



Music Of The Man In Black At Broadway Palm

by Di Saggau

In over 30 musical numbers, *Ring of Fire* sings the life and music of the legendary Johnny Cash. It's a spectacular show, and you can see it now at Broadway Palm. The cast of 13 musicians and actors are experts on bass, guitar, banjo, drum, piano, harmonica and amazing fiddle playing. I'm probably leaving a few instruments out. Their mastery of the instruments is impressive as they perform a musical that tells Cash's story by drawing on a cache of his songs.

When the show begins, a man steps forward and says, "I'm Johnny Cash" and that phrase is repeated by almost every cast member. This lets the audience know that several characters play Cash at different times of his life. The same is true for his wife, June Carter Cash. We learn about how his beloved older brother Jack died after an accident at work, and why Johnny Cash always wore black. We travel deeply into his life, the good and the bad. The lyrics say it all as the cast progresses through his life, his passion, redemption,



A scene from *Ring of Fire*

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humor and salvation.

Songs include *Country Boy*, *A Thing Called Love*, *Five Feet High and Rising*, *Daddy Sang Bass*, *Ring of Fire*, *I Walk the Line*, *I've Been Everywhere*, *The Man in Black*, *The Old Rugged Cross* and many more. We even visit the

Grand Ole Opry complete with a song made famous by Minnie Pearl. The way the songs are staged and the way it's designed, you travel deeply into the lives of Johnny Cash and his wife. It's a foot-stompin', crowd-pleasin' salute to this remarkable legend.

This is one of the most intriguing musicals I have ever seen. Those in the cast are Danielle Barnes, Alex Canty, Tim Capel, Dani Cohen, Andrea DeVriendt, Tim Drake, Justin Droegemueller, Allison Fund, Alexander Kosmowski, Gary Leone,

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Classic Americana by Richard Bravo

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Alliance Call To Artists For Fall Juried Exhibit

The Alliance for the Arts is seeking artists to submit their work for *Día de los Muertos: A Juried Exhibit*, coming in October. Artists should create

pieces that showcase traditional Mexican sugar skulls merged with the artist's aesthetic. Categories are sculpture, painting (including oil, acrylic, collage, watercolor and mixed media), photography, prints and drawings. The show runs from October 5 through November 3.

In many parts of Mexico, South America and the United States, *Día de los Muertos* is celebrated. For more information, call the box office at 939-2787 or visit www.artinlee.org. The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.✱

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Youth Theatre Presents Hip Musical

The Alliance for the Arts Youth Theatre is bringing *Calvin Berger*, a high school musical by Barry Wyner, to the stage this month. Performances are Saturday, June 16 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday, June 17 at 2 p.m. Seating is general admission and ticket prices range from \$10 to \$20.

Based loosely on Edmond Rostand's play *Cyrano de Bergerac*, *Calvin Berger* is the hip and hilarious story of unrequited feelings, love notes and physical insecurity among four high school seniors. Calvin is smitten by the beautiful Rosanna, but he feels insecure because of the size of his nose. Rosanna, in turn, is attracted to the good-looking newcomer, Matt, who is painfully shy and inarticulate around her, although the attraction is mutual.

Hoping to get closer to Rosanna through his eloquent love notes, Calvin offers to be Matt's "speech writer," all the while ignoring the signals of attraction from another girl, his best friend, Bret. When the deception unravels, everybody's friendship is seriously jeopardized, but Calvin eventually realizes that his preoccupation with his appearance had led him astray, and his eyes are opened to Bret, who'd been there all along.

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A silhouette of Calvin Berger

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Inside Harbormaster's HQ



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

Since officially opening in 1939 after almost two years of construction, the Fort Myers Yacht Basin has proved to be, in the words of historian Karl H. Grismer, of “inestimable value” to the town. Oddly enough, though, when the basin first opened, no one was in charge and no docking records were kept. However, as soon as World War II ended and the area entered a period of exponential growth, the city decided to upgrade facilities and hire a harbormaster to oversee the asset. In January 1946, Capt. John Mickle agreed to be the city’s first “wharfmaster.” (By the following year, the term “harbormaster” was commonly used.)

Mickle is pictured here, posed by a large yachting trophy, in the building that functioned as both a clubhouse and the harbormaster’s private office. The photo was taken sometime between the opening of that facility in February 1953 and December 1956.

When the one-story concrete-block structure opened, the press enthused about the “luxurious lounging chairs, divans, reading and writing facilities, [and] hot and cold running showers.” Add to that the outside telephone accessible to boaters 24/7 and you have a state-of-the-art facility! It might not sound like much in this age of the cellphone, but in 1953, it was pretty neat.

Situated catty cornered at Edwards Drive and Lee Street, the building also had a rooftop sundeck that was reached by exterior stairs.

Surprisingly, when Mickle agreed to be wharfmaster, he offered to work at no cost to the city, instead proposing that he be compensated by operating a retail store selling supplies to yachtsmen. He would also sell gasoline and oil. The city would profit from dockage fees, which the city council planned to set at Miami rates.



This clubhouse and harbormaster’s office at Edwards and Lee opened in 1953. Note the “porthole” doors and rooftop sundeck. photo courtesy SWFL Florida Historical Society

Mickle was supremely suited for the job. In fact, upon hearing his proposal, Mayor David Shapard characterized the captain as “an old timer who really knows his business when it comes to boats.” He had long been known as a local fishing guide and as a yacht captain locally and “up north.” During his decade as harbormaster, he modernized basin services significantly.

Mickle was one of eight children of pioneer Walter Fowler Mickle, a lawyer from Syracuse, New York, and Lucy Premelia Haskew. Walter first ventured to Florida

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Capt. John Mickle, the first harbormaster of the Fort Myers Yacht Basin, is seen in the facility that functioned as a clubhouse and the harbormaster’s office. The photo was taken between 1953 and 1956. photo courtesy Ed Mickle



As this recent photo taken behind a counter shows, the nautical theme and much of the original woodwork, such as the “port-hole” swinging doors, remain in what is now the office for a river-cruise business photo by Gerri Reaves

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Craft Beer And Art Fundraiser At The Alliance

Alliance for the Arts will host its annual fundraiser Arts On Tap on Saturday, October 20 from 7 to 10 p.m. The announcement comes alongside the nationwide celebration of American Craft Beer Week. Arts On Tap, now in its second year, is a taste of creativity in the Alliance gallery featuring the craft of local brewers benefiting the Alliance for the Arts.

Participating crafters include Big Blue Brewing, Bury Me Brewing, Eight Foot Brewing, Fort Myers Brewing Company, Momentum Brewhouse, Palm City Brewing, Point Ybel Brewing Company and Scotty's Bierwerks with more to be announced. For one night only, guests can delight their senses with locally-handcrafted beers and spirits, hand-selected wines and culinary creations against a vibrant backdrop of local art.

"The Alliance for the Arts is all about supporting small, independent

makers who have a story," says development and marketing director Jessica Wisdom. "We're excited to celebrate the art of craft beer for the second year in a row. In our never-ending quest to outdo ourselves, this year's event will be bigger and better with more art, more food, more fun and, of course, more beer!"

Last year, Arts On Tap attracted 200 guests. Tickets are \$75 and include unlimited tastings from participating breweries and distilleries, culinary creations, pub snacks, gallery admission, music and games. The first 75 guests to purchase a ticket will receive an exclusive Support Local pint glass. Arts On Tap is for ages 21 and older. A state-issued form of ID is required.

The event is sponsored by Briers CPA, Custom Packaging and Products, EnSite, HBKS Wealth Advisors, Priority Business Solutions and Sanibel Captiva Community Bank.

Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information or sponsorships opportunities, call 939-2787 or visit www.artinlee.org/ontap.

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Summer Deal For Families At Estates

This summer, Edison & Ford Winter Estates is offering a special deal for families. During the months of June, July and August, visitors may bring a child, 12 years old or younger, for free. One child will be admitted free per one paid adult.

The site includes the historic winter homes of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, caretaker's homes of both inventors, Edison's study, a 15,000-square-foot museum and the botanic laboratory – a National Historic Chemical Landmark. There also are more than 20 acres of botanic gardens to explore, including the historic Moonlight Garden, Clara's rose garden, a succulent garden, the almost century old Banyan and Mysore Fig trees and numerous other plants and trees from all around the world.

The air-conditioned museum is full of exhibits and artifacts for children and adults alike. Antique car enthusiasts will find Edison's personal car, a 1916 Model T; Ford's "Chuck Wagon," a 1918 Model T Roadster; and a 1908 Cadillac Motor Car. Visitors will also get to see and hear several examples of Edison's favorite invention, the phonograph. Families will learn how many patents Edison had, what his most profitable invention was, how Edison and Ford met and many other



Kids have fun inventing in the Smithsonian Spark!Lab at Edison & Ford Winter Estates
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interesting facts.

There are two new exhibits in the museum: the Smithsonian Spark!Lab and the Timeline of Innovation. The timeline is a chronological display of Edison's and Ford's inventions. The Spark!Lab is a fun, hands-on activity center where kids are encouraged to invent. The exhibit has five stations that rotate every few months, so return visitors can try out something new. The activities allow for groups and families, so parents and grandparents can enjoy the activities along with their children

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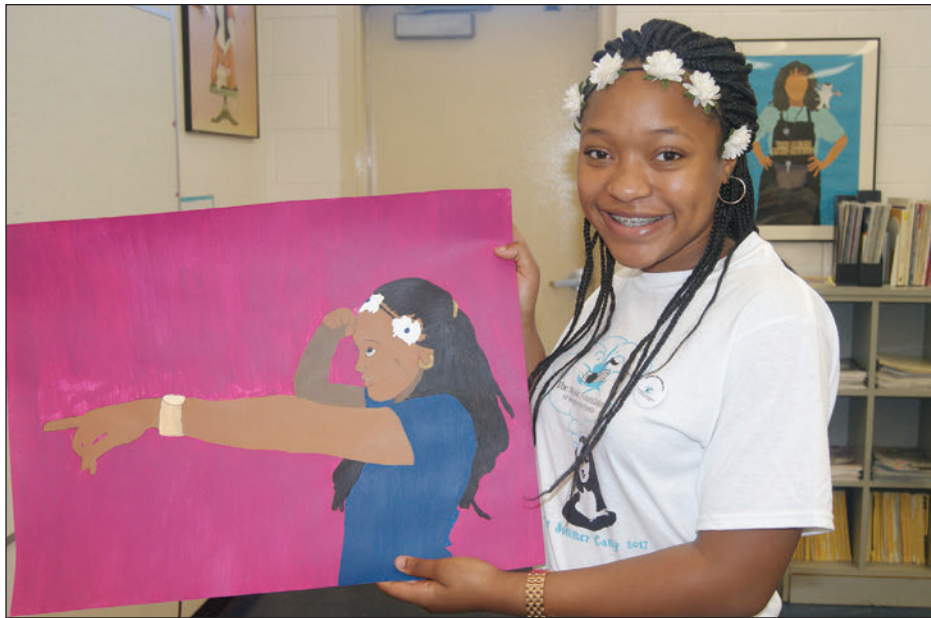
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The Music Foundation of Southwest Florida will hold its annual summer arts program on scheduled weekdays from June 18 through July 20. In its 27th year, approximately 20 different camps in all areas of instrumental and vocal music, including piano and guitar, as well as theater, visual and culinary arts, and digital design, are offered for students in grades six through eight. A few camps are designed for

students as young as grade three. The program is divided into four one-week sessions. Most camps are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. The fee is \$150 per week, which includes activities, breakfast, lunch and a souvenir T-shirt. Scholarships are available. The week-long summer arts camps offer music theory, note-reading, proper practice skills for music students and special enrichment activities for all. Camps are held at the centrally located Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School in Fort Myers and staffed by faculty who are active professional musicians and/or music teachers



Camps offer music theory, note-reading and practice skills

selected for their expertise and ability to share their enthusiasm and knowledge with the aspiring musicians. The summer camp programs provide a variety of high quality artistic and educational experiences that promote positive personal growth, interest and achievement in the arts. The programs are designed to develop cooperation, personal responsibility, teamwork, respect and goal achievement. Faculty members strive to ensure that all participants have positive, enjoyable and successful experiences. “The benefits of a music education are beyond learning to play an instrument and to read music. Students also learn valuable life skills such as self-discipline, nonverbal communication, the importance of completing a task, improved self-worth as well as reinforced math skills, history and literature and more,” said Ruth Christman, executive director of The Music Foundation of Southwest Florida. “Our mission statement is to enrich and transform the lives of young people by igniting and nurturing the lifelong joy

of making music. We hope to do that for the youth in our community this summer.” Students must provide their own instruments for all music camps except piano and percussion. For more information, contact Ruth Christman at 275-0057 or JCMFA@aol.com or go to www.music-foundation.org.✧

Wear Purple On Elder Abuse Awareness Day

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is honored each year on June 15. The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida (AAASWFL) is asking the community to wear purple on that day to raise awareness of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. “We associate the color purple with dignity, respect and royalty,” said Sherry Young, AAASWFL elder abuse prevention coordinator. “And those are often the same words we use when describing how to treat our elders. Wearing purple on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is another reminder of how we need to treat our seniors with respect and dignity.”

Elder abuse impacts millions of people around the world each year. The National Council on Aging estimates that one in 10 Americans age 60 and over have experienced some kind of elder abuse, and the U.S. Administration for Community Living states that older Americans lose an estimated \$2.6 billion annually due to financial abuse and material exploitation. Other forms of include emotional or psychological abuse, neglect and self-neglect, and physical and sexual abuse. AAASWFL provides informational seminars on elder abuse recognition, prevention, and reporting. To schedule a presentation for your group, call the AAASWFL Helpline at 866-413-5337 (866-41-ELDER).✧

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in the 1880s. John grew up being on the water, particularly during his family’s seven years on Captiva. Accounts of the siblings’ enchanted and adventurous island years sound like ones for the storybooks. Eventually, father Walter moved the family to “town,” where he served as town councilman in 1905 and postmaster from 1906 to 1910, in addition to other endeavors. Son John, the future harbormaster, went on to serve in the U.S. Navy in both World Wars. Upon Mickle’s death in December 1956, a frontpage *News-Press* headline dubbed him the “friendly dockmaster.” Today, the former yacht basin clubhouse and office retains a vintage look and has a use appropriate to its history; it is an office for a river-cruise business. Walk down to Edwards and Lee to the headquarters where the first harbormaster oversaw the Fort Myers Yacht Basin. Then

visit the following two research centers to learn more about how the basin has helped the town grow and prosper. The Southwest Florida Historical Society is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization open Wednesday and Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon and Wednesday 4 to 7 p.m. It is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. Call 939-4044 or visit www.swflhistoricalsociety.org for more information. The Lee County Black History Society is located at 1936 Henderson Avenue, adjacent to the Williams Academy Museum at Roberto Clemente Park. Hours for the all-volunteer, non-profit organization are Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday by appointment only. For more information, call 332-8778 or visit www.leecountyblackhistorysociety.org. Sources: The Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, *The News-Press*, and *The Story of Fort Myers* by Karl H. Grismer.✧

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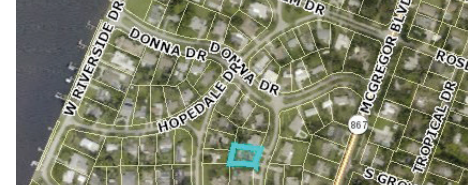
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Fort Myers Art:

Snappy Comedy At Off Broadway Begins June 14



by Tom Hall

Back by popular demand, *The Savannah Sipping Society* returns to the Off Broadway Palm on Thursday, June 14 after a sold-out run last season. It's a delightful, laugh-a-

minute comedy that features a barrage of jokes, one-liners and zingers worthy of a Samantha Bee or Paula Poundstone stand-up comedy routine.

