at \$149. A limited number of tickets are available online at www.fortmyers.org/events/business-symposium or by calling 332-2930.

Keller is an accomplished author, speaker and leadership coach who offers valuable insight for businesses, nonprofit organizations and churches. Keller's talks have covered organizational leadership and growth, communications, marketing and personal leadership. Next Level Church, which now has locations in Fort Myers, Gateway and Bonita Springs, has been recognized as one of the nation's fastest-growing churches.

Participants will have the opportunity to choose three hour-long workshops offered at the symposium. Workshop subjects include employee retention, social media, driving sales, disaster



Matt Keller

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management, human resources, talent management, work/life balance and more.

Business Building Symposium V is presented by HBKS Wealth Advisors and HBK CPAs & Consultants. Sponsorship opportunities include the Take Away sponsorship level at \$2,000; Platinum at \$1,750; Chrome at \$1,500; and Silver at \$750. These include two complimentary admissions. Bronze is also available at \$500 and includes one complimentary admission.

Sanibel Harbour Marriott is located at 17260 Harbour Pointe Drive in Fort Myers. Contact Stephanie Davis at Stephanie@FortMyers.org for more information.✱

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FSWC Student Named Scholarship Finalist

Florida SouthWestern Collegiate High School-Lee student Sofiya Yusina has been named a 2018 National Merit Scholarship Finalist by the National Merit Scholarship Program.

To participate in the National Merit Scholarship Program, students must take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Of the 1.6 million entrants, some 50,000 with the highest PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index scores qualify for recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Students then must take the SAT to confirm their score, and submit an essay and letters of recommendation to be named a finalist.

Yusina is dual-enrolled and will receive her associate in arts degree from FSW this May, prior to receiving her high school diploma. She plans to attend either Princeton University or the University of Pennsylvania and major in biochemistry.

Born in Moscow, Russia, Yusina and her family moved to Florida five years ago. She credits her parents for helping her build and understand the importance of a strong work ethic.



Sofiya Yusina

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"My parents inspire me to work as hard as I can," said Yusina. "They grew up in relatively small towns very far from each other. It was their incredible work ethic and success at school that helped them get into one of the best universities in Russia, where they met. If they didn't work hard, I wouldn't exist."

"My advice to other students is to find a personal source of motivation. My motivation is to fulfill my potential and take advantage of the opportunities I am given."*

in depth, an architect. The involvement of these professionals will insure that your result is structurally sound and safe and meets building codes.

Beyond structural changes, the aesthetic aspects of your project are what can be addressed by an interior decorator. Here are some questions you should ask yourself before you begin.

First, do you enjoy the process enough to want to do it yourself? For some people, coordinating color schemes, creating a plan, researching and shopping for products, measuring, ordering and installing everything from paint to furniture to window treatments and accessories is great fun. For others, it's like adding another full-time job to an already full schedule.

Secondly, what kind of time do you have to spend on the project? If there are contractors and subcontractors involved, will you be able to keep up with their timetable, so that progress will be maintained as they need it to be? Are you available to receive and install products when needed because delay costs time and money?

Finally, the question of how will involving a design professional impact your budget? If you are truly adept at the skills needed to achieve a good result on your projects and you have the time, energy and motivation to do it yourself, you may save some money. However, if you end up making mistakes, delaying the process or causing unnecessary change orders, doing it yourself can actually end up costing you more.

*Trinette Nelson is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands and can be reached at linda@coindceden.com.**

Superior Interiors

Do It Yourself Or Hire A Professional?

by Trinette Nelson



The popularity of so many home improvements shows on TV in recent years has really driven our culture to a renewed appreciation of beauty and

improved function in our homes and, as a result, interest in interior decorating has never been higher. We are increasingly relying on the comfort, safety, convenience and serenity of our homes as a place to entertain family and friends, and as a retreat.

If you are considering an interior decorating project, one of the first questions to ask yourself is whether you need to involve a design professional. While the internet is flooded with resources offering great ideas and some relatively useful instruction about undertaking such projects, doing it all yourself may be more than you want to or should tackle.

But how do you know if you need to hire a professional decorator? Begin by determining a general idea of the scope of your project. If it involves structural changes to your home, you may need to consult a contractor or if the job is more

Financial Focus

Financial Gifts For Your Adult Children

by Jennifer Basey



Mother's Day is almost here. If you're a mother with grown children, you might receive flowers, candy, dinner invitations or some other type of pleasant recognition. However, you might

find that you can get more enjoyment from the holiday by giving, rather than receiving. The longest-lasting gifts may be financial ones – so here are a few moves to consider:

Contribute to your child's IRA. If your children have earned income, they are eligible to contribute to an IRA, which offers tax benefits and an almost unlimited array of investment options. You can't contribute directly to another person's IRA, but you can write your child a check for that purpose. This could be a valuable gift, as many people can't afford to contribute the maximum yearly amount, which, in 2018, is \$5,500, or \$6,500 for those 50 or older.

Give gifts of stock. You know your children pretty well, so you should be familiar with the products they buy. Why not give them some shares of stock in the companies that make these products? Your children will probably enjoy being "owners" of these companies, and if they weren't that familiar with how the financial markets work, having these shares in their possession may greatly expand their knowledge and lead to an even greater interest in investing.

Donate to a charity in your child's

name. You might want to donate to a charitable organization that your child supports. In years past, such a donation might have earned you a tax deduction, but the new tax laws, which include a much higher standard deduction, may keep many people from itemizing. Still, it's possible for a charitable gift to provide you with a tax benefit, depending on your age. If you're age 70.5 or older, you must start taking withdrawals from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, but by moving the withdrawal directly to a qualified charitable group, the money won't count as part of your adjusted gross income, so, in effect, you can get a tax break from your generosity.

Review your estate strategy. Like virtually all parents, you'd probably like to be able to leave some type of legacy to your children, and possibly your grandchildren, too. So, if you haven't already started working on your estate strategy, consider using Mother's Day as a launching point. At the very least, you'll want to write your will, but you may need much more than that, such as a living trust, a durable power of attorney and other documents. And don't forget to change the beneficiary designations on your life insurance and retirement accounts if you've experienced a major life change, such as divorce or remarriage. These designations are powerful and can even supersede whatever instructions you might have left in your will. As you can guess, estate planning can be complex, so you almost certainly will want to work with a legal professional to get your arrangements in order.

Mother's Day is a good opportunity for your children to show their love for you, and you can do the same for them by helping bolster their long-term security through financial gifts and legacy planning.

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American Dream

main characters struggle to deal with racial bigotry and injustice in their lives. The title comes from a Langston Hughes poem, *Harlem*, about dreams and what happens to them when they fail to become reality. "Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun?"

The play follows the Youngers, a poor, hard-working, African-American family living together in an apartment on the South Side of Chicago. After the death of their patriarch, they await a \$10,000 check from the insurance company and try to figure out what to do with it. Walter (Derek Lively) wants to make a business investment in a liquor store. He is unhappy in his job as a chauffeur and desires a better lifestyle. His mother Lena (Patricia Idlette), while realizing Walter's dreams, is intent on purchasing a home for all of them to live in. Both actors give tremendous performances.

The rest of the cast also shines with Rose Thomas as Beneatha, Walter's sister, the identity-seeking intellectual who longs to be a doctor. Cantrella Canady is Walter's exhausted wife Ruth, who wants to escape the dreary confines of

their apartment. Beneatha's suitors are Kenneth Jones as Joseph Asagai from Nigeria, and Peter Lange as the wealthy George Murchison. James Robinson, the only white actor in the play, is the cagey Karl Lindner from the white neighborhood association that doesn't want the Youngers as neighbors. Keehnor Jackson is Ruth and Walter's 16-year-old son Travis, Sandra Dixon is the meddlesome neighbor Mrs. Johnson, and Lemec Bernard is Bobo, the bearer of the bad news that squashes Walter's dreams.

The play's strength is in the little things that motivate us all and give us hope. It's also about the family's individual struggles to discover who they are and about self-worth in a white-dominated society. There are moments of humor, tenderness and heartbreaking despair. The play has some of the best theater dialogue ever written and the devastating second act finale is masterful. On the way out, I heard someone say, "Now that's what I call good theater." The play, directed by Sonya McCarter, is not to be missed.

Theatre Conspiracy is located at Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For tickets, visit www.artinlee.org or call 939-2787.*

Book Review

Two Kinds Of Truth

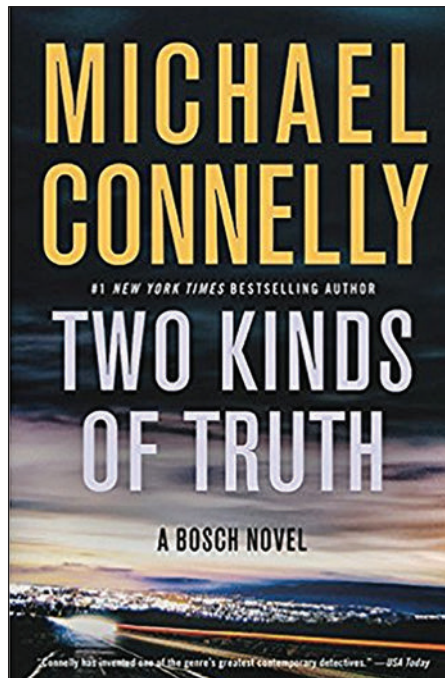


by Di Saggau

Michael Connelly's page turner *Two Kinds of Truth*, features Harry Bosch, a well-known character to his readers. Bosch becomes involved again in a case involving Preston

Borders, who was convicted 30 years ago of raping and murdering three young women. He's currently on death row in San Quentin. Now new evidence has surfaced that might get him out of prison. Meanwhile, Bosch who works cold cases for the San Fernando Police Department, lands a new case involving the murder of two pharmacists.

All the structural problems you might expect from combining two unrelated cases together take place, but they eventually come together and a wonderful courtroom sequence makes you want to stand up and cheer. With regard to the two killings in a local pharmacy, Bosch and the tiny town's three-person detective squad sift through the clues, which lead into the dangerous, big-business world of prescription drug abuse. To get to the people at the top, Bosch must risk everything and go undercover in the shadowy world of organized crime and pill mills. He poses as an addict and potential drug mule.



As to the old case, the man on death row has accused Bosch of framing him, and he seems to have new evidence to prove it. If this conviction is overturned, every case Bosch ever worked will be called into question. He has to fend for himself as he tries to clear his name and keep a clever killer in prison.

The two cases wind around each other like strands of barbed wire. Along the way, Bosch discovers that there are two kinds of truth: the kind that sets you free and the kind that leaves you buried in darkness. *Two Kinds of Truth* is a tense, fast-paced, well-written and engaging story from a master of the genre.✪

Only change an answer if you misread or misinterpreted the question because the first answer that you put is usually the correct one. Watch out for careless mistakes and proofread your essay and/or short answer questions.

Double check to make sure that you put your first and last name on the test.

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SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Local Student In Leadership Role

Fort Myers native Kylie Flynn has been named to the rising leadership for The Citadel 2018-19 academic year. The rising leadership involves the top nine student officers as well as battalion sergeant majors, company commanders and company first sergeants.

Flynn was also presented the Todd L. Dorney Award, given annually in memory of the 1980 Citadel graduate and Army lieutenant. The sword goes to a senior under Army ROTC contract who ranks in the top 10 of his or her class.✪

for all academic disciplines.

Kyle Fauerbach was initiated at United States Military Academy. Austin Ward was initiated at University of Florida. Elda Ramos was initiated at Florida International University.✪

Student Named To Dean's List

Blake O'Neill of Fort Myers has been named to the Dean's List for the winter 2018 term at Elmira College in Elmira, New York.✪

College Graduate

Kyle Ray of Fort Myers received a master of business administration degree during commencement ceremonies at Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio on May 5. Ray majored in executive management.✪

School Smart



by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSP

Dear Readers,
The Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) tests are quickly approaching. The FSA is one measure of a student's achievement

of Florida's education standards. These standards were developed and implemented to ensure that all students are ready for success in college, careers and life. The test results allow schools to determine whether the grade-level goals are being met and if students are ready to move on to the next level.

Sometimes children become anxious about these tests, so here are some basic tips that you can share with them for successful test taking.

Test Taking Tips:

Bring at least two pens/pencils with good erasers, a calculator with enough batteries and any other resources that your instructor allows you to.

Bring a watch to the test so that you can better pace yourself.

Keep a positive attitude throughout the whole test and try to stay relaxed. If

you start to feel nervous, take a few deep breaths to relax.

Keep your eyes on your own paper, you don't want to appear to be cheating and cause unnecessary trouble for yourself.

When you first receive your test, do a quick survey of the entire test so that you know how to efficiently budget your time.

Do the easiest problems first. Don't stay on a problem that you are stuck on, especially when time is a factor.

Do the problems that have the greatest point values first.

Pace yourself, don't rush. Read the entire question and pay attention to the details.

Ask the instructor for clarification if you don't understand what they are asking for on the test.

Write legibly. If the grader can't read what you wrote, they'll most likely mark it wrong.

Always read the whole question carefully. Don't make assumptions about what the question might be.

If you don't know an answer, skip it. Go on with the rest of the test and come back to it later. Other parts of the test may have some information that will help you out with that question.

Don't worry if others finish before you. Focus on the test in front of you.

If you have time left when you are finished, look over your test. Make sure that you have answered all the questions.

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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*

So Much Going On In Sports Locally And Nationally



by Ed Frank

In this week's world of sports column, we will touch on some of the major happenings – locally and nationally – writing about what we believe is of interest to our readers.

Florida Everblades – The local hockey team advanced to the Eastern Conference Finals of the ECHL with a four-games-to-one series win over the Orlando Solar Bears. With eight of nine playoff wins, Florida moves to the conference finals for the first time since 2012.

The 5-2 clinching series victory last Sunday in Game Five at Orlando was sparked by Goalie Martin Ouellette who had 40 saves.

Florida will host the first two games of the Eastern Conference Finals at Germain Arena tonight, Friday at 7:30 p.m. and tomorrow, Saturday, at 7 p.m. against the winner of the Adirondack-Manchester series. Adirondack led that series 3-2 as the week began. Big crowds are expected for both games.

Fort Myers Miracle – We hope there was good weather for the 25th annual Islands Night Wednesday at Hammond Stadium in the CenturyLink Sports Complex.

Struggling to reach the .500 mark in the current season, the local baseball team began the week with a 14-16 record, seven games out of first-place in the Florida State League South Division.

Wednesday night's Islands Night concluded a three-game series with the Charlotte Stone Crabs. The Miracle was 6-4 through Sunday in their last 10 games. Following Wednesday's Islands Night, the Miracle departed on a seven game road trip, three at Dunedin and four at Jupiter, before returning home next Friday for six games, three with St. Lucie and three with Bradenton.

Red Sox And Yankees – When the baseball season began six weeks ago, we wrote that the rivalry of old between these two teams was expected to renew this year as both teams were loaded with power and pitching. It sure seems that way in the early going.

Through Sunday, these two teams had the best records in baseball, Boston at 25-9 and New York, with 15 victories in their last 16 games, had a season record of 24-10. Boston had just a one-game lead over the Yankees in the American League Eastern Division.

Up and down the leader board – batting averages, RBIs, home runs, runs scored, hits, doubles and triples – you'll find Boston and New York players among the top 10.

A little bit of history was recorded Sunday when Yankee shortstop Gleyber Torres, at just 21 years old and 44 days, became the youngest Yankee to hit a walk-off home run, a three-run shot in a 7-4 victory over the Cleveland Indians. He was 41 days younger than Mickey Mantle when he hit his first walk-off shot.

Justify Big Favorite To Win Preakness – After winning the Kentucky Derby last Saturday in the rain and mud, Justify is the overwhelming favorite to win next week's Preakness as several of his Derby contenders will not compete in the second leg of the Triple Crown.