The action starts when Randa Covington, Marlafaye Mosley and Dot Haigler stagger into the juice bar after nearly expiring in a hot yoga class. Forming an instant bond as a result of their near-death experience, they resolve to share drinks that evening on Randa's verandah. Dot invites the manager of a nearby make-up store to join the trio.

So who are these imperfect strangers?

Randa is a workaholic perfectionist who is struggling to cope with a surprise career derailment that reveals she has no life and no idea how to get one. Dot's a widow who is reeling from her husband's recent demise and the loss



Actresses hamming it up in *The Savannah Sipping Society* photo courtesy www.artswfl.com

of their plans for an idyllic retirement. Marlafaye is a boisterous good ol' Texas gal trying to come to terms with losing her tom-cattin' husband to a 23-year-old dental hygienist. And Jinx is a spunky ball of fire who offers her services as a much-needed life coach for her three friends.

As it turns out, Jinx has already met Randa – in the check-out line at the local grocery.

"I got a slab of brie and seven tangerines," she tells Dot and Marlafaye

before encountering Randa for the second time that day. "When I got into the five-items-or-less line, the most pretentious, uptight gal I've met in years threw a frothing fit. She went ballistic. I mean, what kind of person is so tightly wound she'd even care about that?"

Enter the self-same tightly-wound Randa, holding aloft a plate of cheese straws. But never underestimate the healing power of a cheese straw! The two unite at first bite.

From that moment on, the banter

is droll and repartee snappy. The man-bashing jokes and gender-based sarcasm even has the men in the audience guffawing with laughter. But there's more here than a disjointed string of wisecracks and witticisms. Playwrights Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten (whose credits include *The Dixie Swim Club*, *Dearly Beloved*, *Christmas Belles*, *The Red Velvet Cake War* and *Always a Bridesmaid*) explore the ways in which all of us cope with the reverses, setbacks and tragedies that life throws our way with all too much regularity.

Just like us, Randa, Marlafaye, Dot and Jinx are self-involved, filled with irrational fears and desires, and consumed by conflicting emotions. On their own, they struggle to get by, but with each other's support and understanding, they find the courage to try and do new things that make them individually and collectively smarter, stronger, more confident and self-aware. Along the way, they forge lasting friendships and discover a renewed determination to live in the moment. More importantly, they also realize it's never too late to make new old friends.

The Savannah Sipping Society plays June 14 through July 22. But lock up your tickets now... this show is sure to sell out again.

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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Dogs And Dads Yappy Hour

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All pooches should come dressed to impress in their best dad-wear, showing off their favorite necktie or bowtie in honor of dad. Pet owners can enter their dogs in a creative 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 addition to a bounce house, sidewalk chalk station and lawn games for guests to enjoy. Cru will offer beer and wine, while Omaha Steaks will sell \$2 hot dogs and \$1 water bottles. All proceeds will be donated to the Gulf Coast Humane Society. As merchant of the month for June, Anchored Boutique will provide Yappy Hour guests with special offers and 10-percent-off coupons.

Throughout Yappy Hour, visitors will have an opportunity to stop by dog-friendly sponsor stations and meet adoptable dogs from the Gulf Coast Humane Society.

Bell Tower Shops, Southwest Florida's dog-friendly shopping, dining and entertainment destination, holds Yappy Hour on the second Friday of

each month.

To learn more about the event, visit www.thebelltowershops.com or www.facebook.com/BellTowerShops.*

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Estates

and grandchildren. Edison Ford is one of only nine museums across the country to have a Smithsonian Spark!Lab.

Activities in the Spark!Lab include, Invent-A-Vehicle, where children sketch and then build a vehicle to solve a specified problem; Flying Machines allows participants to engineer flying inventions using the construction materials provided; High Wire Driver incorporates a variety of building components and simple motors to invent devices that can roll along a cable suspended above a table or work surface; Snap Circuits offers children a chance to work with real circuits just like the ones found inside radios, televisions, computers and other electronic devices, but without wires or solder; and visitors can examine various plant samples through the lens of a microscope in the Microscope Plant Exploration station.

The site is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. seven days a week. There are several tour options, including self-guided audio tours, historian-led guided tours, specialty inside-the-homes and inside-the-lab tours and garden tours. Throughout the year, the site offers public events and new exhibits. For tour times and more information, visit www.edisonfordwinterestates.org or call 334-7419.*



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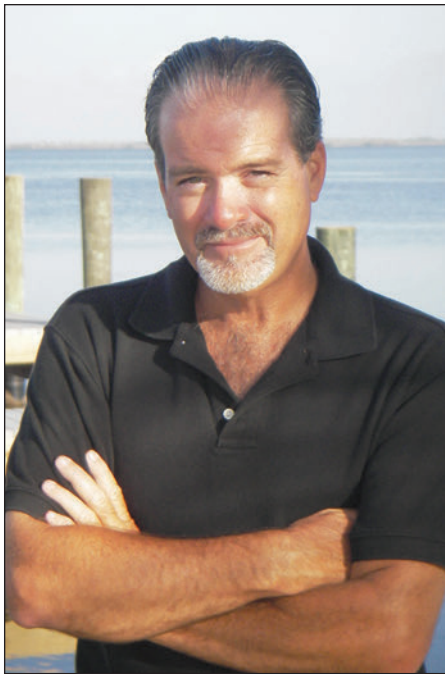


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Shell Point Offering Classes On History, Writing

The Academy of Lifelong Learning at Shell Point Retirement Community will host June Academy classes, which will feature informative discussions on Vietnamese history and successful writing practices. Classes will take place on Monday, June 11; Monday, June 18; and Saturday, June 23.

Vietnam: Its History and Culture will trace the origins of the Vietnamese people and their heritage during a series of lectures, presented by Florida SouthWestern State College Professor Adrian Kerr. The French War, American War, and Present-day Vietnam, will utilize a sequence of photographs to depict how the Viet heritage has produced a vibrant, colorful and unique religion. The series will conclude with Da Nang and the Ancient Capital Hue, illustrating the



Robert Macomber

still-evident divide between the North and South.

The series includes:

The French War, American War, and Present-day Vietnam – June 11 at 4:15 p.m.

Da Nang and the Ancient Capital Hue – June 18 at 4:30 p.m.

Shell Point will also present Writers' Workshop: Successful Writing Projects from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, led by award-winning author and historian Robert Macomber. During the three-hour workshop, Macomber will share tips on how to organize, start and complete a successful writing project. The course will teach guests how to keep a project on schedule, offer ways to edit without angst and provide ideas to inspire memorable writing. Attendees are encouraged to bring a large notepad and a pen or pencil.

Tickets to attend the classes with Kerr are \$10 each, and the writing course with Macomber is \$35. Tickets can be purchased by calling 489-8472. For more information, visit www.shellpoint.org.

Battle On The Blueway Race This Saturday

The 4th annual Battle on the Blueway returns Saturday, June 9 to Crescent Beach Family Park, 1100 Estero Boulevard on Fort Myers Beach. The Battle on the Blueway is a competitive race for paddling enthusiasts and includes competitive events for standup paddleboarders (SUPs) as well as kayaks, outrigger canoes and surf skis.

The event is part of the Fastest in Florida and Paddle League race series as well as a World Paddle Association Region 5 sanctioned points race that will include seven-mile and two-mile races, sprints, a free Calusa Kids Race and a Special Olympics Fun Race. More

than 120 paddlers from Southwest Florida, Mexico, Hawaii, Canada and the U.S. attended the 2016 race. The 2017 race was canceled due to weather.

The event is free for spectators, who can see the races from the beach or the pier at Lynn Hall Park.

All non-motorized vessels are welcome. There will be a demonstration and vendor area for those who wish to try out a paddleboard or surf ski.

Pre-registration is required for racers. There will not be an opportunity to register the day of the event. Race entries are \$55 to \$65. There will be a fee to park at the beach. All proceeds will benefit Special Olympics Florida – Lee County SUP Team.

For event information, call Mike Hammond at 707-7981 or 533-7275. Trail information is at www.calusablueway.com or www.leeparks.org/blueway.

OBITUARY

RICHARD EDWARD JACKER

Richard Edward Jacker (Dick) died May 29, 2018 at the age of 87 of COPD at Shell Point Village in Fort Myers. He was the son of David and Bee Jacker of Chicago, Illinois. He graduated from Senn High School, Harvard College and Northwestern Law School, and practiced law in New York City until his retirement in 1989.

He is survived by his nephew Michael Jacker and niece Anne Dubitzky and their families, his wife Carol Daniels and her children Amelia Mitchell, John Toombs and Polly Toombs, and his grandchildren Forrest Hurley Toombs, Emerson Hurley Toombs and Sarah Spruill.

While living in New York City, he attended the Church of the Ascension and Grace Church, and served on the Vestry of both churches. He was active in the Episcopal Diocese of New York, serving on the Diocesan Council, and the Standing Committee of the Diocese for two terms.

After retiring, he and Carol moved to Captiva, Florida where he was on the boards of the Captiva Civic Association, the Captiva Library and chair of the County Library Advisory Board. He was a parishioner of the Captiva Chapel by the Sea and St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church on Sanibel. He served on the Board of Associates at the Captiva Chapel by the Sea, the Vestry at St. Michael and All Angels. He was instrumental in the missions and outreach committees for both houses of worship.

In retirement, he wrote poetry, participated in a writers group and continued to collect books. He and Carol spent many summers traveling in the United Kingdom.

Memorial services will be held in the fall at both St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church on Sanibel and at Captiva Chapel by the Sea. No flowers please. Memorial contributions may be made to Chapel by the Sea for the benefit of the missions and outreach programs at P.O. Box 188, Captiva, FL 33924 or to an outreach program in your community.*

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Along The River

The **Sounds of Summer concert series** kicks off its second year at the **Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center** this Friday, June 8 with Kate Skales and Emma Arnold, two of Southwest Florida's top emerging artists who will perform their original music. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the music starts at 8 p.m.

The Sounds of Summer bi-weekly series runs from June 8 to August 24 and showcases a range of genres. Tickets are \$5 per person; FSW and FGCU students can buy one ticket and get another for free.

At only 17 years old, Arnold is already making a name for herself in the singer-songwriter community. She writes heartfelt songs about love, friendship and growing up and has performed at the Strawberry Festival, Art Walks the Runway and Point Ybel Brewery. For more information about Arnold, visit www.emmasarnold.com.

Skales recently appeared on the Southwest Florida scene, but people are taking notice of her new album *Ready For Me*. The album, released in April 2018, features Skales' big voice, catchy choruses and playful attitude. For more information about Skales and her new album, visit www.facebook.com/kateskales.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.sbdac.com or call 333-1933.

The Lee County Homeless Coalition will hold its inaugural **mini golf family**



Refuge Ranger Monica Scroggins leads a tour along the Wildlife Education Boardwalk
photo courtesy JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge

fundraiser at **Alico Family Golf** this Saturday, June 9 from 2 to 9 p.m. It will offer a chance to win \$1 million with a Hole-In-One Challenge.

Cost to play is \$25 per adult in advance; \$30 per adult at the door; \$15 per child younger than age 13 in advance; and \$20 per child younger than age 13 at the door. Tickets include a free meal and a drink, unlimited rounds of mini-golf, unlimited rounds on the nine-hole short course, unlimited buckets of golf balls for the driving range, SNAG (Start New At Golf) for kids and beginners, and more.

The \$1 million Hole-In-One Challenge is open to all attendees. The distance of the shot will be measured at 167 yards. A closest-to-the-hole qualifier will bring it

down to three finalists to stand up to the \$1 million shot.

Alico Family Golf is located at 16300 Lee Road in Fort Myers. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.leehomelessminigolf.eventbrite.com.

JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge will host **free summer programs** now through August 4, including Wildlife Wonders talks, weekly walks and nature crafts. No pre-registration is necessary.

Reading in the Refuge is held every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Attendees of each 45-minute reading-and-crafts session learn about a refuge animal and make a take-home craft related to it. Meet in the Visitor & Education Center classroom.

Join refuge naturalists as they lead a one-hour tour on the Indigo Trail every Thursday at 10 a.m. Participants will stroll along the Wildlife Education Boardwalk to identify and discuss the ecosystem's plants, mammals, birds and reptiles. This

is geared for adults and children. Bring water, sunscreen and bug spray. Meet at the flagpole in front of the Visitor & Education Center.

Family Beach Walks are held every Friday at 9 a.m. The one-hour program convenes at Gulfside City Park to explore the refuge's gulf-front Perry Tract. City parking fees apply. Bring water, sunscreen and bug spray.

Refuge education staff members lead a 30-minute indoor program called Wildlife Wonders every Saturday at 11 a.m. Learn about the mysteries of manatees, alligators, crocodiles, horseshoe crabs and birds in the Visitor & Education Center auditorium.

JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge is located at 1 Wildlife Drive on Sanibel. For more information, call 472-1100 ext. 237 or visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/free-refuge-programs.

Shell Point Retirement Community's 2018 Summer Concert Series kicks off with a performance by **Southwest Florida Symphony's Southwest Florida String Trio** in the Grand Cypress Room at The Woodlands at Shell Point this Wednesday, June 13 at 7 p.m. The concert is open to the public. Tickets are \$20 and will be held for pick-up at will call on the night of the performance.

The Southwest Florida String Trio will perform an array of musical selections from composers such as Bach, Vivaldi, Schubert and Piazzolla, in Baroque and Beyond, Part II. Concertgoers will be introduced to insightful background on each composer and will have an opportunity to meet with the musicians after the concert.

The Woodlands at Shell Point is located at 14441 Woodsong Lane in Fort Myers. For more information or tickets, visit www.shellpoint.org/concerts or call 454-2067.*



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Recreational Red Snapper Season Begins June 11

The recreational red snapper season will start June 11 in gulf state and federal waters and remain open through July 20, closing July 21. This year and next year are unique compared to previous years in that Florida's gulf recreational red snapper season applies to harvest from both state and federal waters.