The big colt had not raced as a two-year-old, but his savvy trainer, Bob Baffert, now has five Kentucky Derby winners and will be going for his sixth Preakness Stakes triumph. Justify was a 5 to 8 Preakness favorite in early betting.

NBA Playoffs – It appears that Cleveland will face Boston in the Eastern Conference Finals, and Houston will take on Golden State in the Western Conference Finals as all four teams held 3-0 conference semi-final leads as the week began. Don't be surprised if Cleveland and Golden State match up against each other once more in the NBA Finals.

There is so much more we could write about – the Stanley Cup hockey playoffs, this week's Players Championship at TPC Sawgrass in Pointe Vedra Beach, Florida and much, much more.

But we've given you just inking in the world of sports.✱

Tripletail And Sheepshead Fishing Changes

At its April meeting in Fort Lauderdale, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved several changes to the management of tripletail and sheepshead.

The following changes go into effect July 1:

Tripletail – increasing the minimum size limit from 15 to 18 inches total length; and extending all of the FWC's recreational and commercial regulations for this species into federal waters (including the new size limit).

Sheepshead – reducing the recreational bag limit from 15 to 8 fish per person, per day year-round; creating a recreational vessel limit of 50 fish per vessel, per trip during March and April; extending all of the FWC's recreational and commercial regulations for this

species into federal waters (including the new bag and vessel limits).

Learn more about tripletail and sheepshead regulations at www.myfwc.com/fishing by clicking on "Saltwater Fishing." These proactive measures will help conserve both fisheries for current and future generations.✱

National Safe Boating Week

The week of May 19 to 25 is National Safe Boating week. Peace River Sail and Power Squadron will offer a free Boating Safety Equipment Demonstration Day at the Punta Gorda Boat Club building on Saturday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Gain hands-on experience with a flare guns, hand-held flares, smoke signals and throwable ring buoys. You can also sign up for a courtesy vessel safety check and view displays of required and recommended safety equipment for your boat, kayak or PWC.

Hurricane season is just around the corner. Boat owners are invited to attend the WINK Hurricane Expo at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center on Saturday May 19 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Peace River Sail and Power Squadron will be presenting the Hurricane Preparedness for Boaters

seminar at 11:45 a.m. in conjunction with the WINK Hurricane Expo. There is a \$15 fee to attend this seminar.

The Punta Gorda Boat Club building is located at 802 West Retta Esplanade in Punta Gorda. For more information, call 941-637-0766, or email puntagordaboating@gmail.com.✱

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Name the last Detroit Tigers pitcher before Justin Verlander in 2017 to record 10 strikeouts on opening day.
2. Who was the first third baseman to be elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame?
3. When was the last time before 2014-16 that Alabama's football team won three straight Iron Bowl games against rival Auburn?
4. Who is the only player in NBA history with 25,000 points, 10,000 rebounds, 5,000 assists, 1,500 steals and 1,500 blocked shots for his career?
5. When was the last time before the 2017-18 NHL season that the Colorado Avalanche won at least nine games in a row?
6. Name the first rookie to win the NASCAR midsummer All-Star race.
7. Who was the last tennis player before Roger Federer in 2017 to capture the men's singles title at Wimbledon without losing a set in the tournament?

ANSWERS

1. Mickey Lolich, in 1970. 2. Jimmy Collins, in 1945. 3. It was 1990-92. 4. Kevin Garnett, who played in the NBA for 21 seasons. 5. It was the 2000-01 season. 6. Dale Earnhardt Jr., in 2000. 7. Bjorn Borg, in 1976.

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Lionfish Challenge Begins May 19

Registration for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) 2018 Lionfish Challenge is open. Register at www.myfwc.com/lionfish.

This year's challenge begins on Lionfish Removal and Awareness Day, May 19 and will run through September 3. Thanks to the sponsors, this year's challenge will include a new tagged-lionfish component. Catch an FWC-tagged lionfish and win up to \$5,000.

Non-cash prizes, such as GoPro

cameras, tumblers by Engel Coolers, puncture-resistant gloves by TurtleSkin and customized towels will also be awarded to participants who remove and submit lionfish, tagged or not.

The participants who remove the most lionfish in the recreational and commercial categories will be crowned the 2018 Recreational Lionfish King/Queen and the Commercial Champion.

The goal of these programs is to encourage and track removals of nonnative invasive lionfish.

To learn more, contact the FWC Division of Marine Fisheries Management at lionfish@myfwc.com or 850-487-0554.*

Trap Fishery Workshops

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) needs your input on the recreational and commercial stone crab and blue crab fisheries and the commercial spiny lobster trap fishery. Share your feedback on potential regulation changes for this fishery.

The FWC is hosting public workshops throughout the state in May to develop a better understanding of the public's view on management of these fisheries. Stone crab and blue crab will be discussed at all eight workshops. Spiny lobster, in addition to the other two fisheries, will be discussed at workshops in Key West, Key Colony Beach and Dania Beach.

Potential regulation changes being discussed include requiring all recreational stone and blue crab traps have an FWC-issued tag number affixed to the trap. Several potential regulation changes for the commercial fishery will also be discussed including standardizing management measures across the fisheries.

The following workshops will be held from 6 to 8 p.m.:

Monday, May 14 – Key Colony Beach, City Hall, 600 West Ocean Drive

Tuesday, May 15 – Key West, Monroe County Gato Building, 1100 Simonton Street

Monday, May 21 – Dania Beach, Dania Lions Club, 501 SW Fourth Avenue

Tuesday, May 22 – Fort Myers, Joseph

P. D'Alessandro Office Complex, Room 165 C&D, 2295 Victoria Avenue

If you cannot attend an in-person meeting, submit comments online by visiting www.myfwc.com/SaltwaterComments. For more information and updates on these meetings, visit www.myfwc.com/fishing and click on "Saltwater Fishing," "Rulemaking" and "Workshops."**

Recreational Red Snapper Season

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and Gov. Rick Scott announced a 40-day recreational red snapper season for both Gulf state and federal waters. A 24-day season was originally proposed.

Florida will be setting the season in 2018 and 2019 in both state and federal waters through a fishery-management pilot program (also referred to as an Exempted Fishing Permit.) The 2018 proposed season would open June 11 and close July 21.

This will include those fishing for red snapper from private recreational vessels. For-hire operations that do not have a federal reef fish permit are also included but are limited to targeting reef fish in Gulf state waters only.

The Exempted Fishing Permit will not apply to commercial fishermen or for-hire operations with a valid federal reef fish permit.**

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Walk 4 Hope Kicks Off Parkinson's Awareness Month



Hope volunteers

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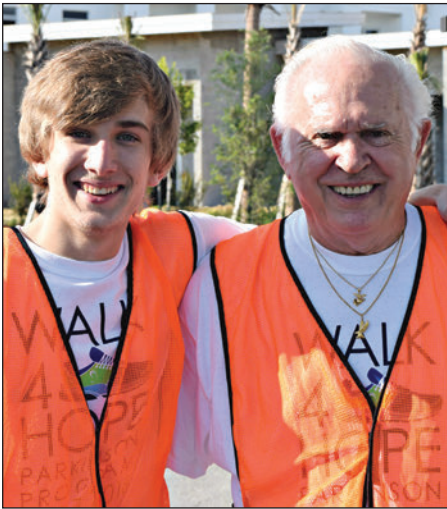
To kick off National Parkinson's Awareness Month, nearly 150 walkers and supporters gathered at Lakes Regional Park for Walk 4 Hope to benefit the Hope Healthcare Parkinson Program.

Hope's Parkinson Program helps to improve quality of life for more than 2,000 participants living with Parkinson's disease and their care partners by providing educational opportunities, support groups, movement classes and social events.

"National Parkinson's Awareness Month is a great opportunity to share how people throughout Southwest Florida are living well with Parkinson's disease, and we are so grateful to everyone who participated in our Walk 4 Hope," said Samira K. Beckwith, president and CEO of Hope Healthcare.

Walk 4 Hope lead sponsors included Medtronic, Acadia and Millennium Physician Group. Other supporters included Lee Health Rehabilitation Services and BB&T Insurance Services/Oswald Trippe & Company.

Hope Parkinson Program welcomes an average of 40 new participants



Finn Hourihan and Jerry Bramlett

each month and is offered at no charge thanks to community support. Hope Healthcare is a not-for-profit health care organization dedicated to providing care and comfort to every individual and their loved ones as they fulfill life's journey. For more information or to make a donation, call 482-4673 or visit www.hopehcs.org.



From left, Kay Sanford, Linda Bradley, Vicky Dudley, Amber Jacob and Lucia West



From left, Sheeja, Anna and Asha Kanacheril



Walkers gather at the starting line



Tom and Pam Beer



Larry Antonucci and Syd Kitson following the energy-generating standoff photos provided

Workout Challenge At Babcock Ranch

In the spirit of health and wellness, Larry Antonucci, MD, MBA, president and CEO of Lee Health,

and his team, challenged Babcock Ranch developer Syd Kitson and his team to a power-generating workout at the Healthy Life Center – Babcock Ranch during opening ceremonies on May 1.

Equipment at the new center can add power to the community's grid with each workout.✱



Syd Kitson, foreground, and Larry Antonucci race on rowers to see who can generate the most watts of power

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Program To Assist With Arthritis Pain

The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida (AAASWFL) will be offering free Walk With Ease workshops in the near future. People interested in registering or learning more are invited to attend a brief presentation about the program at the agency on Tuesday, May 15 at 2 p.m. Pre-registration is required.

Walk With Ease is a structured walking program from the Arthritis Foundation. The program teaches participants how to safely make physical activity part of their everyday lives. Walk With Ease is designed to help people living with arthritis better manage their pain and is also ideal for people without arthritis who want to make walking a daily habit.

"Research shows that walking is good for your joints and can also improve the health of your heart, lungs and bones," said Sherry Young, health and wellness coordinator for AAASWFL. "Walking can also help with weight management. Keeping a healthy weight can lower your risk for arthritis in the knee, heart disease and diabetes."

Walk With Ease helps participants develop successful exercise routines by offering support, information and other

tools. The six-week group series is led by a certified instructor. Participants learn proper stretching and pain management techniques, build stamina and increase their walking pace. The program can even be modified to meet the needs of individual participants so that each person can develop an exercise routine that fits their unique goals.

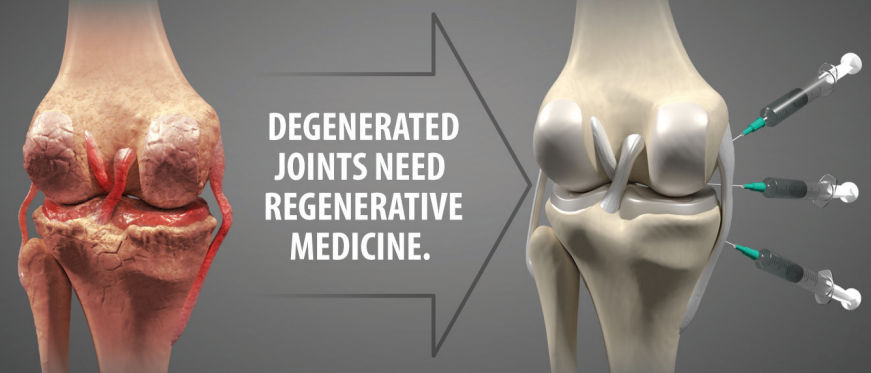
"If you can be on your feet for 10 minutes without increased pain, you will most likely have success with Walk With Ease," said Young.

Walk With Ease is shown to increase balance and strength, as well as reduce the pain and discomfort of arthritis. The program also builds its participants' confidence in their physical activity and overall health.

The information and strategies taught in the program are based on research and tested programs in exercise science, behavior change and arthritis management. Walk With Ease has been updated and evaluated by the Thurston Arthritis Research Center and the Institute on Aging of the University of North Carolina.

The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida is located at 15201 North Cleveland Avenue, suite 1100, in North Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.aaaswfl.org or contact Sherry Young at 866-413-5337 or sherry.young@aaaswfl.org.✱

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Health Myths That You Think Are True



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: The following are health myths. About Eyes: Contrary to popular belief, some people can keep their eyes open when they sneeze! Also, green is the rarest eye

color to have. About that Trick Knee: Some of you have a trick knee (or shoulder) that can predict weather. Basically, you can tell when bad weather or a storm is coming with one off your bum joints. As the barometric or atmospheric pressure drops (before a storm), tissues in joints expand a little bit, and your knee or shoulder may feel it and alert you by experiencing pain. About Spinach: Some nutritionists still recommend spinach for people who have iron-deficiency anemia due to the iron content. Even Popeye made it famous for building up muscles. But the fact is that the iron content isn't as high as you were told. It was mistakenly reported as 35 grams instead of 3.5 grams per serving, due to a printing error where the decimal point got moved. The chemist made a mistake in 1870, and it's still being perpetuated. About #2: Pushing out waste in the wee hours of the morning doesn't happen because we have sophisticated neurons in our gut that follow our 24-hour circadian rhythm. The bladder however, is only so big, and you might not be able to hold urine for six hours while you're sleeping.

About Burping: Also termed eructation, this is just your body expelling gas through your mouth. Most people burp between eight and 20 times a day. It's not objectionable to burp out loud after eating a meal in certain parts of China, India and a small island in the Middle East. About Amnesia: This occasionally happens after mind-blowing sex, and luckily it's temporary. People can lose their immediate memories. It's clinically termed "transient global amnesia" and it can also occur after strenuous activity like vigorously exercising, jumping into hot water or a brain injury. About Hair: The color grey is a neutral tone between black and white, and it really just appears due to the absence of color in the hair shaft. While it's not a hard-fast rule, blondes have more hair on their heads than redheads, however each hair shaft is thinner in diameter. Redheads on the other hand, tend to have thicker hair shafts and less hair. Hair grows faster when you sleep. About Your Tongue: Like that unique fingerprint, you also have your own tongue print. The average tongue has thousands of taste buds. About Your Ticker: A human heart will beat about 2.5 billion times in an average lifetime. By the way, a football weighs just slightly more than your heart. About Kissing: It lowers cortisol which is a stress hormone known to inflame the body. So kissing is a natural anti-inflammatory. And get this, while I wouldn't call it romantic, it's still interesting... the longest kiss on record goes to a Thai couple who locked lips for a 58 hours and 35 minutes! Eeew. *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.✱✱*

environment," said Stacey Cook-Hawk, president and CEO of SalusCare. "Parents bringing children to SalusCare for services asked for a dedicated building housing all children's behavioral healthcare services. SalusCare not only heard the community, but we have listened and acted upon their request by opening the Center for Growth." Located in Building G on the Ortiz Campus, the new Center for Growth is in a re-purposed former adult residential facility. "SalusCare was fortunate to possess some restricted funding available for children's services, so this became the seed money we needed to initiate this project," said Todd Cordisco, vice president of public relations and development. "There are still items on our wish list and opportunities for donors to support this new comprehensive center for children and families."