Anglers fishing from private recreational boats will need to have their recreational saltwater fishing license (unless exempt) and will need to have Gulf Reef Fish Angler on their license (includes those that are exempt) to target red snapper or other certain reef fish in gulf state and federal waters (excluding Monroe County). You can get this printed on a license at no cost at www.gooutdoorsflorida.com or by visiting any location you can purchase a license.

For-hire operations that do not have a federal reef fish permit may also participate in this 40-day season but are limited to fishing for red snapper in state waters only. These operations

must have State Gulf Reef Fish Charter on their license to target red snapper and other reef fish in gulf state waters (excluding Monroe County). This can be done at no cost at a local tax collector's office.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has also partnered with Snook and Gamefish Foundation on a new smartphone app specifically for voluntary reporting of red snapper catch information. This app will be available soon on your phone's app store by searching for iAngler Gulf Red Snapper for private anglers or iAngler Gulf Red Snapper Charter if you are a charter operation. Using the app is important because it will help the commission test real-time data collection.

To learn more about the 40-day recreational red snapper season in gulf state and federal waters, including season size and bag limits, visit www.myfwc.com/snappers.

The federal season for for-hire operations with federal reef fish permits is June 1 through July 21.

Federal fishery managers are in the process of collecting input for a season in Atlantic federal waters. Learn more at www.sero.nmfs.noaa.gov.*



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Florida Department of Environmental Protection's South District Director Jon Iglehart, far right, pictured with U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Division Nine members photo provided

Coast Guard Auxiliary Earns DEP Award

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) South District recognized the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Division Nine, USCG Sector St. Petersburg, USCG Station Fort Myers Beach for their commitment to protect Florida's environment. Division Nine Auxiliary was awarded the South District's Environmental Stewardship Award, which was developed to recognize those who are working alongside DEP to safeguard Florida's coastal environments.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary promotes and improves recreational boating safety while providing training to enhance waterway and coastal safety. The auxiliary has been a member of the DEP Clean Boating partnership since its creation in 2000. The partnership provides environmental compliance assistance and evaluation, educational outreach, workshops,

technical assistance and mentoring to communities.

"It is our honor to recognize the Coast Guard Auxiliary for its hard work and dedication in helping to protect Florida's waterways by performing boating safety checks, checking for clean boating best management practices, such as gray water containment and education on fuel spill prevention," said Jon Iglehart, director of DEP's South District.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary also provides assistance with the department's Clean Marina Program. To ensure a sustainable future for Florida's marine and freshwater environments, this program encourages marinas to maintain sewage pump out stations, and promote recycling and proper disposal of hazardous materials.

With thousands of recreational boating facilities, mariner vessels and ecotourism opportunities in the state of Florida, environmental outreach and education is crucial to preserving the state's natural resources.

For more information about DEP's clean marina program, visit www.floridadep.gov/fco/clean-marina.✱

Festival Of Dance Tribute June 24

Dancers will take the stage at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre on Sunday, June 24 to honor the late Jeanne Bochette, the region's pioneering dance teacher, woman entrepreneur, Grande Dame and performing arts advocate. The Festival of Dance, produced by Dance Bochette, its affiliated nonprofit Gulfcoast Dance Inc., and hosted by Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, will include a noon brunch followed by a 2 p.m. matinee.

The tribute features performers from Bochette's historic Fort Myers studio – including those she trained during her six-decade career – showcasing ballet, tap, modern, jazz and hip hop. In addition, professional guest artists will travel to Fort Myers for special appearances and contributions.

Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$25 for

children and \$20 for the performance only.

Performance highlights include:

Carla Amâncio and Phillipe Teixeira, principal dancers from Dance Alive National Ballet, performing the classic pas de deux from *Romeo and Juliet* as well as modern works;

Broadway-inspired original tap choreography by area master teacher Ron Fucci;

Dance Bochette director and former Mark Morris Dance Group member Alyce Bochette will pay homage to her mother with her new work set to Beethoven's enchanting *Moonlight Sonata*;

A re-staging of May O'Donnell's classic *Dance Energies* taught to Dance Bochette students by Nancy Lushington, former O'Donnell soloist, Marymont Manhattan College assistant professor of dance and board member of the O'Donnell Green Foundation for Music and Dance.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the theater at 278-4422.✱

Grant Awarded To Immokalee Readers Program

The Immokalee Foundation has received a \$10,000 grant from The League Club of Southwest Florida to support its Immokalee Readers program.

Immokalee Readers is an after-school early intervention literacy tutoring program designed to help the lowest-performing young readers by supplementing their regular classroom instruction in reading. The tutors are high school students supervised by certified classroom teachers in all five elementary schools in Immokalee. Ninety-eight percent of the young students achieve measurable gains in reading scores; the tutors also have shown improvements in overall reading proficiency.

"This grant from The League Club, coupled with generous community support, enable The Immokalee Foundation to continue providing services for thousands of students in Immokalee," said Steven Kissinger, executive director of The Immokalee Foundation. "Immokalee Readers helps to set our youngest students on their pathway to success."

Each year, grant requests are reviewed by The League Club's volunteer Community Involvement Committee. Grants are awarded for projects or critical services, equipment



The Immokalee Foundation's Steven Kissinger with Liz Winebrenner, president of The League Club photo provided

and improvements to make a valuable impact in the lives of local residents. Since 1987, The League Club has granted over \$4.2 million to 157 local nonprofit agencies. For more information, visit www.leagueclub.org.

To learn more about The Immokalee Foundation, volunteering as a career panel speaker or host, becoming a mentor, making a donation, including the foundation in your estate plans, or for more information, call 430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.✱

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OBITUARY



CAPTAIN JOE BURNSSED

After a long illness, Captain Joe Burnsed died peacefully on May 29, 2018 at Shell Point Hospice at the age of 62.

Joe was born on December 12, 1955 in Orlando, Florida. After graduation in 1974, Joe left Orlando to join the Navy.

Joe and Laurel Kovach, his high school sweetheart, were married during a brief break between Joe’s Navy “Boot Camp” and “A School” training on December 24, 1974 at Union Park Nazarene Church by Joe’s father Rev. MG Burnsed. Laurel and Joe celebrated their 43rd anniversary last December.

Joe left the Navy in 1985 after more than 10 years of service and he, Laurel and Joey, their young son, moved to Sanibel to fulfill Joe’s lifelong dream to become a charter captain out of Castaways Marina. Joe had to retire in 2002 due to medical issues and he fought a long, hard battle the last eight years with end-stage liver disease.

Joe loved God and his family. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. Joe, Laurel and Joey spent many long and happy days on the waters of Sanibel and Captiva islands together. Through hard work and commitment, Joe and Laurel built Captain Joe’s Charters from scratch into a strong family business and a life’s work he was very proud of, as well as many lifelong relationships with his clients, who quickly became fishing companions and friends.

Joe reared Joey, his son, on the boat from an early age as a fisherman, teaching him all the ins and outs of the backwaters of Sanibel and Captiva and the other barrier islands, and, perhaps, more importantly, the values of conservation, kindness and safety for his customers and friends. Captain Joey continues to fish with folks that his father first took fishing as customers more than 30 years ago.

Joe is survived by his wife Laurel Ann Burnsed; his son Captain Joey Burnsed and his wife Crystal; and grandchildren Lexi, Alexander and Jaelyn. Other survivors include Sara Burnsed, his mother; Marilyn Kovach, his mother-in-law; Captain Jim Burnsed (Dall), his brother; Pat Nolen, his sister; and nieces and nephews Captain Jimmy Burnsed (Sarah), Tracy Burnsed (Steve), Amy McKay (Captain Rob), and Andrew Nolan and Robin Gowda (Nanda). Joe had 10 grandnieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at Sanibel Community Church on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, Joe asked that his family and friends please make donations to your favorite charity or Captains For Clean Water, a cause Joe believed deeply in and reflects his life’s commitment to fishing and the outdoors.*

Participants Sought For World Record Title

The 3rd annual National Seashell Day will kick off the summer season with an attempt to break a Guinness World Records title on the beach behind The Outrigger Beach Resort on Fort Myers Beach on Thursday, June 21. Check-in is under the tiki hut at the Outrigger from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Celebrating one of The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel’s most popular draws – seashells – the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB) plans to break the Guinness World Records title for the largest human image of a seashell. The VCB is asking for the support of the community to make it happen.

“Summer’s here and we’re going to celebrate by creating a human seashell of epic proportions,” said Tamara Pigott, VCB executive director. “With the help of our community, we look forward to attempting a Guinness World Records title.”

The Guinness World Records title for the largest human image of a seashell is currently held by Shell and Turcas Petrol AS and was achieved in October 2017 with 855 participants. This was the result of a team-building event with owners of Shell gas stations all over Turkey.

The VCB’s goal is to take the Guinness World Records title with more

than 1,000 people on the beach to fill in the form of a seashell. A Guinness World Records adjudicator will be on site to verify the attempt.

Commemorative 2018 National Seashell Day T-shirts and hats will be provided for participants, as well as complimentary water, fresh fruit, snacks, entertainment and tent seating for shade.

Bring refillable water bottles. To be more environmentally friendly, water stations will be available rather than handing out bottled water.

No pets allowed. Parking will not be available on site at the Outrigger Beach Resort. Participants are encouraged to use the free Park & Ride on LeeTran’s Beach Trolleys (Route 400) to and from the event. Trolleys will run every 10 to 15 minutes from Fort Myers Beach Park & Ride, 11101 Summerlin Square Road (first trolley arrives at 6 a.m.) and from Lovers Key State Park, 8700 Estero Boulevard, east side (first trolley arrives at 6:45 a.m.).

Registration is required, and volunteers will need to include shirt sizes for everyone in the party. A free bus pass will be provided in the registration confirmation email.

The Outrigger Beach Resort is located at 6200 Estero Boulevard on Fort Myers Beach. To register, visit www.leevcb.com/events/2018-national-seashell-day for more information.*

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

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

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Animal Ambassadors



by Bob Petcher

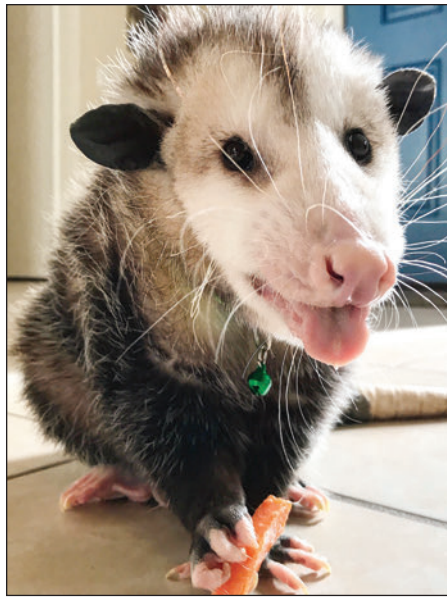
Animals that do not fully recover from injuries or illnesses still can live a productive life, though probably not in the wild. While these creatures have received physically and/or mentally

debilitating injuries and are deemed non-releasable, they still have the opportunity to acclimate from forager to educator.

Enter the animal ambassador.

At CROW, countless animals have come to the medical hospital from around Southwest Florida with various injuries. Many of these patients have been successfully rehabilitated and released back into the wild where they were first found wounded.

Unfortunately, even while CROW medical staff provides outstanding treatment to all patients, some are just beyond repair. Instead of giving up on these animals, they have been given a second chance as a wildlife ambassador. These animals are used during presentations and programs for an up close experience with wildlife. This new role allows children and adults to get up close and personal with creatures from



From left, Bashful, a Virginia opossum, Lola, an American kestrel and Mina, a great horned owl, are animal ambassadors at CROW

photos by Brian Bohlman

around the world.

CROW began its animal ambassador program in 2012 to provide an educational home for these creatures. The clinic's rehabilitation staff spends countless hours training and building trust with these animals so they can remain relaxed around crowds.

CROW officials believe education is an integral part of the nonprofit organization and essential to its mission. Many are sent to exhibition facilities to teach audiences of all ages the importance of respecting wildlife.

"One of my favorite things about

working with these animals is being able to build trust and have a relationship with them as a handler," said Breanna Frankel, CROW rehabilitation manager. "Mina, the great horned owl, for example, is an amazingly beautiful, powerful creature which would be capable of killing me if she wanted to, but knowing that she trusts me enough to feel comfortable and safe with me is very rewarding."

Animals have become quite effective in their roles as ambassadors, thus increasing human awareness. CROW currently has five animal ambassadors that participate in daily presentations and

off-site programs.

Mina, a great horned owl, arrived to the clinic in December of 2016 with a partially amputated right wing. The injury had mostly healed by the time she was brought to the clinic, but rendered her unable to fly.

Talon, a red-tailed hawk, arrived to the clinic in January of 2014 with a broken left wing. The fracture had already healed incorrectly, and he was unable to fly.

Lola, an American kestrel, arrived in March of 2013 after she was found in a front yard in Cape Coral. She also had

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Back At It After The Storm



by Capt.
Matt Mitchell

After days of rain and strong winds associated with the first tropical storm of the season, I finally managed to get back out onto the water mid-week. Major weather

events like this always change up our fishing and also make catching bait more difficult than usual. Taking clients fishing after not having been on the water for several days just does not feel right; it's like going blind as you don't have any intel from the days before.

Fishing for a full day the first day back on the water with longtime clients Bryan and John Majewski from Wisconsin, early morning fast moving rain caused us to push back the pick up time by a little bit. I did struggle to get enough shiners and had to move locations several times. Winds were still a little gusty and the skies overcast with scattered rain that we would have to dodge most of the day.

For our first stop I chose a southern facing shoreline with a deeper channel dead-ending against the mangroves. Casting the shiners in close to the shoreline, it did not take long for Bryan to hook up. This first fish of the day felt like the baitfish was hung up on the bottom, but after a few turns of the

reel, the fish came up and did a head shake on the surface. The second time this fish came up to surface, I realized it was a giant flounder! Quickly grabbing the landing net, this was the largest flounder caught on my boat in years and measured a whopping 24 inches. After a few more casts, we had a few snook bites then landed a 28-inch snook and a 15-inch mangrove snapper. With a big flounder and mangrove snapper in the fish box, I knew I had their dinner covered and the pressure was off a little bit.

Working our way north, we did not catch a single fish for the next two hours and the bite just quit. Even with strong south winds, I just could not find any moving water and saw fish laid up on every shoreline we fished. Taking a break for a lunch stop, I decided we would spend our time fishing the southern sound as it was also closer to home if we had to dodge the weather. Bouncing around the very south end of St. James City, the tide was now super high and the ideal set-up I had been hoping for all day. Mangrove shorelines now began to turn on with a few snook coming to the boat before Bryan hooked and landed a fat 25-inch redfish.

John so far had only caught a few smaller fish all day but was still working hard at it. This next stop turned his day around. Pitching larger tail hooked pinfish into the mangrove shadows, John hooked into the fish of the day, a big hard fighting snook. After a few close calls with the mangrove roots, the fish came boat side for a few pictures before a careful release. John's "trip maker" was a fat 34-incher. A half hour later,



Bryan and John Majewski from Wisconsin with multiple species caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week photo provided

strong rain bands moving in and chased us off the water as we called it a very memorable day.

Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing local waters since he moved to Sanibel

in 1980. He now lives in St. James City and works as a back country fishing guide. If you have comments or questions, email captmattmitchell@aol.com. ☆

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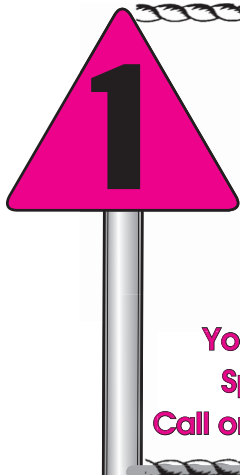
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Plant Smart

Queen's Jewels Marks Garden That Was

by Gerri Reaves

Take one look at these lovely flowers and you'll understand why this vine is called queen's jewels (*Antigonon leptopus*). The pink bell-like flowers and pretty heart-shaped leaves recommend it to any gardener.

Plus, it grows like crazy without any attention. And that's why you don't want to plant it.

It's done so well that it's now listed as a category-II invasive species by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council. Species in that category "have shown a potential to disrupt native plant communities" and should not be intentionally included in landscapes.

This native of Mexico was introduced to Florida as an ornamental prior to 1924. It escaped cultivation and is now naturalized, meaning that it easily propagates on its own.

A perennial vine of the buckwheat family, it's a fast-grower, thrives in almost any soil, and loves the sun and moisture of South Florida. Via tendrils, it scrambles almost anywhere, even into treetops, reaching up to 40 feet long.

Clusters of five-petaled flowers appear on branched stalks throughout the year. However, what seems to be the flowers are sepals that surround the actual tiny flowers. The sepals vary in color from white to reddish pink to coral.

The net-veined pointed leaves are up to five inches long.

Queen's jewels has numerous other common names, including coral vine, hearts-on-a-chain, chain-of-love, rosa de Montana, Mexican creeper, corallita, confederate vine and queen's wreath – just to name a few.

The vine's century-old history is easy to trace, especially in plantings marking the boundaries of demolished or relocated homes.

In these photos taken on a former home site in historic downtown Fort Myers, queen's jewels flourishes alongside other invasive species like snake plant (*Sansevieria hyacinthoides*).



Queen's jewels was introduced about a century ago as an ornamental. It escaped cultivation and is now a category-II invasive pest plant. Here, it thrives along with a backdrop of another category-II invader, snake plant.

photos by Gerri Reaves

The latter was also a desirable house and garden plant before being deemed invasive.

If your yard is host to this vine and you decide to eliminate it, do it thoroughly, for it will simply re-generate from the tubers if they are not completely removed.

Also be sure to gather all the seeds, because animals eat and disperse them.

The tubers are said to be a food source in regions of Mexico, and the vine has many medicinal uses.

Sources: *500 Hundred Plants of South Florida* by Julia F. Morton; *Florida Landscape Plants* by John V. Watkins and Thomas J. Sheehan; *Florida, My Eden* by Frederic B. Stresau; *Florida Wild Flowers and Roadside Plants* by C. Ritchie Bell and Bryan J. Taylor; *National Audubon Field Guide to Florida* by Peter Alden et al.; www.eattheweeds.com; www.fleppc.org; www.floridata.com; and <https://plants.ifas.ufl.edu>.

Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.*



At a vacant lot where a home once existed, queen's jewels persists and tops native and invasive alike by climbing into the treetops

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.

There will be a Sunset Kayak Tour beginning at the Mound House on Saturday, June 9 at 4:30 p.m. Scheduled so that participants can catch a beautiful sunset, paddlers will explore tidal creeks and winding mangrove tunnels extending into the hidden backwaters of Estero Bay as only a kayaker can. This unique tour offers rare opportunity to experience the abundant life within the estuary in the quiet of twilight. Cost is \$25 for Mound House members and \$50 for nonmembers. Reservations required.

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. Tuesday, June 5.*

Yard Sale Fundraiser

Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Southwest Florida is hosting a yard sale in the front parking lot of the Ronald McDonald House in Fort Myers on Saturday, June 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. The house is located at 16100 Roserush Court. Come early for the best selection of clothes, furniture, framed art, toys, crafts, books, furniture, linens, décor, purses, household items and much, much more. All proceeds benefit RMHC of Southwest Florida.

For more information, call Amy at 437-0202 or visit www.rmhcswfl.org.*

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New General Manager At Vacation Rental Company

Keith McMenemy is returning as general manager of VIP Vacation Rentals (VVR). McMenemy has over 35 years of experience in rental management on Sanibel and Captiva; he managed Sanibel Accommodations for more than six years and was managing partner of VVR for seven years.

"We are very excited to have Keith back as general manager," said VIP's Managing Partner Jim Hall. "He is the most experienced rental professional on the islands and is well respected by his peers." VVR's current general manager, David Schuldenfrei, is retiring after 10 years to focus on real estate sales.

Locally owned and operated with offices on Sanibel and Captiva, VIP Vacation Rentals was founded in 1975 and is the oldest rental company on the islands.✪



Keith McMenemy

photo provided

Community Pool Remains Closed

North Fort Myers Community Pool remains closed for maintenance and repairs until further notice, but Lee County Parks & Recreation has made other arrangements to help summer swimmers.

Swim lessons and water aerobics classes will be offered at the North Fort Myers High School pool while school is out of session for summer break. The North Fort Myers High School pool is located just two blocks south of the community pool at 960 Iris Drive in North Fort Myers.

To register for activities, visit www.leeparks.org, call or visit the North Fort Myers Recreation Center at 533-7200 or any of the other three community pools.

Adjusted swimming hours for the North Fort Myers High School pool are as

follows:

Summer Break (June 9 to August 4):

Sundays: noon to 5:45 p.m.

Mondays: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesdays: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesdays: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursdays: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fridays: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Water Aerobics: 10 a.m. Monday through Friday

Swim Lessons: 8, 9 and 10 a.m.

Monday through Thursday and 9, 10 and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

For more information, go online to www.leeparks.org or call Lee County Parks & Recreation at 533-7275.

ADA-accessible pool sites include:
Lehigh Acres Community Pool, 1400 West 5th Street, Lehigh Acres.

San Carlos Community Pool, 8208 Sanibel Boulevard, Fort Myers.

Pine Island Community Pool, 5675 Sesame Drive, Bokeelia.✪

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CROW Case

suffered a broken wing which had not healed correctly. She is capable of short flights, but would not be able fly well enough to hunt in the wild.

Bashful, a Virginia opossum, arrived in May of 2016 after he was found circling in a person's front yard. He had suffered some kind of trauma which caused neurologic issues. According to CROW officials, Bashful no longer knows how to be an opossum. He does not "play dead" or become defensive like an opossum normally would do to defend itself from a predator.

Sheldon, a gopher tortoise, arrived to the clinic in July of 2015 after he was struck and dragged along the pavement by a vehicle. As a result, he suffered extensive damage to the underside of his shell (the plastron), had a fractured upper shell (the carapace), and lost a majority of the nails on his front limbs. The shell injuries have healed; however, his nails have never grown back. Without them he is unable to dig a burrow, which is vital to a wild gopher tortoise's survival.

In addition to the animal ambassadors, CROW also has a number of live animal exhibits in its visitor education center

showcasing native versus invasive species in Southwest Florida. CROW staff members say visitors are always excited to meet Sydney, the American alligator; Billy, the nine-banded armadillo; and Violet, the Eastern indigo snake.

While wildlife ambassadors have become accustomed to be more receptive of people, CROW officials point out it is vital that facility visitors know that these animals are still wild.

"Even though animal ambassadors have been conditioned to be more tolerant of human contact, it's crucial that audiences are aware that these animals are not pets," said CROW Development & Education Coordinator Rachel Rainbolt in an earlier column. "They are wildlife and still maintain all of the same fears and anxieties as if they were in their natural surroundings. Proper safety must be exercised at all times, so ambassadors are under close supervision of CROW's staff, students and volunteers during programs."

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.✪



J. Dudley Goodlette photo provided

Law Firm Hires Attorney

Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, PA, recently announced that J. Dudley Goodlette has joined the firm's Naples office.

The long-time Collier County resident devotes tremendous support to the community. Goodlette serves on the board of directors for the Winged Foot Scholarship Foundation and for the Quest Education Foundation, two organizations focused on assisting

Collier County students with access to higher education. He also serves the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, as immediate past chairman. Goodlette is also chair of Florida Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company's Underwriting Committee, Executive Committee, Business Development Committee and Nominating Committee.

Goodlette is a former member of the Florida House of Representatives and also served as chief of staff to the Speaker of the Florida House. In recognition of his efforts for spearheading the passage of the Florida Access to Civil Legal Assistance, he received the Medal of Honor from the Florida Bar Foundation. Goodlette also served on the Florida Board of Governors, was a member of the 20th Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, and served as chairman of the Real Property Board Certification Committee.

Goodlette has received many accolades throughout his distinguished career, including *Naples Daily News'* Citizen of the Year, Hodges University's Humanitarian of the Year, Edison State College's Holland T. Salley Leadership in Fostering Education Award, Boys & Girls Club of Collier County's Man of the Year, and was inducted into the Junior Achievement Business Leadership Hall of Fame.

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



Norman Love Confections' McGregor Chocolate and Dessert Salon photo provided

Leadership NEXT Sweet Social Hour

Leadership NEXT, a monthly program for advancing business leaders, is planning a sweet destination for its Tuesday, June 12 networking event. The social event will be held at Norman Love Confections' McGregor Chocolate Salon and runs from 5 to 7 p.m.

Participants will have an opportunity to sample some of the award-winning chocolatier's handcrafted premium

chocolates and to learn about the company's most recent sweet successes and plans for the future.

The program is managed by the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce. Leadership NEXT is free to attend for members of the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce and \$10 for future members. Cypress Pharmacy is sponsoring the June program.

Norman Love Confections' McGregor Chocolate Salon is located at 13261 McGregor Boulevard, Suite 105 in Fort Myers. Attendees are encouraged to register in advance at www.fortmyers.org.✱

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From left, DeAnna Graziano, Lisa Capozio, a Bishop Verot student and Lois Thome
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Financial Wisdom Given To Students At Conference

A group of female middle school and high school students took part in a series of interactive projects and discussions centered on starting and running a business at The Girls Going Places Entrepreneurship Conference. Conference mentors at the event, held on May 9, answered questions and shared information about the challenges and successes they encountered running a business or working in the business world. The conference was designed to encourage financial literacy and educate teen girls about starting businesses and managing personal wealth.*



Cecilia St. Arnold and Doug Gribin



From left, Lois Thome, Connie Ramos-Williams, Betsy Steiner, Nicole Gray Kearns and Cecilia St. Arnold



From left, Nyah Anglade, State Rep. Heather Fitzenhagen, Maribel Mendoza



From left, Jolie Jones with mentor Rhiannon Silvashy of Flightdocs



Debra Newman with Photo Magic Events and Mary Cossentino, a Bishop Verot student

Life Insurance

Getting Cash From Life Insurance



J. Brendan Ryan, CLU, ChFC, MSFS

We have all heard of cash value life insurance and term insurance. What is the difference, and why does it matter? Term insurance should be

considered temporary coverage. It is fine while it is in force, but the premiums increase typically after an initial level premium. The premium increases as a result of the increasing likelihood that the insured will die as age advances. It eventually gets too expensive and the owner drops it, doing so when he or she is as old as he or she has ever been and thus more likely to die than ever before.

The premium goes up because the policy does not have cash value to help offset the risk that the insurer takes in holding the policy. That cash value is a reserve that helps mitigate the risk. Cash value insurance (whole life or universal life) does have that extra reserve built in. This type of policy starts out more expensive than term insurance because it has to build that reserve. But, over time, the cash value and the interest that the insurer earns on it allow the insurer to keep the premiums low and level at an affordable amount.

Some people have to invade their policies for one or another financial need. Of course, without a cash value, term insurance can be of no help here. But cash value coverage can. How can cash be obtained from such a policy?

Cash Value Loan. Typically after the first several years, there is cash value available. It is possible to borrow part or all the cash value at a reasonable loan rate. The loan amount is not taxable. It reduces the cash value and the

death benefit dollar-for-dollar. It never has to be paid back. But if it remains outstanding at the death of the insured, it is deducted from the death benefit.

Surrender. If cash is needed and the insured can afford to give up the insurance benefit, the policy can be surrendered or "cashed in" for its cash value minus any outstanding loans. If the amount received in the surrender plus all amounts previously received, such as loans and dividend actually received, exceed the total amount paid for the policy over the years, that gain will be taxed as ordinary income.

Long-Term-Care Benefit. Some policies written since around 2010 have a long-term care (LTC) feature which allows the owner to draw down as much as the whole death benefit – not just the cash value – to help cover LTC expenses incurred by the insured. This is not a policy loan but a tax-free acceleration of the death benefit. Each dollar drawn out for such a use reduces the death benefit dollar-for-dollar. With such a benefit, someone is sure to get the full amount of insurance – either the owner as a LTC benefit, the beneficiary as a death benefit, or some to each.

Chronic Illness, Critical Illness or Terminal Illness Riders. Different insurers use different triggering events, as implied in the titles, for these benefits that accelerate the death benefit into living benefits similar to the long-term care rider explained previously. Some pay lump sums when the benefit is triggered, others monthly amounts. Since there is such a variety in these clauses, it is important to read and understand the triggers, the definitions and the method of benefit payment.

Thus, with whole life and universal life insurance, the cash value of these policies can provide living benefits when cash is needed for emergencies or opportunities. Ideally, the policy owner will leave the death benefit intact for the sake of the beneficiaries, but with whole life and universal life, the owner has the flexibility to get to the cash, if appropriate. None of this is possible with term insurance.

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

Driver Safety Program

The City of Fort Myers has entered into a no-cost trial agreement with Lytx to study the feasibility of deploying a driver safety and risk management program, which is intended to improve driver safety and prevent collisions and injuries. This helps protect the city's drivers and its citizens while improving fuel efficiency and reducing the city's carbon footprint.

The program was presented to employees on May 10 with a briefing to educate users about the new

technology. Each vehicle will have a palm-sized digital video recording device, which is an exception-based video event recorder designed to capture 12 seconds of video and audio when activated by a risky driving event.

When activated, the driver gets real-time feedback through the use of LED lights that flash to save an event. Events are uploaded and analyzed by the DriveCam Program's trained reviewers and posted to a secure website for driver coaching or positive reinforcement when needed. The program will also be used to recognize and reward the city's best drivers.

The trial involves 50 Solid Waste vehicles and will last for 120 days.✪



Carolyn Romano

photos provided

Police Foundation Adds Trustees To Board

Tina Munroe and Carolyn Romano have joined the Fort Myers Police Foundation Board of Directors as trustees.