SalusCare's Center for Growth is located at 2789 Ortiz Avenue in Fort Myers. To RSVP, email tcordisco@saluscareflorida.org.✱✱

Doctor and Dietician Knee Osteoarthritis And Depression



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

Knee osteoarthritis (OA) is a common condition facing the aging population. The condition affects more than just the body. It can have a powerful impact on mental health as well. When osteoarthritic degeneration begins to limit activities of daily living, depression may soon follow. The combination of both conditions worsens the decline in activity and functioning. Researchers in a new Japanese study examined 573 newly diagnosed people with knee osteoarthritis aged 65 or older. Although none of the participants suffered from depression at the outset of the study, within two years almost 12 percent suffered from depression. The article in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, noted that pain at night while in bed, pain that hindered putting socks on and off, and pain inhibiting getting in and out of a car, were the factors most strongly related to the development of depression. Anyone who has ever dealt with pain knows how difficult it can be to have that pain hinder activities, sports, walks on the beach and participation in all that is enjoyable. It's not surprising then how knee osteoarthritis pain may affect one's mental health. Osteoarthritis is the result of knee

instability or abnormal and destructive joint motion. The ongoing abnormal joint motion will result in the hallmark cartilage breakdown and bone spur formation. If the instability is treated early, rapid degeneration can be prevented. Destructive joint motion and the degenerative process can be treated through regenerative injection therapy, also known as prolotherapy, platelet-rich plasma therapy and stem cell therapy. These are non-surgical, non-drug therapies that give long-term relief to those with arthritic knees. The treatments can also be used earlier than later to prevent further degeneration and the lost time, lifestyle adjustments and mental distress that come along with painful joints. *This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Caring Medical Regenerative Medicine Clinics has two locations: one in Oak Park, Illinois, and one in Fort Myers. It was established in 1991 by Ross Hauser, MD, and Marion Hauser, MS, RD. They can be reached at info@caringmedical.com.✱✱*

Free Autism Screening

Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, in partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, will be offering a free monthly autism spectrum disorder screening for toddlers 18 months to 5 years of age on the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile at the Healthy Life Center at Coconut Point on Friday, May 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The ASD screening is conducted by the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. The screenings are administered by an advanced registered nurse practitioner, who has extensive training and experience in typical child development and developmental disorders. A physician referral is not required. The Healthy Life Center at Coconut Point is located at 23190 Fashion Drive, Suite 105 in Estero. To schedule a screening, call 343-6838.✱✱

well-being while caring for a partner or family member. As a result, caregivers experience higher than average rates of depression, chronic illness, sleep deprivation and poor nutrition. Powerful Tools for Caregivers is an evidence-based program that has been shown to improve self-care, reduce emotional strain and increase confidence among participants. Workshop attendees also learn about community resources that may provide additional assistance. The workshops are led by Sherry Young, AAASWFL health and wellness coordinator, and JoEllen Keller, AAASWFL volunteer. Both are certified class leaders in Powerful Tools for Caregivers. For more information or to register for the six-week Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop, call Young at 866-413-5337 or email sherry.young@aaaswfl.org.✱✱

SalusCare Center Grand Opening

SalusCare's Center for Growth, a dedicated and comprehensive practice for the behavioral healthcare needs of children and families, will hold a grand opening event on Thursday, May 31 from 10 to 11 a.m. The community is invited and encouraged to attend the event. The all-inclusive center will include two full-time child psychiatrists, outpatient therapy for children and families, children's case management, the Community Action Team (CAT) and Therapeutic Behavioral On-Site Services (TBOS). A sliding-fee scale is offered, and most insurance plans are accepted. "SalusCare heard from our Southwest Florida community that children's behavioral healthcare services needed to be expanded and consolidated into one family-friendly, supportive and comfortable

Powerful Tools For Caregivers

The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida (AAASWFL) will offer a free six-week program, Powerful Tools for Caregivers, at its North Fort Myers headquarters beginning Tuesday, May 22 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The six-week workshop continues through June 26. The class is designed to help family caregivers take care of themselves while also caring for a friend or relative. Class size is limited, and advance registration is required. Workshops will be presented on six consecutive Tuesdays. Caring for a loved one can be demanding, stressful and a strain on physical health. Caregivers often sacrifice their own health and

PETS OF THE WEEK

photos provided

Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Bailey And Jackson



Bailey ID# A737787

Hello, my name is Bailey. I am a 1-year-old female pit bull mix who is the perfect size gal for an apartment or condo if you like a big dog personality in a medium dog body. I love to go for walks or on a run and play fetch. I am perfect for an active family.

My adoption fee is \$75.

Hi, I'm Jackson. I am a 2-year-old male hound mix who is a tall, handsome, quiet, simple country boy that looks great in a hat. Alan Jackson would love me. I was found as a stray - no tags, no collar - only a mysterious purple stain on my chest. My history is a mystery but one thing is for sure - I'm the nicest dog you will ever meet.



Jackson ID# A736792

My adoption fee is \$75.

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

The shelter is open for adoptions from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

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

The adoption package is valued at \$500.*

Haven on Earth Animal League

Triscuit And Blueberry



Triscuit

Hello, my name is Triscuit. I am a beautiful 1-year-old Calico kitty, and I recently had a litter of kittens. I am currently living



Blueberry

with a foster family. I will be spayed and brought up to date on all vaccines.

My adoption fee is \$100.

Hi, 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 \$35.

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.*



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Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
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Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce	332-3624
Foundation for Quality Childcare	425-2685
Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce	454-7500
Fort Myers Beach Library	463-9691
Lakes Regional Library	533-4000
Lee County Chamber of Commerce	931-0931
Post Office	1-800-275-8777
Visitor & Convention Bureau	338-3500

ARTS	
Alliance for the Arts	939-2787
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Art League Of Fort Myers	275-3970
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BIG ARTS	395-0900
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Cultural Park Theatre	772-5862
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Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade	332-4488
Florida West Arts	948-4427
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers	288-2535
Gulf Coast Symphony	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater	472-6862
SW Florida Symphony	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy	936-3239
Young Artists Awards	574-9321

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Cape Coral Stamp Club	542-9153
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FM UDC Chapter 2614 - United Daughters of the Confederacy	728-3743
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Garden Club of Cape Coral	239-257-2654
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Horticultural Society	472-6940
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Lee Trust for Historic Preservation	939-7278
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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
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Kiwanis Fort Myers Edison	694-1056
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Iona-McGregor	482-0869
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AREA ATTRACTIONS	
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
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PUZZLES

Answers on page 29

Super Crossword

FIRST OF THE FIFTH

- ACROSS
- 1 Reprimand sharply

7 Linguine, e.g.

12 Fed. accident investigator

16 Obstinate beast

19 Get creative

20 "I do" locale

21 In — (as first found)

22 A few Z's

23 Big name in economics

26 Cincinnati-Detroit dir.

27 British pop singer Rita

28 Hideous sort

29 Suffix with prefer

30 Smidgen

31 "— My Heart" (Toni Braxton hit)

35 Date system of ancient Yucatán natives

39 Igloo dweller

41 French "sea"

42 Candy wafer brand

43 "I'm appalled to report that ..."

49 Drifted about

52 Film director Nora

53 Cariou of the stage

54 Mill fodder

56 Public radio host Glass

57 Of Laos, e.g.

58 Podded plant

59 Inner beings

61 Land — (sleep state)

63 Gloater's syllable

64 Aioli

67 With 46-Down, genuine article

69 Prefix with refundable

70 Big brand of faucets

71 Hot dog in a classic jingle

78 Part of LSAT

82 Ruckus

83 Sleuths' jobs

84 Abbr. for the Blue Jays

85 Disorder

86 Tourist's aid

87 Asks for

89 — -jongg

90 Brandy's sitcom role

91 Downhill trail

93 Supreme Court appointee of 2009

97 Continental coins

99 French "here"

100 "Look — did!"

101 Best Actor of 2014

106 Inaction

110 12:00 p.m.

111 Injure badly

112 Sprint, e.g.

114 B&B, e.g.

115 Certain 4x4

116 Mansion House resident

122 Apply

123 "That hurt!"

124 Author Dahl

125 Skin and hair care brand

126 At all times, poetically

127 Tennis star Arthur

128 Full of foam

129 5/1 festival that's apt for this puzzle's eight longest answers

9 Enter like the sun's rays

10 Tiny little bit

11 Genesis boat

12 "Bye Bye Bye" band

13 Soup holder

14 Winner of six Super Bowls

15 Double-decker, e.g.

16 What "A.D." stands for

17 Gifted world traveler?

18 Javelin

24 Li'l Abner's surname

25 Nighttime, poetically

30 Old Peru native

32 Three cheers?

33 NBAer Brand

34 Long time period

36 "Certainly"

37 Elbow site

38 Zone between biomes

40 Actress Liv

43 Cruel

44 "— -daisy!"

45 — Pet (novelty gift)

46 See 67-Across

47 Spanish "water"

48 Once every 12 mos.

50 Greek Cupid

51 Miami- — County

55 Chemical relative

58 King's home

59 Garbage boats

60 1980s Dodge

62 Strike at something but not hit it

64 Shapely leg, informally

65 Regarding

66 Neither here — there

68 Effacement

71 Resistor units

72 Drench

73 Saved with the same filename, say

74 Tibetan oxen

75 Canadian gas name

76 Guesses at LAX

77 Not at all, in dialect

79 Effortless

80 Artsy NYC area

81 Old Russian bigwig

85 Title for a French nobleman

88 Immense

89 Major artery

90 Grumble

92 Botch up

94 Vardalos of Hollywood

95 Frigid

96 Larcenist

98 Look (for)

101 Happen next

102 Immerse

103 "Which way — go?"

104 "Delicious!"

105 Noble Brits

107 Supported temporarily, with "over"

108 Get — good thing

109 Peeve

113 Surname of Buffalo Bill

116 Mauna —

117 Ovid's "— Amatoria"

118 "Says —!"

119 Flee hastily

120 In vitro cells

121 Waterloo marshal Michel

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King Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Chances, for short

4 TV watchdog org.

7 Obliterate

12 Shell game need

13 Under the weather

14 Started eating

15 Take a whack at

16 Scrabble or Parcheesi

18 "Monty Python" opener

19 Wander off

20 Hack

22 Pilgrimage to Mecca

23 Prayer ending

27 Rhyming tribute

29 Burning

31 Magician's cry

34 Cow catcher

35 Triangular home

37 Total

38 Constellation component

39 Eccentric

41 Unctuous

45 Twine fiber

47 Payable

48 Indiana university

52 Literary collection

53 "Drops of

Jupiter" band

54 "Golly!"

55 Owns

56 Villain in a Christmas tale

57 Halves of 25-Down

58 Scrap

10 — card (cell-phone chip)

11 Away from WSW

17 Hindu royal

21 On top of the world?

23 Memorable mission

24 More, to Manuel

25 Type squares

26 Ultramodernist

28 Weir

30 Swine or bird —

31 Anatomical duct

32 Frequently

33 Glass of NPR

36 Oklahoma city

37 Pistil counterpart

40 Grammarian's concern

42 Coeur d'Alene's home

43 Moon-related

44 You'll get a rise out of it

45 Fax

46 Dregs

48 To the — degree

49 Raw rock

50 Pitch

51 "Flying Down to —"

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

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

- Darling

Deary

Heartville

Lovedale
- Lovejoy

Lovelady

Loveland

Lovelock
- Loveville

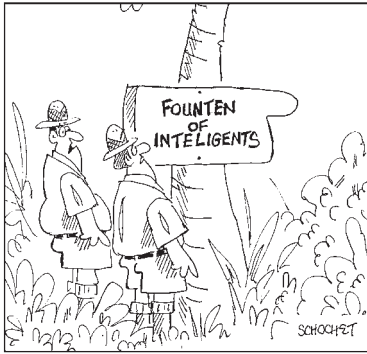
Loving

Newlove

Romeo
- Rose City

Rosemont

Valentine



"I have my _____."

answer on page 29

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Array
DUBLEN

Appreciation
SCEPTER

Stall
YEALD

Scour
REEDO

TODAY'S WORD

SUDOKU

To play Sudoku:

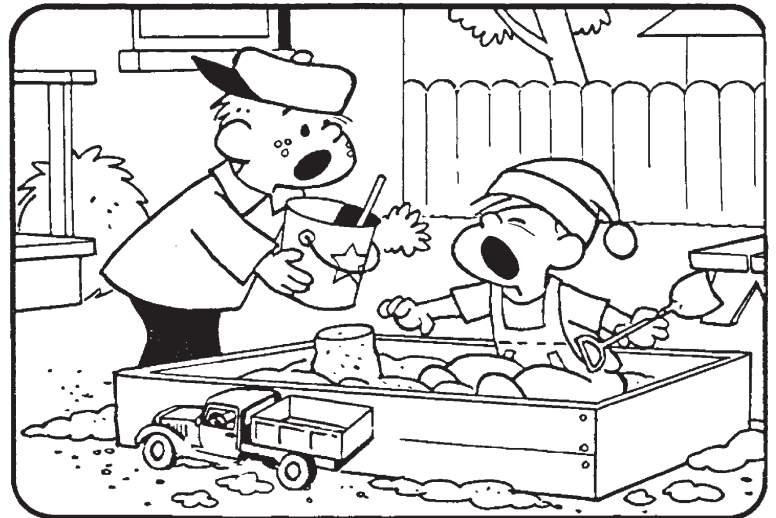
Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (the same number cannot appear more than once in a row, column or 3x3 box.) There is no guessing and no math involved, just logic.

answer on page 29

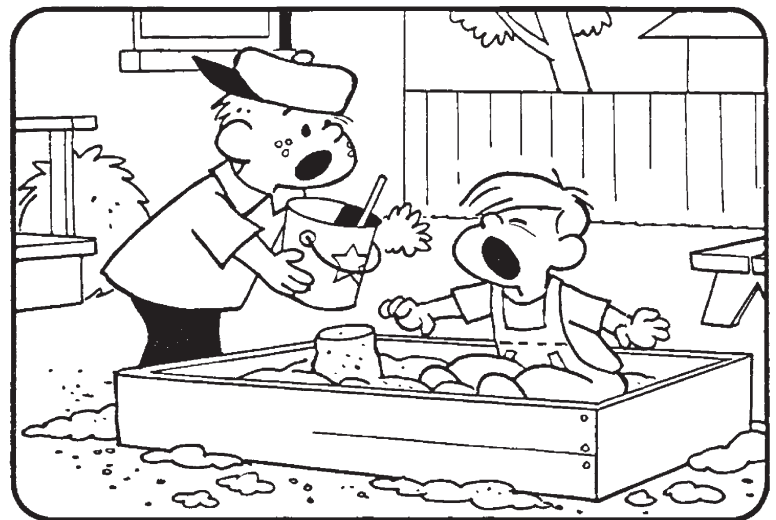
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Railing is lower. 2. Sleeve is shorter. 3. Truck is missing. 4. Fence top is different. 5. Cap is missing. 6. Shovel is missing.



Cooked Pink Shrimp and Citrus Ceviche

1 pound large pink shrimp, peeled and deveined with the tail on

2 tablespoons seafood boil seasoning

2 pink grapefruit, peeled and segmented, seeds removed

3 tangelos, peeled and segmented, seeds removed

3 tangerines, peeled and segmented, seeds removed

1 sweet pepper, diced

1 red onion, diced

1 tablespoon olive oil

3 limes, juiced

½ cup fresh cilantro, chopped

1 large avocado, peeled, pitted and diced

Sea salt and fresh ground pepper to taste

1 bag plantain chips or tortilla chips

Fill a medium-sized sauce pot ¾ the way with water, and heat over medium-high.

Add the seafood seasoning to the boiling pot of water.

Add the shrimp and cook for 2 to 3 minutes or until completely done.

As soon as the shrimp are done, plunge them into an ice water bath to stop the cooking and cool them off.