Munroe has 20 years experience in management of private country clubs



Tina Munroe

in Ohio, Arizona and Indiana. She also served as regional food and beverage director for a national hotel chain, organized fundraising events for the Northwest Ohio Kidney Foundation and volunteered as a women's counselor.

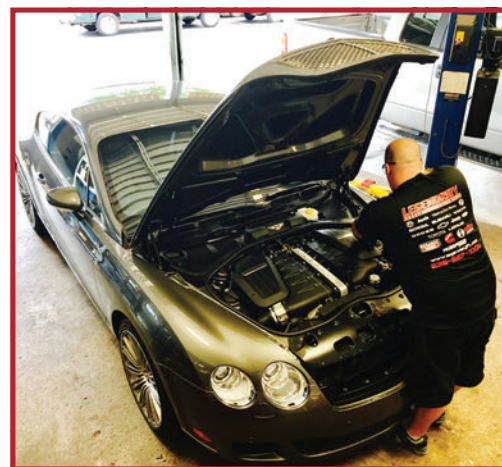
Romano is the wife of the late Larry J Romano, original founder of the Fort Myers Police Foundation. The nonprofit's annual golf tournament held each fall is named for her husband.

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Applications Open For Blue Chip Award

Applications are open for the 24th Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award, sponsored by BB&T – Oswald Trippe and Company and BB&T Bank. The award recognizes a small business that has overcome adversity to achieve success. Finalists and the winner will be selected by an independent panel and announced at a November 1 luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point.

To be eligible for the award, applicants must be a for-profit business, based in Lee, Collier or Charlotte county, that has overcome obstacles to achieve success. Businesses must employ between four and 500 people, and have been in operation for at least three years.

“The Bonita Chamber has been a proud endorser of this community award for many years,” said Tiffany Esposito, president and CEO of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce. “Hearing the stories of these small businesses that have the perseverance to succeed even when the odds are stacked against them is a motivating experience for any business professional, and we are happy to partner with BB&T – Oswald Trippe each year to promote our resilient business community.”

Applications are due September 4. They are available at the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, located at 25071 Chamber of Commerce Drive in Bonita Springs. Interested businesses can also request an application from BB&T – Oswald Trippe and Company at 433-7189 or smercado@bbandt.com.

Previous winners and finalists have included Bonita Chamber members, such as the 2017 winner, Siesta Pebble, Inc.✱

Superior Interiors

Relaxation At Home

by Marcia Feeney



You may not have considered the interior design of your home as a way to improve your mental state, but you'll be surprised at what a difference it can make. Many people come home

at the end of the day with stress and tension. Your home should be a sanctuary, where your stress is relieved and not a place where it grows. The way you design your home is one of the biggest influencers.

Simply changing your paint color can be an easy and budget-friendly way to promote a positive atmosphere in your home. The color of a room can influence

your mood in more ways than you think. The psychology of color is something interior designers consider when determining the paint for a room. Color has the power to revitalize, to soothe, to inspire creativity and even to stimulate the appetite. You will instantly feel the energy created by a red dining room, as well as the calm evoked by a blue bedroom. Choosing the right color is crucial to setting the tone and purpose of a room.

Another budget-friendly idea to improve the atmosphere of your room is to change your lighting. Bright, harsh lamps and bulbs can cause feelings of sadness and negativity. Natural lighting through windows has a very calming and peaceful effect on our mood, whereas a lack of light and even poor artificial lighting can bring dreariness into a space.

If you have a room that doesn't allow for much natural light, if any, try using light fixtures with softer light bulbs to help. Strategically placed mirrors can also help reflect the natural light around the room.

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

Bank Promotion

Sanibel Captiva Community Bank has promoted Angela Martens to controller and vice president. In her position, she maintains the general ledger and prepares reports and financial statements, as well as oversees the human resources department.

Martens joined the bank in 2014 and has more than 25 years of accounting and banking experience, including previous positions as vice president/controller and business manager. She is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management and holds a bank financial management certification from the American Bankers Association.

A Fort Myers resident, Martens volunteers with United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee, Boys & Girls Club, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America and The Salvation Army.✱



Angela Martens

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Financial Focus

Consider A 529 Plan If Saving For College

by Jennifer Basey



Do you know about 529 savings plans? If not, you are not alone – although these plans have been around since 1996, many people are still unaware of them. And that's unfortunate, because a 529 plan can be a

valuable tool for anyone who wants to help a child, grandchild, friend or other family member save for education expenses.

Here are some of the key benefits of a 529 plan:

Potential tax advantages – A 529 plan's earnings are not subject to federal income taxes, as long as withdrawals are used for qualified education expenses (tuition, room and board, etc.) of the designated beneficiary, such as your child or grandchild. (You will be subject to ordinary income taxes, plus a 10 percent federal penalty, on the earnings portion of withdrawals not used for qualified education expenses.)

High contribution limits – Contribution limits are generally quite high for most states' 529 plans. However, you could possibly incur gift tax consequences if your contributions, plus any other gifts, to a particular beneficiary exceed \$15,000 during a single year.

Ability to switch beneficiaries – As the old song goes, “The future is not ours to see.” You might name a particular child or grandchild as a beneficiary of a 529 savings plan, only to see him or her decide not to go to college after all. But as the owner of the plan, you generally may be able to switch beneficiaries whenever you like, right up to the point when they

start taking withdrawals. (To make this switch non-taxable and penalty-free, you must designate a new beneficiary who is a member of the same family as the original beneficiary.)

Freedom to invest in any state's plan – You can invest in the 529 plan offered by any state, regardless of where you live. But if you invest in your own state's plan, you might receive some type of state tax benefit, such as a deduction or credit. Additional benefits also may be available.

Flexibility in changing investments – You can switch investment options in your 529 plan up to twice a year. Or, if you'd rather take a more hands-off approach, you could select an automatic age-based option that starts out with a heavier emphasis on growth-oriented investments and shifts toward less risky, fixed-income vehicles as the beneficiary approaches college age.

While a 529 plan clearly offers some benefits, it also raises some issues about which you should be aware. For example, when colleges compute financial aid packages, they may count assets in a 529 plan as parental assets, assuming the parents are the plan owners. To clarify the impact of 529 plans on potential financial aid awards, you might want to consult with a college's financial aid officer.

One final note: In previous years, 529 plans were limited to eligible colleges, universities and trade schools, but starting in 2018, you can also use up to \$10,000 per year, per beneficiary, from a 529 plan to pay for tuition expenses at public, private or religious elementary and secondary schools. (Not all states recognize K-12 expenses as qualifying for 529 plan benefits, so consult your local tax advisor before investing.)

Education is a great investment in a child's future. And to make that education more affordable, you might want to make your own investment in a 529 plan.

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Book Review

The Flight Attendant



by Di Saggau

Talk about a killer opening. *The Flight Attendant* begins with Cassie Bowden, no stranger to hungover mornings and random hookups, waking up in Dubai thinking

about a passionate night spent with a hedge fund manager named Alex, whom she met on the flight from New York. She turns to look at Alex in bed beside her and sees blood, a lot of it. His throat has been cut. Cassie has black outs so she doesn't know if she killed Alex, or if someone else did.

Cassie is a binge drinker, her job with the airlines makes it easy to find adventure and numerous one-night stands. She's a single woman in her 30s, alone in a hotel room far from home. She has to figure out how to leave the room and walk back to the hotel where her flight crew will be getting ready for their ride to the airport. Afraid to call the police, she begins a series of lies. She lies on the way to Paris where she works the first-class cabin. She lies to the FBI agents in New York who meet her at the gate. She lies to her sister and is tormented by a question she can't answer due to her blackout. Did she kill Alex?

As her memory improves, Cassie



remembers another woman visiting the hotel room. On a flight to Rome, she spots that woman. Cassie is not an admirable character by any means; she does some really stupid things, including ignoring her lawyers advice. She is an interesting flawed-character, and it's hard to put down this international thriller.

The Flight Attendant unveils a spellbinding story of memory, of reckless self-disregard and of murder far from home. Author Chris Bohjalian writes with vivid characters and locales, and he does his research into the world of airline work. This is a rare thriller where each chapter makes you think, "I sure didn't see that coming."✱✱

Word rings
Sight word Bingo
Typing and texting sight words
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Upright Bass Donated To High School Student

The upright bass of a Mariner High School student destroyed by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico is being replaced by Instrument of Hope's first donation.

Junior Nichelle Agosto was studying at a music conservatory in Puerto Rico when she transferred to Mariner High School. Before her mother could send her bass to Cape Coral, Hurricane Maria battered the island. Agosto's bass was ruined when her home flooded.

Natalie Kondos founded Instruments of Hope with the purpose of replacing or repairing musical instruments for programs and/or individual students who have been through a hurricane, flood, tornado, or other natural disaster. Just a junior at Pine View School in

Osprey, Kondos has spent the last year raising money for her first donation. When she heard Agosto's story and her need for an upright bass to play at Mariner High School, she knew she had found a match.

"The bass is huge and magnificent," Kondos said. "I have played it a couple of times, and it has a beautiful tone. I'm really excited about giving this instrument to Nichelle so she won't have to share an instrument next year."✱✱

College Graduate

Fort Myers native Benjamin Fisher recently graduated with a bachelor of science degree in ecological agriculture at the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vermont.✱

Gulf Coast Writers To Meet

If events in your life have inspired you to write, learn more about the Gulf Coast Writers Association. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 16 at Zion Lutheran Church, located at 7401 Winkler Road in Fort Myers. The guest speaker will be DL Havlin, who will discuss how he weaves reality into a world of fiction. There is no charge for first time guests. For more information, call 770-906-7885 or go to www.gulfwriters.org.✱

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, My first grader had a rough school year and struggled with reading. His teacher suggested that we work on sight words over the summer.

We are both bored with the same way of practicing every day where I show him a flashcard and he must read it correctly three times in a row for us to put it in the "know" pile. Any other suggestions on how to practice sight words?

Carolyn G, Fort Myers

Carolyn,

Practicing sight words can become boring but research strongly reports that rapid recognition of sight words is a key foundation skill that supports the development of reading fluency. Mastering sight words is an extremely important step in becoming a successful reader. A sight word is a word that typically cannot be decoded or sounded out. It must be memorized or figured out by the context of the sentence. This is a difficult task for young readers and it is usually

recommended that children memorize these sight words so they are readily available and recognized when children see them in print.

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

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

Sometimes children will be able to learn information more quickly when it is paired with an additional physical action or novel adaptation. Below are some other ideas that do not require a computer and include a physical and/or game-like fun component.

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

Hopscotch – write sight words in each square

Beanbag toss – must throw bean bag on specific word

Put sight words on paper dice and play games

Flashlight fun – children shine light on the called-out sight word, read from a whiteboard, blackboard or other display

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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*

The Most Important Pitch In The Life Of White Sox Reliever Danny Farquhar



by Ed Frank

It's been called "the greatest pitch of his life," but more importantly, it transcends sports. It's the miraculous story of Chicago White Sox relief pitcher Danny Farquhar, who returned last week to the Sox's Guaranteed Rate Field six weeks after suffering a life-threatening brain hemorrhage in the White Sox dugout to throw out the game's ceremonial first pitch.

No question the quick-thinking response by White Sox trainers and medical personnel who responded immediately before an ambulance arrived to speed Farquhar to Rush University Medical Center played a vital role in saving his life. The near-tragic incident reminded this reporter of a somewhat similar occurrence here at the Lee County Sports Complex several years ago. But we will get to that later.

Should you have not read about Farquhar's harrowing experience, let me review what occurred: Farquhar is a journeyman relief pitcher who has toiled for four different teams in seven Major League seasons after being drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays in 2008. On April 20, he had faced four Houston Astros hitters in the sixth inning after which he collapsed in the White Sox dugout.

At first, White Sox trainers and medical personnel thought he suffered a seizure, but when he was unresponsive, he was administered oxygen until an EMT crew arrived and sped him to Rush Medical. There he underwent emergency brain surgery and remained in ICU for two and a half weeks. He said he doesn't remember anything from the time he walked to the bullpen before the game on April 20 until he awoke in ICU five days later.

Obviously, White Sox players were shaken by the incident, but were relieved and thrilled to see him back to the ballpark with this wife and three children last week. He also was accompanied by his surgeons and medical personnel from Rush Medical Center.

Farquhar hopes to pitch again in the Major Leagues, but he knows nothing is guaranteed. He has resumed some light workouts, but won't pitch again this season.

He grew up in Florida where he attended Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy High School in Southwest Ranches, Florida. He later played for the University of Louisiana-Lafayette in the Sun Belt League.

Throughout his career, Danny Farquhar has thrown thousands of pitches, but none more important than the ceremonial pitch he threw last week.

Farquhar's near-fatal hemorrhage brings to memory an occurrence here several years ago when Sanibel resident Max Friedersdorf had taken a friend to a Minnesota Twins Spring Training game. They were rushing to their car in the midst of a downpour when the friend collapsed near the Twins' Minor League training facility in the Lee County Sports Complex. A passerby raced inside the facility summoning help and a Twins trainer was on the scene within minutes to apply emergency medical care until an ambulance arrived.

These two incidents are proof that sports medicine can be a lot more than tending to a sprained ankle.

Florida Everblades On The Cusp Of The Kelly Cup Championship

As we write this column early this week, the Florida Everblades hockey team needed just one more victory to win the ECHL championship and lay claim to the league's Kelly Cup. The Everblades held a three-games-to-two advantage over the Colorado Eagles with Game Six being played Wednesday night in Loveland, Colorado. If a seventh game is necessary in the best-of-seven championship series, it will be played here Saturday night in Germain Arena at 7 p.m.

Florida skated to a 5-0 victory last Saturday in Colorado when Goalie Martin Ouellette stopped all 24 Eagles shots on goal to give the Everblades the 3-2 series lead.

The Everblades last won the Kelly Cup in 2012.*

New Coach At Dunbar High

Tim Maloney has been named the head boys basketball coach at Dunbar High School to replace legendary Coach Andre McGill who retires in June of 2018.

Carl Burnside, Dunbar High School Principal, made the announcement this morning. "Mr. Maloney has had an impressive career not only as a basketball coach but also as a life coach. We look forward to having him lead our boys basketball program for the years to come."

Maloney has coached in the college ranks for the last 21 years after having a very successful high school coaching stint. He experienced national exposure in prep school basketball. Named head coach of Mariner High School in Cape Coral in the summer of 1993, Maloney took over a team that went 7-18 the previous season and turned the team around to the tune of an 18-7 mark. In his third season, Maloney guided Mariner to a best ever 33-3 record and a berth in the state finals. That season, the Tritons ranked No. 1 in the state of Florida, rose to No. 16 in the nation, and ranked third in the south by

the National Prep Boys.

For his efforts, Maloney was named Southwest Florida Coach of the Year and Conference Coach of the Year after each of those seasons at Mariner. In 1996, he was also named Gulf Coast All-Sports Coach of the Year and Boys Basketball Coach of the Year in Southwest Florida.

Over the years, Maloney has acquired additional experience coaching domestic and international teams during the summer. He spent the summer of 1996 as associate head coach for the Long Island squad in the Empire State Games, a team that featured future NBA players Wally Szczerbiak and Speedy Claxton. The team went on to capture Long Island's first gold medal in 18 years.

Maloney has also been recognized for his work as a life coach, most recently being featured in a *New York Times* article by Zach Schonbrun entitled *For the Court, a Head Coach. And for the Head Coach? A Life Coach*. His network in the college and high school coaching fraternity is extensive. Current South Carolina men's basketball head coach Frank Martin mentioned Maloney during his NCAA Sweet 16 news conference and how much their friendship has meant to him. Several Division I College head coaches - Scott Drew (Baylor), Travis Ford (St. Louis), Tim

Cluees (Iona) and Tim Cohane (Buffalo retired) - have all raved about not only Maloney's basketball knowledge but more importantly the phenomenal human being he is and the difference he makes in the lives of young people.

A 1982 graduate of Manhattanville College, Maloney competed in four sports. He earned his master's degree in counseling from Hunter College in 2004. He and his wife Joanne have a son, Thomas Joseph (TJ).*

SPORTS QUIZ

1. In 2016, the Dodgers' Julio Urias became the youngest postseason starting pitcher (20 years, 68 days old) in major-league history. Who had been the youngest one?

2. David Cone, Pedro Martinez and David Wells all tossed a perfect nine innings in a major-league game. Who of the three had the most career regular-season victories?

3. Donnel Pumphrey of San Diego State set a new record in 2016 for most career rushing yards (6,405 yards). Whose record did he break?

4. Who was the first athlete from the Dominican Republic to play in the NBA?

5. The Vegas Knights set a record in 2017-18 for most regular-season road wins by an NHL expansion team (22). Which team had held the mark?

6. Which Major League Soccer teams have won back-to-back MLS Cup championships?

7. In 2018, Germany's Kristina Vogel won her 11th women's world cycling title. Who else has won 11 times?

ANSWERS

1. Bret Saberhagen was 20 years, 175 days old when he started in 1984. 2. Wells had 239 victories, Martinez 219 and Cone 194. 3. Wisconsin's Ron Dayne, who rushed for 6,397 yards (1996-99, when bowl statistics were not included). 4. Tito Horford, with the Milwaukee Bucks in 1988. 5. The Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, with 19 road victories in the 1993-94 season. 6. DC United (1996-97), Houston (2006-07) and the Los Angeles Galaxy (2011-12). 7. Australia's Anna Meares.

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Python Hunters Eliminate 1,000th Snake In Program

Hunters that recently participated in the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Governing Board's Python Elimination Program achieved an important milestone for this highly successful initiative by eliminating the 1,000th snake. An average of three pythons have been eliminated per day from SFWMD lands since the program began in March 2017.

Eliminating invasive species such as Burmese pythons is critical to preserving the rare Everglades ecosystem. Florida taxpayers have invested billions of dollars to restore the water quality and hydrology of the Everglades. Combatting invasive plants and animals is necessary to ensure this investment results in shared goals of the overall restoration plan.

"The success of this program was made possible through a dedicated team approach," said SFWMD scientist Mike Kirkland, project manager for the Python Elimination Program. "Staff implemented, hunters executed and our state leadership, particularly Gov. Rick Scott, supported a program that fights for the Everglades every day."

Hunter Brian Hargrove dispatched the 1,000th python, an 11-foot-2-inch long snake. The weigh-in of the



SFWMD Python Hunter Brian Hargrove (left) captured the 1,000th invasive Burmese python as part of the Python Elimination Program photo provided

milestone snake was broadcast live on SFWMD's Facebook page. Hargrove, a Miami native who grew up visiting the Everglades as a child, talked about how he used to see the Everglades full of native species and how the python has decimated the native wildlife.

"When we would come out here as kids, rabbits would be everywhere," Hargrove said. "I've been out here hunting for months and I've seen one rabbit and 120 pythons."

Several hunters turned out at the

1,000th snake weigh-in event to congratulate Hargrove and bring their own eliminated pythons. In all, seven hunters weighed in a combined total of almost 98 feet worth of eliminated invasive Burmese python.

All the pythons eliminated by the program would stretch approximately 7,300 feet – or about 1.4 miles – and weigh more than 16,500 pounds, or the equivalent of more than 8 tons. To date, all of this has been accomplished with less than \$250,000 spent on wages and bounties for the hunters, an average expenditure of less than \$250 per snake.

"Congratulations to the South Florida Water Management District, and the many hunters that have taken part in this program, on the elimination of their 1,000th invasive Burmese Python," said U.S. Rep. Francis Rooney of Naples.

"The 12-foot-long python that is hanging in my office is a daily reminder of the need to eradicate this species and protect the unique ecosystem of our Everglades. I am currently working with the U.S. Department of Interior and the House Natural Resources Committee to allow for hunting of Burmese Pythons within Everglades National Park, as well as to allow the male python tracking program organized by the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. This will speed up the process of eliminating these snakes, which are not native to our area and have no natural predators."

In addition to the innovative program fighting the spread of Burmese pythons, the SFWMD Governing Board for

years has budgeted millions of dollars in cooperation with other state and federal partners to eradicate and control invasive species such as melaleuca, Brazilian pepper trees and the invasive fern, lygodium.

Elected officials and celebrities ranging from Rooney to superstar chef Gordon Ramsey have taken part in the hunt, bringing international awareness to the issue of this invasive species and the district's efforts to eradicate them. Python hunters were also featured in a *Discovery Channel* television special highlighting the program.

SFWMD's Python Elimination Program facilitates the elimination of the invasive snakes on District-owned land. A similar successful program is managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Python Removal Contractor Program. This program pays qualified individuals to survey other specific areas of state-owned land for the pythons, humanely euthanize each python they catch in the field (according to American Veterinary Medical Association guidelines) and then deposit them at designated drop-off locations.

"Under Gov. Scott's leadership, python removal has increased dramatically among the many state partners. This milestone demonstrates that the SFWMD is a significant and effective partner in our long-term goal to manage invasive species like the Burmese python," said Eric Sutton, executive director of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.✱

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Fall Juried Exhibit

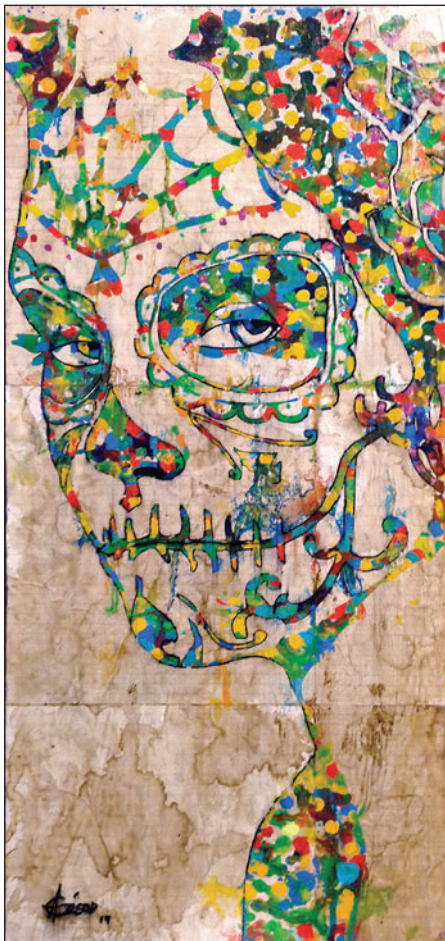
los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a time to remember and celebrate the lives of friends and family. More about reveling life than remembering death, this unique day encourages people to connect with loved ones while reflecting on the ties that bind the past to present.

"Community participation is a powerful part of this holiday," said exhibitions coordinator Krista Johnson. "That's why we're calling on local artists to contribute to this lively and fun exhibit."

The opening reception will be held on Friday, October 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. with awards at 6 p.m. Opening receptions are free and open to the public and include light refreshments. While gallery admission is free, a \$5 suggested donation keeps Alliance programming affordable and accessible.

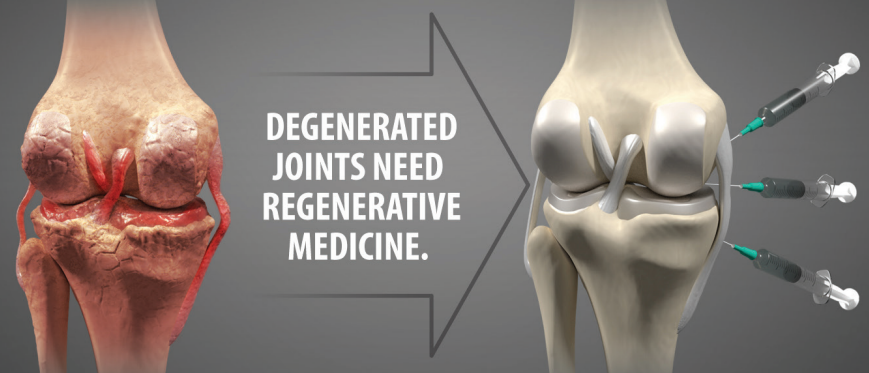
There will be a \$250 prize for Best in Show, \$125 for second place and \$75 for third place. Artists may submit up to three works for consideration. All entries must be submitted online no later than September 20.

The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, to download the prospectus or submit artwork, visit www.artinlee.org/ sugarskulls or call 939-2787.✱



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Foundation Awards \$761,650 In Scholarships

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation recently granted \$761,650 and 135 scholarships through a competitive process to local high school students and undergraduate and graduate students from Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties. For the second year, the foundation awarded 25 of the scholarships as multi-year awards which will help the students each year until completion.

For the 2018 scholarship season, 393 eligible students applied, and their applications were reviewed by 111 volunteer reviewers.

“This year, we really focused on making our scholarship application and review process as accessible as possible,” said Sarah Owen, president and CEO of the Community Foundation. “Outreach was key to ensure we received a pool of applicants from all over Southwest Florida. Through interactive presentations, we were able to teach students everything they needed to know to help them submit a scholarship application successfully. We also helped them gain a better understanding of the FAFSA form.”

The foundation’s new process allowed each applicant to submit one application and apply it to several scholarship funds they were eligible for. This enabled the students to get the most out of the application process and cut down on time spent on the application, so that they could focus more on completing the school year.

The foundation also had more reviewers this year, 111, which allowed each applicant to receive three scores from three different reviewers.

“To contribute to the FutureMakers Coalition goal, we also required each applicant to submit their FAFSA score report,” Owen said. “By requiring the FAFSA, students gain experience with filling it out, open up other financial aid opportunities and give students who might not be considered ‘in need’ the opportunity to learn other avenues just in case their situation changes.”

According to Owen, examples of some of the more unique scholarships not as highly sought after included scholarships for students with disabilities, student athletes, students pursuing a specific field of study such as teaching deaf or blind individuals, specific church membership or community service hours in a particular facility such as a veterans hospital, adult students going back to school, students from particular schools or communities, and students pursuing a graduate or professional degree.

Details of the scholarships and a list of recipients can be found on the foundation’s website at www.floridacommunity.com/2018-scholarship-recipients or by visiting the website www.floridacommunity.com and clicking on “Scholarships” page.

New scholarships awarded this year include:

Dr. Janet Marderness Scholarship Fund – For a Fort Myers High School graduating senior, who attended Fort



Alexandra Bremner and Sam Lewis
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From left, Diane Traicoff, Judy Weiner, George Traicoff, Chris Ayers and Paulette Kish



Karen Watson and Sam Lewis



From left, Sarah Owen, Leah Colucci and Malaina Mote



Mary Yankaskas and Chris Shields
Myers High School during their junior and senior year, with a minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA. Students who applied must plan to study any math or science related fields at an accredited institution and need financial assistance.

James F Chelius, Jr., Esq Scholarship Fund – To provide a need-based scholarship to a Charlotte, Hendry or Lee County graduating senior who lettered in a high school sport with a minimum 3.0 high school grade point average (un-weighted).



Skip Mitchell and Allen Abbott
Mrs. Cathy Riedel Scholarship Fund – For a Cypress Lake High School student who wants to pursue a career related to assisting people with special needs. Although preference was given to those who participated in the Special Olympics and who have aided in ESE classrooms, this scholarship award was not restricted to education majors; any public service career is included, such as police, fire, nursing, attorneys, physicians, etc.

Steven F Lux Scholarship – To provide tuition support for the criminal justice



Tessa LeSage and Michelle Zech
students of the SWFL Public Service Academy.

USMC Cpl. Thomas J Jardas Scholarship Fund – For a Cypress Lake High School senior who has at least a 3.0 GPA and is a JROTC cadet, Media Center for the Arts student or a varsity swim team member.

If you are interested in becoming a scholarship reviewer next year or starting a scholarship fund, contact the Southwest Florida Community Foundation at give@floridacommunity.com or call 274-5900.✱

County Scores Improve On Grade 3 FSA

Grade 3 Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) English Language Arts (ELA) assessment results have been released by the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE).

Performance statewide had a minimal decline and is in alignment with Lee County performing just under the state average. Approximately, two thirds of the school districts in the state of Florida had a 1 percent or more decrease in proficiency. Lee County's third grade scores are currently ranked fifth among the top 10 mega-districts in Florida on the initial results for all students.

Lee County had a devastating interruption to the learning momentum due to Hurricane Irma in September. While the school district returned to the mission of educating students as soon as possible, there were and still are lingering effects.

"The hurricane caused a high rate of mobility and a lack of home life stability for many of our children," said Superintendent Dr. Greg Adkins. "Although we want our children to be successful academically, our first priority is to provide a safe environment for social and emotional growth. With standards-based learning, we recognize that children learn at varying paces."

The assessment results allow the district an opportunity to provide additional time and interventions for students showing significant gaps in their learning to focus on re-teaching reading skills during the Third Grade Summer Reading Camp. These students will have an opportunity at the

conclusion of the camp to demonstrate increased understanding of the standards.

"We remain at a high level of proficiency," Dr. Adkins said, "and will continue our focus on academic achievement in order to provide a high quality education for students in this district."

As we strive to help each student reach their highest potential, the school district has many academic initiatives for the coming school year. Chief Academic Officer Dr. Wanda Creel says, "New curriculum maps and instructional guides are being released to teachers today with a systemic focus on instructional planning and increased rigor. A K-12 district wide reading framework is also being released today to ensure each of the standards are taught in a progressive manner to our students along with identified interventions. We appreciate the feedback from our educators as we put these plans into place."

Scores on the other tested grade levels and subject areas are due back in June. Individual Score Reports will be available at schools in late June/early July pending distribution by the FLDOE.