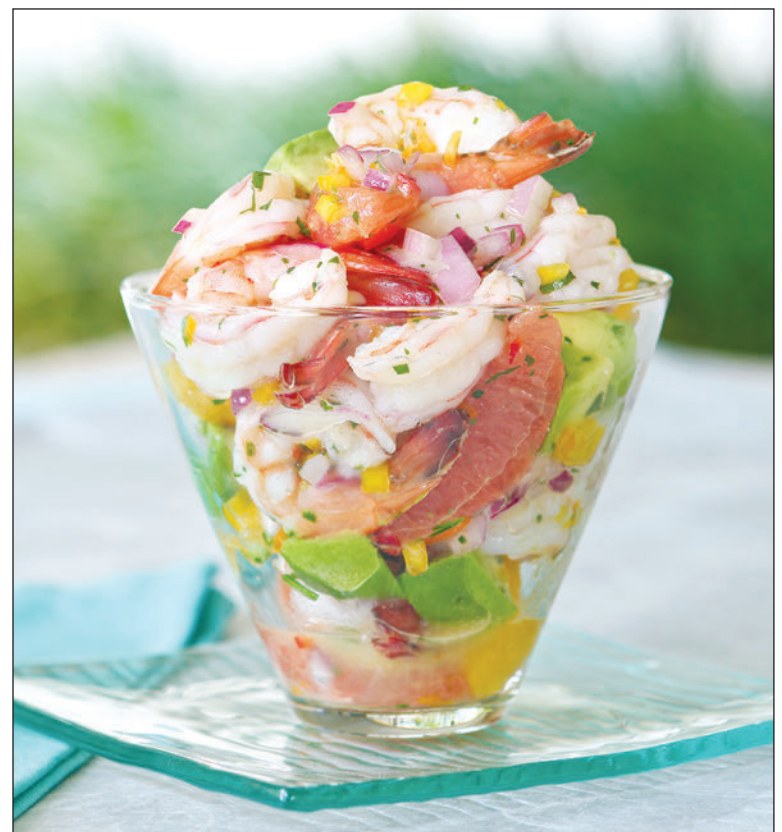
When the shrimp are completely cool, strain them and put them into a medium-sized mixing bowl.

Add the citrus, sweet pepper, red onion, olive oil, lime juice, cilantro and avocado.

Season the ingredients to taste with salt and pepper.








Stir to combine ingredients.

Serve ceviche with chips.✱



Cooked Pink Shrimp and Citrus Ceviche

photo courtesy Fresh From Florida

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Sun	12:38 am	5:47 am	12:11 pm	6:51 pm	Sun	11:16 am	5:49 am	None	6:53 pm	Sun	12:12 am	6:04 am	12:17 pm	6:56 pm	Sun	2:48 am	9:03 am	2:21 pm	10:07 pm
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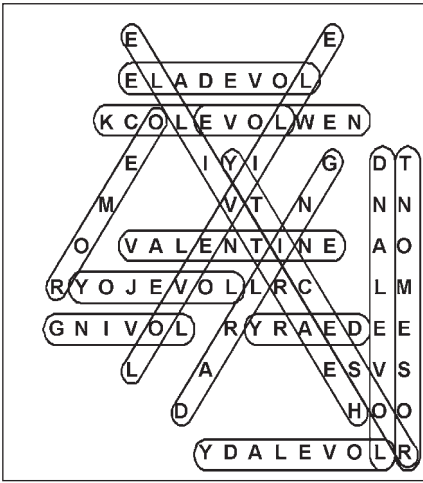
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My Stars ★★★★★
FOR WEEK OF MAY 14, 2018

Aries (March 21 to April 19) Taking advice isn't always easy for self-assured Rams and Ewes who think they know what's best. But it wouldn't hurt to listen to what close colleagues have to say.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) You know how to balance life's practical aspects with the poetic. This gives you a special edge this week in both your professional endeavors and your personal life.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) Focus on keeping a balance between your home-related activities and your workplace responsibilities. Be mindful of both without obsessing over one or the other.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) A change in plans is likely as you discover more facts about a possible commitment. Continue to ask questions and, if you're not sure about the answers, demand proof.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) Be careful not to let that Leonine pride keep you from seeking wise, experienced counsel before making an important decision. A family member once again seeks your help.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) That surge of Virgo energy drives you to take on more work assignments. Be careful you don't overdo it, or you might find yourself overdone: i.e., burned out.

Libra (September 23 to October 22) Your decision to be upfront with colleagues on a touchy matter causes some consternation at first. But in the end, your honesty wins their trust and admiration.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) As in the past, someone again wants to share a secret with you, knowing it will be safe. But do you really want to be this person's confidante? Think about it.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) As one of nature's straight shooters, you seek to correct misconceptions about a project. Do so, of course, but without giving away too much too soon.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) Creative pursuits continue to be strong in the gifted Goat's aspect. New friendships can come from sharing these experiences with like-minded art

aficionados.
Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) Resolve lingering grumblings over your way of doing things by keeping your mind open to suggestions while continuing to show how your plans will work.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20) The perceptive Piscean might find that changing course in midstream isn't as workable as it would seem. Explore this option carefully before making a decision.

Born This Week: Your willingness to share your love of life's good things brings joy to many, including, of course, yourself.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

• On May 18, 1861, an obscure California newspaper casts first lady Mary Todd Lincoln in an unflattering light, saying she took it upon herself to appoint a stranger -- Mr. WS Wood -- to any office he desired. The reporter suggested that she had been smitten with Mr. Wood's handsome features, luxuriant whiskers and graceful carriage.

• On May 14, 1916, a lead article in the Times of London proclaims that an insufficiency of munitions is leading to defeat for Britain on the battlefields of World War I. It sparked a crisis on the home front, forcing the government to create a Ministry of Munitions.

• On May 19, 1935, TE Lawrence, known to the world as Lawrence of Arabia, dies as a retired Royal Air Force mechanic living in a simple cottage under an assumed name. The legendary war hero, author and archaeological scholar succumbed to injuries suffered in a recent motorcycle accident.

• On May 15, 1942, Lt. Ronald Reagan, a cavalry officer, applies for reassignment to the Army Air Force. The actor and future president was assigned as a public-relations officer for the First Motion Picture Unit.

• On May 20, 1956, the United States conducts the first airborne test of an improved hydrogen bomb, dropping it from a plane over the tiny island of Namu in the Bikini Atoll in the Pacific Ocean.

• On May 16, 1964, Mary Wells gives Motown Records its first No. 1 hit with "My Guy." It would go on to release 32 more No. 1 hits in the next 10 years.

• On May 17, 1973, in Washington, D.C., a Senate committee begins televised

hearings on the escalating Watergate scandal. Former White House legal counsel John Dean testified that President Richard Nixon had been aware of the cover-up of the Watergate break-in.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

• It was influential American science-fiction author Philip K. Dick who made the following sage observation: "Sometimes the appropriate response to reality is to go insane."

• The skin of the African elephant, the largest living land animal in the world, weighs 2,000 pounds by itself, and there are more than 60,000 muscles in its trunk alone.

• You've almost certainly heard of narcolepsy, a medical condition that causes sufferers to sleep excessively, sometimes up to 18 hours a day. You're probably not familiar with philargyria, though. People with this condition -- I won't call them "sufferers" -- require only three or four hours of sleep a day. What would you do with all that extra time?

• If you're like most people, the length of your footprint is approximately 15 percent of your height.

• While at a Turkish bath in San Francisco, Samuel Clemens -- better known to us as Mark Twain -- got involved in a chat with a local fireman. This may not seem at all interesting until you learn the name of that long-ago firefighter: Tom Sawyer. The author liked the name so much that today, American schoolkids all know it.

• There is a law on the books in Maine that prohibits having your shoes untied in public. I assume that this one is not much enforced.

• Ever had to make a large claim to your insurance company? If you thought it was a pain to fill out all the paperwork and explain what happened, consider the plight of the poor soul who had to handle the claim in 2006 when a guard dog mauled a teddy bear that once belonged to Elvis Presley -- the stuffed animal was valued at \$80,000.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"What this country needs is more free speech worth listening to." -- Hansell B. Duckett

SCRAMBLERS

1. Bundle; 2. Respect;
3. Delay; 4. Erode

Today's Word
DOUBTS

TRIVIA TEST

1. **Food & Drink:** What is a manzanilla?
2. **Science:** At what temperature are the Celsius and Fahrenheit scales equal?
3. **U.S. Currency:** Which non-president's image is on the \$100 bill?
4. **Language:** What word represents the letter Q in the international phonetic alphabet?
5. **Music:** How many strings does a pedal harp have?
6. **Literature:** In which novel does the character Quasimodo appear?
7. **General Knowledge:** How many points does a snowflake have?
8. **History:** Where was Napoleon exiled after his defeat at Waterloo?
9. **Bible:** Where did Moses receive the Ten Commandments?
10. **Geography:** What city claims to be the most northernmost in Europe?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. A type of sherry 2. -40 degrees 3. Benjamin Franklin 4. Quebec 5. 40-47 6. "The Hunchback of Notre-Dame" 7. Six points 8. Saint Helena, an island off the African coast 9. Mount Sinai 10. Hammerfest, Norway.

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**THE RIVER
WEEKLY NEWS**
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Best Tasting Water In Florida

Drinking water from the North Lee County Water Treatment Plant was recently named the 2018 Best Tasting Water in the state by the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA). Next, Lee County Utilities drinking water will compete for national honors this June at the AWWA annual conference in Las Vegas.

“This achievement is validation of the good work our staff performs every day to ensure our customers have a reliable and safe source of drinking water,” said Hank Barroso, operations manager.

Water from the North Lee County Water Treatment Plant, one of five water treatment plants operated by Lee County Utilities, was selected to represent the utility and won the regional competition. The plant earned the right to represent the region at the state level, where it was judged on taste, color and clarity with the top representatives of the 12 regions in Florida.

Lee County Utilities is among the largest of a dozen public and private utility organizations that serve residents and businesses in Lee County. For service area locations, visit www.leegov.com/utilities/new-development/service-franchise-area-maps.

Conservancy To Offer Eco-Cruises Of Rookery Bay

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida will be welcoming nature-lovers aboard the Good Fortune II for summer eco-cruises led by Conservancy naturalists and Coast Guard-certified captains.

The two-hour eco-cruises will depart at 10 a.m. from the Conservancy’s Rookery Bay location on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays during the months of May, June and July (weather permitting).

Looking for an outing for your social group, HOA or family gathering? Charters for up to 35 guests are offered

seven days a week, subject to availability.

Guests aboard the Good Fortune II will be treated to a guided tour of Rookery Bay, one of only 29 National Estuarine Research Reserves in the country. Rookery Bay’s 110,000 acres contain bays, lagoons, streams, mangroves, marshes and upland habitats that are home to a vast array of wildlife, including dolphins, manatees and 150 species of birds. A group of concerned citizens originally founded the Conservancy in 1964 as a means of protecting the subtropical Rookery Bay from development.

Cost for Conservancy members is \$37 for adults and \$15 for children; Non-Conservancy members is \$47 for adults and \$20 for children. Charters are \$799 for Conservancy members and \$899 for the general public. Family memberships start at \$65.



Eco-cruise passengers aboard Good Fortune II photo provided

Eco-cruise reservations are required and can be booked online at www.conservancy.org/goodfortune or by calling 213-2500. Proceeds benefit the Conservancy of Southwest Florida’s mission of protecting the area’s water, land, wildlife and future.

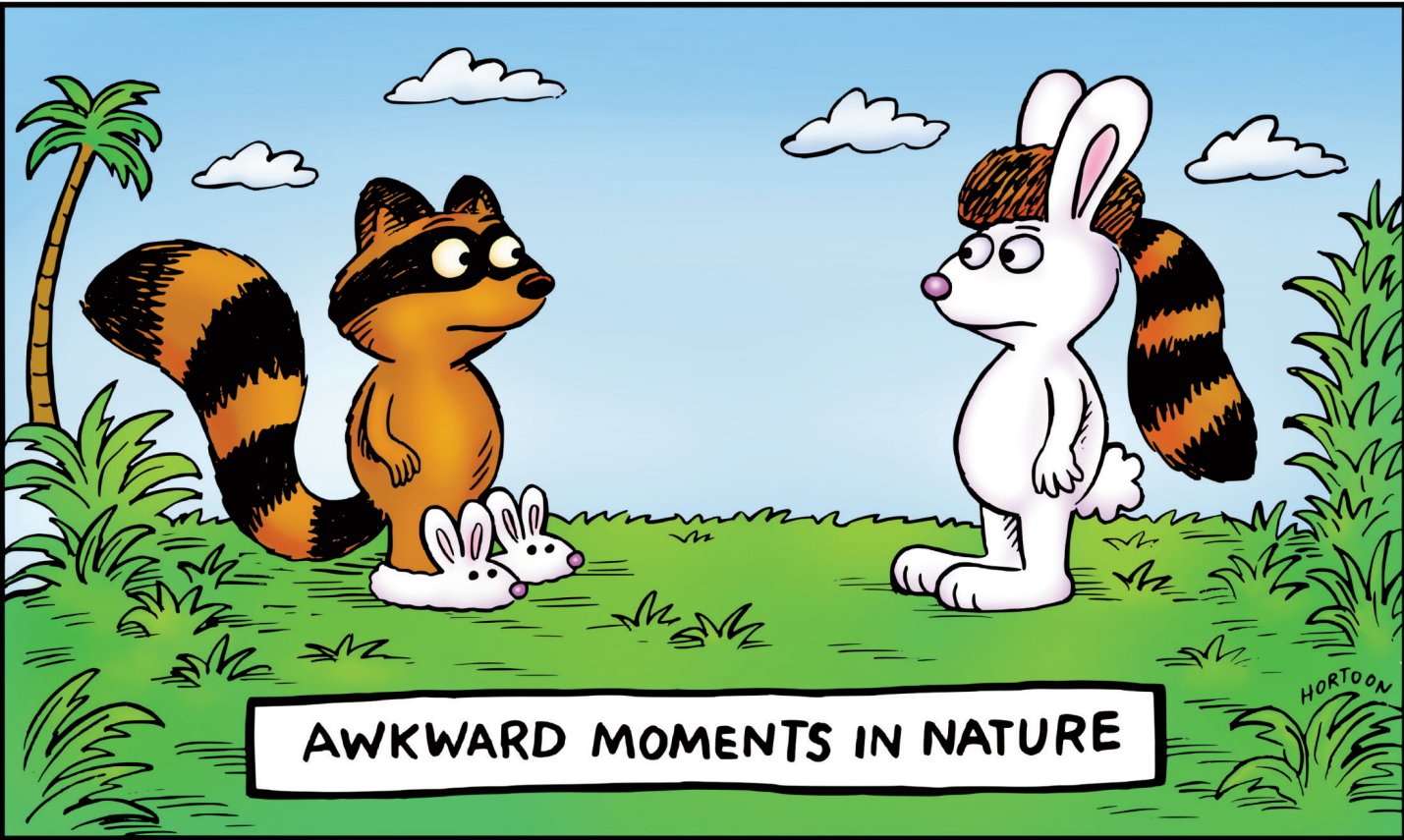
Ward 6 Meeting

Fort Myers City Councilwoman Gaile Anthony will host a Ward 6 community meeting at Fort Myers Fire Station No. 5 on Wednesday, May 16 from 4 to 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Councilwoman Anthony encourages citizens to bring concerns and comments to the community meetings. Attendees will include Mayor Randy Henderson and Carol Obermeier, director of air service development at Lee County Port Authority.

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

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Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Seaspray Subdivision	Sanibel	1991	4,831	\$5,795,000	\$5,400,000	45
Metes and Bounds	Sanibel	2012	4,444	\$5,485,000	\$5,257,800	0
Metes and Bounds	Sanibel	2000	4,168	\$4,895,000	\$4,500,000	35
Becklers Riverside Add	Fort Myers	2015	5,079	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000	12
Rookery Lake	Bonita Springs	2001	4,481	\$2,249,000	\$2,225,000	58
Butterknife	Sanibel	2002	4,123	\$1,875,000	\$1,775,000	317
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2006	5,770	\$1,695,000	\$1,550,000	398
Verona Lago	Miromar Lakes	2004	3,707	\$1,649,000	\$1,550,000	119
Sanibel Isles	Sanibel	1988	3,996	\$1,549,000	\$1,400,000	56
Sanctuary at Wulfert	Sanibel	2004	3,108	\$1,495,000	\$1,400,000	67



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