Florida standards are in place to help Florida students succeed and serve Florida students by measuring education gains and progress. Florida assessments include FSA ELA, FSA mathematics, end-of-course (EOC) subjects (civics, algebra 1, biology 1, geometry, algebra 2, U.S. history) and the statewide science assessment for fifth and eighth graders. Resources and other important information about Florida assessments can be found on the FSA Portal, www.fsassessments.org. Students, parents/guardians and educators are encouraged to visit this site.✪



From left, Katya Murillo, Arianna Diaz, Sara Artz, Lizbeth Benacquisto

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PACE Center Holds Ceremony For Graduates

PACE Center for Girls of Lee County recently celebrated the graduation of three students, Arianna D., Katya M. and Sara A. on Wednesday, May 30. The ceremony was held at PACE Center for Girls. Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto served as the keynote speaker.

Among an audience of families, friends, and staff, Senator Benacquisto shared inspiring words of the joy that comes with this moment of watching the girls take on the world. "There is just nothing better than seeing a young girl who didn't believe in herself, didn't know what she was supposed to do, and didn't know how to navigate personal conflicts, conquer all of that and be so strong," she said.

PACE Lee's Executive Director Meg Geltner reflected on the graduates' time spent at PACE and shared their words of

gratitude for the PACE program. "Today is a celebration of all that is good about our students, counselors, teachers and school. I am excited about the future for each of you."

PACE girls typically spend 12 to 18 months at PACE catching up on their academic courses while working with their counselor on developing coping skills to overcome their risk factors. Typically, girls will transition back into a public school to complete their education. Katya, Arianna and Sara all chose to spend their senior year at PACE with the friends and staff that supported them during their time at the center.

PACE assists girls ages 11 to 18 who have multiple risk factors impacting their academic achievement, including family income, substance abuse, domestic violence, foster home placement, neglect, grief, incarceration of a family member and physical, emotional or sexual abuse.

For more information or to schedule a tour, call 425-2366 or visit www.pacecenter.org/locations/lee.✪

Environmental Art Contest Winners Announced

Keep Lee County Beautiful, Inc. (KLCB) recently announced the winners in the 29th annual Leave The Scene Clean Calendar Art Contest. The contest drew thousands of entries from local students, representing public, private and home schools in Lee County. Submitted work was judged on artistic execution and originality as well as environmental theme, such as litter prevention, recycling, community cleanup and protecting the environment.

The 12 first place selections, one from each grade (first grade through 12 grade) in addition to the cover winner, are featured in KLCB's 2019 Leave The Scene Clean Calendar. Also selected were honorable mentions in each grade. KLCB will host an awards ceremony at the Broadwav Palm Theatre this fall (the event is free and open to the public) at which time the artwork will be exhibited, the calendar will be released and the winners will receive their awards. The cover winner and senior winner will

each be presented with a \$500 cash scholarship courtesy of Covanta Energy.

Each calendar month contains a different student work of art. The back cover will feature an environmental message by Cypress Lake High School student Isabella DeMay, the 2018 cover winner.

These popular full color calendars can be had for a \$3 donation each and are available through participating Lee County Schools, who retain all proceeds collected with the funds being used to pay for environmental projects at the participating school.

Cover Winner – Isabella DeMay, Cypress Lake High School

The 12 first place winners and their schools are:

- Grade 1 – Shamira Williams, Franklin Park Elementary
- Grade 2 – Talia Boston, Franklin Park Elementary
- Grade 3 – Jason Taliaferro, Franklin Park Elementary
- Grade 4 – Angelys Ocasio, Littleton Elementary
- Grade 5 – Samantha Mitchell, St. Francis Xavier
- Grade 6 – Jada Andrews, Gateway Charter
- Grade 7 – Mary Herndon, Oasis

Middle

Grade 8 – Emily Silver, Cypress Lake

Middle

Grade 9 – Nayeli Ruiz, Cypress Lake High School

Grade 10 – Esmeralda Flores, Cypress Lake High School

Grade 11 – Bladimir Velasquez, Cypress Lake High School

Grade 12 – Sara Miller, Cypress Lake High School

The Honorable Mention winners and their schools are:

Grade 1 – Macy Hedge, St. Francis Xavier; Danya Rivera, Franklin Park Elementary

Grade 2 – Angela Batista-Plato, Franklin Park Elementary; Javonte Gaccione, Tanglewood Elementary; Natalie Vo, Hector Cafferata Elementary; De'Zarya Moore, Franklin Park Elementary

Grade 3 – Brooklyn Alandt, Franklin Park Elementary; Magnusson Stejskal, St. Francis Xavier; Da'riyah Love, Franklin Park Elementary

Grade 4 – Patricio Rodriguez, St. Francis Xavier; Mia Vaske, Gateway Elementary; Nishini Fernando, Allen Park Elementary

Grade 5 – A'nyah Moorner, Franklin Park Elementary; Mirlande Pierre Paul,

Franklin Park Elementary; Leniel Cardec, River Hall Elementary

Grade 6 – Challen Lowe, Oasis Middle School; Gabriela Whitmer, St. Francis Xavier; Lynn Oliveros, Paul Laurence Dunbar

Grade 7 – Danielle Mason, Trafalgar Middle; Jasmine Arboleda, Gateway Charter; Lily Valenti, Trafalgar Middle

Grade 8 – Anna Latell, St. Francis Xavier; Madison Short, Gateway Charter; Brianna Terrell, St. Francis Xavier

Grade 9 – Grace Sanchez, Dunbar High School; Ava Cerami, Cypress Lake High School; Olivia Bevilard, Cypress Lake High School;

Grade 10 – Amber Oldenborg, Cypress Lake High School; Dawson Demond, Cypress Lake High School; Marianna Loiacono, Dunbar High School

Grade 11 – Brianna Johnson, Cypress Lake High School; Marari Salinas, Cypress Lake High School; Juan Morquecho – Dunbar High School

Grade 12 – Lacy Lewis, Dunbar High School; Jessica Baker, Island Coast High School; Alyssa Cardona, Island Coast High School

For more information about this contest and other KLCB educational programs or to sponsor, call 334-3488.✪

dearRPharmacist

Aloe Vera Has 10 Impressive Uses



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: Aloe vera made a couple of headlines recently. The first was when the actress Drew Barrymore dabbed some on a facial sore, and it instantly took out the redness. The second was when Prop 65 regulations in

California called out a known carcinogen in aloe vera called “aloin.” Don’t worry, aloe will never get banned. Not to be morbid from the get-go, but extracted compounds from this spiky succulent were used in the middle east during ancient times to clean dead bodies and prepare them for burial. Plants of aloe vera give us two different substances, one is called “gel” and the other is called “latex.” Both have medicinal value. The gel is the clear part that comes from the center of the leaf. You know it well... it looks like jelly and it’s what you put on the skin for cuts and minor burns. The aloe latex is visible just beneath the plant’s outer skin, and it’s yellow in color. This has a laxative effect on the body. Aloe is very useful for psoriasis, food sensitivities, diabetes, gastritis and gingivitis. If these topics interest you, I have a way longer version of this article which I’ll email to you next week if you sign up to receive my free health newsletter at www.suzycohen.com. Right now, here are 10 things you can use your aloe plant for:

1. Moisturize Yourself – Mix some into

- your favorite lotion and put on your face or arms.
2. Heal Bug Bites – Dab aloe gel directly onto painful or itchy bug bites, or combine the aloe in the palm of your hand with some hydrocortisone cream.
 3. Cool Off Burns – Squeeze a dab of aloe vera into traditional burn ointment and use on superficial burns.
 4. Soothe Eczema Itch – You can buy any salt or sugar scrub that feels good to you and just mix in aloe vera gel.
 5. Ease Dandruff – Find a selenium sulfide-based shampoo and add some aloe vera gel to the shampoo then massage to your scalp.
 6. Fix Gingivitis – Squeeze some aloe vera gel onto your toothbrush and brush like normal.
 7. Shave Your Legs – Instead of using expensive, perfumed shaving cream on your legs, use aloe vera gel.
 8. Get Moving – There are commercially prepared products used as dietary supplements which might help constipation. Some people like this, others react poorly.
 9. Succulent Facial – Do you want softer skin and more radiance without spending a fortune on fancy creams? Apply the gel to your cheeks and forehead, and rest for 15 minutes. Rinse and pat dry.
 10. Soothe A Sunburn – Snap off a stalk from your aloe plant and apply the clear gel onto the sunburned area for a natural cooling balm. It helps with redness and inflammation.
- These sound great and they are for most people. Occasionally with aloe, you hear of unexpected problems such as diarrhea, skin or eye irritation and possibly dehydration from the laxative effect.
- This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit www.SuzyCohen.com.*

Doctor and Dietician Memory Lapses



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

When we are in our 60s, our body is not like it was in our 20s. We’re not as flexible, strong or fast as we used to be. Time may also affect the brain. Memory slips are aggravating, and even worrisome, because they trigger fears of possible dementia. Brain cell synapses that make and pull up memories change as we age, so do the proteins and hormones that maintain our brains. But most people remain alert and able as they age, even though it may take longer to remember things. Memory problems and forgetfulness may be caused by reversible factors, unassociated with age. Lack of sleep is one of the biggest factors causing forgetfulness, memory problems and

anxiety. Medications, like tranquilizers and blood pressure drugs, can affect memory and cause sedation and confusion. An underactive thyroid can interrupt sleep and cause depression. And stress and anxiety make it difficult to concentrate. Vitamin B12 is vital to brain functioning, so a lack could cause memory issues. Even not drinking enough fluids can make a difference. For memory upkeep, it’s important to practice healthy habits that improve brain function, like getting physical exercise, eating a healthy diet of fresh foods, not smoking, being social and challenging the brain by trying new things. Think of your brain like a muscle – use it or lose it. Stay involved in activities that stimulate both the mind and body. Play games, learn a foreign language or a new instrument, and do projects that require planning. If memory lapses are affecting your daily life, it’s worth talking to your doctor to rule out anything serious. But if any of these reversible causes are at the root, getting more sleep, switching a medication, reducing your stress and challenging your brain could get you and your memory back on track. *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.*

Be A Hero: Donate Blood On June 16

The United Way Day of Action volunteers encourage you to Be A Hero! Donate Blood! on Saturday, June 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee, in partnership with Lee Health Blood Center, will be holding the blood drive at the United Way Main Campus, 7273 Concourse Drive in Fort Myers. There are special incentives for this event such as free United Way Day of Action T-shirts, students receive a volunteer hour credit for school, free food and door prizes. O'Donnell Landscapes, Inc. has made the incentives possible through a generous sponsorship. A second location in Cape Coral will also be taking blood donations at the Winn Dixie parking lot at 1016 Cape Coral Parkway East. Volunteer heroes can obtain more information and make an appointment by visiting www.unitedwaylee.org/dayofaction. Summer is a time when there are fewer new blood donors available, therefore, the

June 16 Day of Action is a key time to help improve the blood supply. Typically the number of new donors declines by more than 30 percent during the summer months, but the need for blood does not change. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood and a single pint of blood can help save the lives of several people. To donate blood you must weigh at least 115 pounds, be at least 17 years old, or 16 with parental consent, provide a photo ID if you are a new donor. United Way Day of Action is an annual June event for United Ways across the country. It is a strategic volunteer program created to help advance the common good on issues of health, education and financial stability of every person in every community. The United Way Day of Action is organized by the United Way Volunteer Center. The center also organizes Days of Caring, a year-round program, which matches businesses’ desire to help with the needs of the community. Many local groups and companies have participated such as Comcast, Lee Health, Publix, and Wells Fargo. The United Way Volunteer Center connects individuals and companies to volunteer opportunities throughout our

community. You can reach the United Way Volunteer Center by calling 433-2000 option 9, or by visiting the United Way website at www.unitedwaylee.org/volunteer.

Free App Tracks Reported Illnesses

Sickweather, the world’s first real-time map of human health, shows allergies have peaked nationally and are on the way down. The app tracks reported illnesses and symptoms, delivering a local overview of what’s going around. Currently, the top three trending illnesses and symptoms in the Fort Myers area are the common cold, allergies and cough. To track local illness trends anywhere in the U.S., download the free Sickweather mobile app at: iOS – <http://sick.io/ios> Android – <http://sick.io/android>

Free Autism Screening For Young Children

Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida, in partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, will offer a free autism spectrum disorder screening for toddlers 18 months to 5 years of age on the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile at the Family Health Center on Friday, June 15

from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is estimated that one in every 68 children is diagnosed with some form of autism spectrum disorder, making it more common than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes and pediatric AIDS combined. Medical consultants for the project stress that an early diagnosis can make a vast difference for toddlers and their families. They say early intensive behavioral intervention can make an immense difference not just in the development of the child, but in their families as well. The 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 Family Health Center is located at 2256 Heitman Street in Fort Myers. To schedule a screening, call 343-6838.

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Broadway Palm

Jonah M. Martin, Matt McClure and Emily Woods. Together they put on a show about home and family and what holds a generation together in the face of a hard life. And they do it all through music. Johnny Cash died in 2003 and is still one of the most popular entertainers of all-time. *Ring of Fire*, directed by Curt Wollan, plays through June 23 at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. Tickets are available by calling 278-4422, by visiting www.broadwaypalm.com or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

PETS OF THE WEEK

photos provided

Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Chewie And Trenton



Chewie ID# A739179

In a shelter not so far away, Chewie is waiting to meet you. He's a 2-year-old male terrier mix (or maybe a Wookiee; hard to tell with that figure) who loves to play fetch, cuddle and co-pilot the *Millennium Falcon* (or so we've heard). The force is strong with this one. Come rescue him today. Chewie's adoption fee is \$75.

Trenton is a 5-year-old male hound mix who is a laid-back gentleman that likes to hang out and keep an eye on things in the play yard. His



Trenton ID# A739211

favorite pastime is getting belly rubs from the shelter staff of volunteers. His adoption fee of \$75 includes spay, up-to-date vaccinations, rabies, county license, 10-day health guarantee. That's a \$500 package.

*The shelter is open to the public Monday through Saturday at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers. Adoptions are available 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For information, visit Lee County Domestic Animal Services at www.leegov.com/animalservices or call 533-7387.**

Haven on Earth Animal League

Gemma And Paige

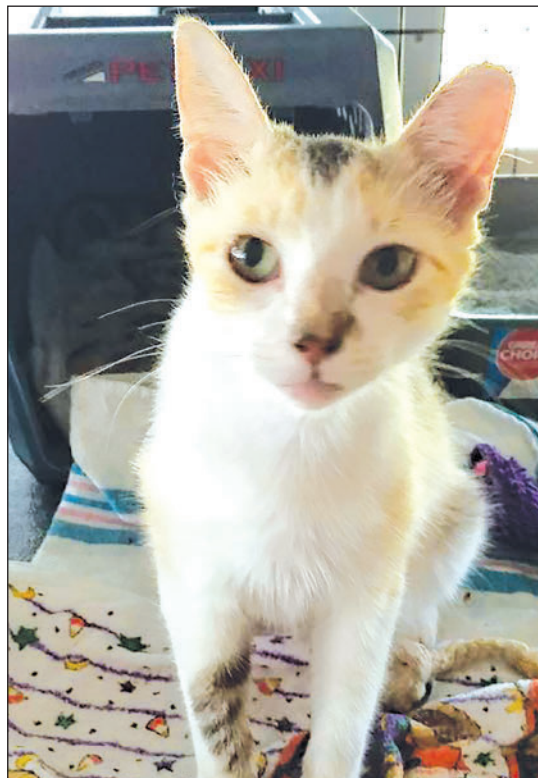


Gemma

Hi there! My name is Gemma. I am a beautiful, 10-month-old, black and white tuxedo kitty. I am spayed and up-to-date on all vaccines. I can be a little bossy at times, but I'm still very sweet! I'm currently staying at Petco in Gulf Coast Town Center. My adoption fee is \$100.

Hello, I'm Paige. I am a beautiful, calico female kitty, not even 2 years old. I am very affectionate and I even get along with friendly dogs. I have been fully vetted and brought up-to-date on all vaccines. I tested positive for FIV, but I'm told that I can still live a long, happy life once I find my forever home. I am currently staying with a foster mom. My adoption fee is \$75.

Haven on Earth Animal League, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit animal rescue organization



Paige

in Fort Myers, Florida operated completely by volunteers. Our mission is to rescue, house, rehabilitate and re-home abused, unwanted, neglected and homeless animals into forever, loving homes.

*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.**



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

ARTS

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

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

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

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
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site	239-992-0311
Langford Kingston Home	239-334-2550
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center	765-8101
Skatium	321-7510
Southwest Florida Historical Society	939-4044
Southwest Florida Museum of History	321-7430
True Tours	945-0405

To be listed in calling card email your information to: press@riverweekly.com

PUZZLES

Answers on page 29

Super Crossword

RECREATIONAL MATHEMATICS

- ACROSS**

1 Sovereign

9 "And on and on and on": Abbr.

15 Like saltines

20 Fit to send via the postal service

21 Old-time comedian Russell

22 Designer Oscar de la —

23 Olive Oyl's guy, to a math lover?

25 Hall's partner in music

26 Chicken —

27 "Have — a deal for you!"

28 Increases, as debt

30 2011-15 speaker of the House

34 Huge grin, to a math lover?

38 Meditative discipline

39 "Oh really? — who?!"

41 Old Carl Sagan series

42 Guitarist Nugent

43 Layer with a "hole" in it

45 Hand lender

48 Narrow coastal inlet

49 R.E. Lee's org.

52 Male Oscar category, to a math lover?

58 Cry audibly

59 Sir — Newton

60 One like the previous one

62 Suffix with leopard

65 Will subject

67 Lump of mayo, e.g.

69 Harsh in tone

70 "Les Misérables" author, to a math lover?

73 More done than "bloody," to a math lover?

75 Pretty up

76 Mimic

77 Ballpark bite

78 Casual greetings

79 Cry upon arriving

81 Air, as an oldie

82 Wallach of "The Misfits"

85 Spinning measure, to a math lover?

92 — while

93 Extra NBA periods

94 Petrol station name

95 "— Marner"

96 Stick on

99 Reporter, informally

102 South, south of the border

104 Tetra- + five

105 Protective spirit, to a math lover?

110 Motoring TV series

112 No fewer than

113 Burglarizes

115 Jerry's uncle on "Seinfeld"

116 Certain floor specialist

117 1950 black-comedy film noir, to a math lover?

125 Lift with effort

126 Motionless

127 Talked nonsense

128 Pack-toting animals

129 Carmelite nun

130 Vampire novelist

32 Huge heads

33 Get as profit

35 Classical column style

36 "The ball — your court"

37 Hi-tech 'zine

40 "Hush!"

44 Tijuana "that"

46 Prescription measure

47 Lyric Muse

50 Derision

51 Floral oil

53 Rival of Lyft

54 — kwon do

55 One-named Italian model

56 "Hey, I was thinking ..."

57 Glossy proof

61 Deli breads

62 "Well, Did You —?" (Cole Porter tune)

63 Nisan feast

64 Win points

66 SeaWorld killer whale

67 Outfits

68 Peculiarity

71 Roman fountain

72 Shallot's kin

73 — code

74 Many moons

77 Mother bird

80 Singer Morissette

81 Bow rub-on

83 Guitarist Paul

84 Freezing up

86 City

87 "— trap!"

88 Beat big-time

89 Balm plant

90 Mama's ma

91 Old overlord

96 Christie of mystery

97 Import taxes

98 City in Texas

100 Annoys a lot

101 Way to leave

103 Arrive, as fog

106 Christopher of "Superman"

107 Ventures

108 Bunch of, informally

109 Diminish

111 Annoy

114 Mixer choice

118 Aztec cousin

119 "I'm cold!"

120 View

121 It may dispense

13-Down

122 Old ring king

123 Abbr. on a camcorder

124 HST follower

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King Crossword

- ACROSS**

1 Grand story

5 Recipe meas.

8 Slender smoke

12 Stereo precursor

13 Conger or moray

14 Opposed to

15 Sit on eggs

17 Highlander

18 Rib

19 Off the path

21 Thing

24 Golf prop

25 Related

28 Sandwich shop

30 Shock and —

33 Lair

34 Duck down

35 Vast expanse

36 Pouch

37 Male 38-Across

38 See 37-Across

39 Eggs

41 Unrivaled

43 Legendary

46 Adult insect

50 Sahara-like

51 On an angle

54 Rinky- —

55 Use the microwave

56 Unrivaled

57 Long story

58 Flightless bird

59 Tackles' teammates

8 Haste result

9 Enlarge

10 Old portico

11 Compassion

16 Wager

20 Use a swizzle stick

22 Fix a manuscript

23 Olympics prize

25 Billboards

26 Mauna —

27 Arriving

29 Toy block name

31 Teensy

32 Listener

34 Jacob's brother

38 End

40 Bullshot ingredient

42 Zero

43 Crazes

44 Operatic solo

45 Dimension

47 Any time now

48 Neuter

49 Rhyming tributes

52 "Platoon" setting, for short

53 Innards of a PC
- DOWN**

1 Send forth

2 Corn concoction

3 Erstwhile

4 Family member

5 With 6-Down, cups and saucers and such

6 See 5-Down

7 Entreaty

MAGIC MAZE ● SHY WORDS

W E B X U Q R N J G D Z W T Q

N K H D A X U E R P M J G D A

X F V S Q N K I T F D A X V T

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A E Y C W L U R P N Y T Y L J

H S F D O Y H S U G R H H B Z

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M Y H S A W Y H S I W S U K

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W A V T R U Y Q S S E N Y H S

M O N L M K I H F D C A Z Y X

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

- Bushy

Cushy

Dishy

Fishy
- Fleshy

Gushy

Marshy

Mushy
- Pushy

Shylock

Shyness

Sloshy
- Swishy

Trashy

Wishy-washy



"Relax — I haven't been married before!
You smell _____ because
this was Mom's wedding dress!"
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!

Defer
VESEHL _____

Shiver
MORTER _____

Key
PETALS _____

Strange
ZEIBRAR _____

TODAY'S WORD

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		4	8			1		
	7				5	4		
6				7			2	5
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SUDOKU

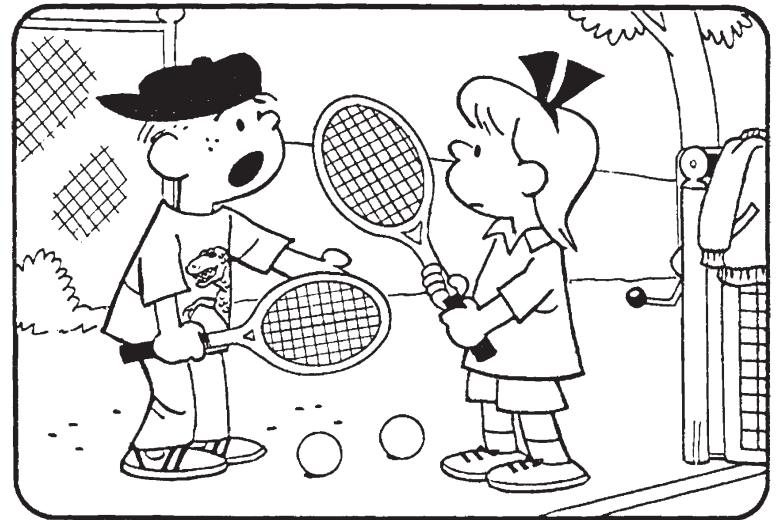
To play Sudoku:

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.

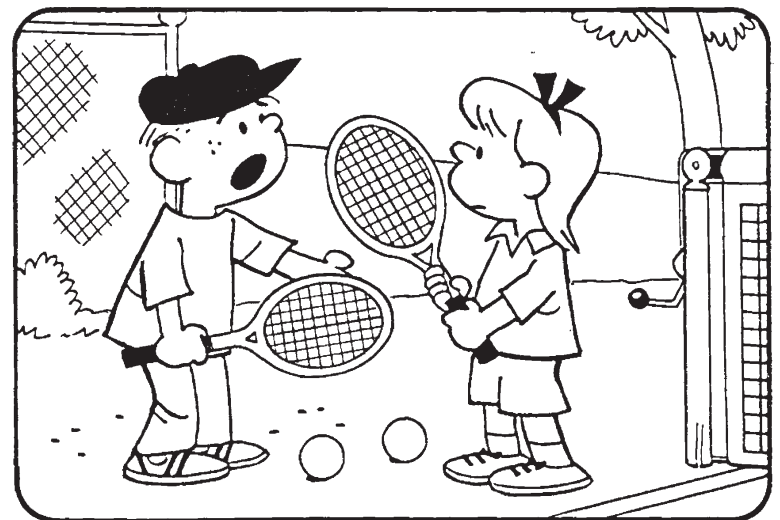
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Cap is reversed. 2. Dinosaur is shorter. 3. Racket is shorter. 4. Bow is smaller. 5. Blouse is reversed. 6. Jacket is missing.



Alligator Wonton with Orange Ginger Sauce

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, finely diced
- 1 tablespoon garlic, finely minced
- 3 tablespoons ginger, freshly grated
- ½ pound shrimp, peeled, finely chopped
- 3 canned water chestnuts, drained, finely chopped
- ½ pound lean gator meat, ground
- ½ cup scallions, chopped
- 1 tablespoon oyster sauce
- 2 teaspoons low sodium soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon rice wine or dry sherry
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon white pepper
- 1 package prepared wonton wrappers (12)
- Canola oil for frying

Heat olive oil in a sauté pan over medium heat then add onion, garlic and ginger; sauté until translucent and set aside to cool. When cool,

combine onion mixture, chopped shrimp, water chestnuts and remaining ingredients (except wonton skins) in a large bowl, mixing well. To assemble, lay one wrapper on a cutting board and moisten all edges of the wrapper with water. Place a tablespoon of wonton filling in the center of wrapper and fold in half diagonally over filling. Make sure the edges meet and press edges down firmly to seal. Press down on filling to flatten slightly; repeat with remaining wontons. In a deep-fryer, heat canola oil to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. Fry wontons in small batches for two to three minutes until golden brown, turning occasionally. Remove with slotted spoon and drain on paper towels. Serve immediately with Orange Ginger Sauce.

Orange Ginger Sauce








- 1 cup orange marmalade
- ½ cup low sodium soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon rice wine or dry sherry
- 1 teaspoon pickled ginger, chopped

For the dipping sauce, combine the orange marmalade, soy sauce, rice wine and ginger in a bowl; mix well. Serve as dipping sauce warm or room temperature.*



Alligator Wonton with Orange Ginger Sauce

photo courtesy Fresh From Florida

	FRIDAY Sunny High: 86 Low: 79		SATURDAY Partly Cloudy High: 87 Low: 80		SUNDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 90 Low: 82		MONDAY Few Showers High: 87 Low: 80		TUESDAY Few Showers High: 90 Low: 82		WEDNESDAY Few Showers High: 86 Low: 79		THURSDAY Few Showers High: 89 Low: 81
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Redfish Pass Tides					Point Ybel Tides					Punta Rassa Tides					Cape Coral Bridge Tides				
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Sat	10:22 am	3:34 am	11:22 pm	4:59 pm	Sat	9:27 am	3:36 am	10:27 pm	5:01 pm	Sat	9:50 am	3:32 am	10:31 pm	4:36 pm	Sat	12:12 am	6:50 am	12:32 pm	8:15 pm
Sun	10:52 am	4:13 am	None	5:50 pm	Sun	9:57 am	4:15 am	11:39 pm	5:52 pm	Sun	10:26 am	4:07 am	11:44 pm	5:33 pm	Sun	1:32 am	7:29 am	1:02 pm	9:06 pm
Mon	12:34 am	4:50 am	11:23 am	6:38 pm	Mon	10:28 am	4:52 am	None	6:40 pm	Mon	11:08 am	4:48 am	None	6:30 pm	Mon	2:44 am	8:06 am	1:33 pm	9:54 pm
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Protect Your Pets From Parvovirus

Even as Southwest Florida starts its 2018 Hurricane Season, last year's Hurricane Irma is still having a residual effect on the area's dog population – specifically the puppies.

The highly contagious and deadly parvovirus has been more prevalent than normal in Southwest Florida, and it's turning into a hefty challenge for local shelters and veterinarian hospitals.

Parvovirus is an illness that effects dogs, primarily infecting the intestinal tract. Puppies are the most susceptible to infection by parvovirus, between the ages of four weeks and six months old, mostly because of their immature immune systems.

Symptoms of the deadly illness include bloody diarrhea, lethargy, loss of appetite, vomiting, high fever and severe weight loss.

Heavy concentrations of the virus are found in an infected dog's stool, thus spreading of parvovirus also happens when the bottom of shoes comes into contact with the feces.

Parvovirus is very resilient and doesn't die easily, which makes the spreading of it more prevalent, especially on contaminated surfaces.

"The virus is very resistant and can live in the environment for more than 6 months," Dr. Davis said. "Thus, if a family has had a pet with parvovirus, they should avoid bringing any new dogs into their home during that time period. If you think your dog has symptoms consistent with parvovirus, please seek veterinary care immediately."

Dr. Davis said, "Puppies should get their first vaccine around eight weeks old, then boosters every three weeks until at least 16 weeks of age. Adult dogs are not immune and should be kept up to date on vaccines at the frequency recommended by their veterinarian (every one to three years based on exposure risk). Puppies are not adequately protected until two weeks after their last booster and should not be taken to dog parks or other public places until then; this includes the floor or shopping cart of your local pet store. A dog who has survived parvovirus can remain contagious for at least three weeks after they stop showing signs."

Six months after Hurricane Irma, cases of parvovirus started to show up in the area.

Raccoons are one reason for the spread of parvovirus. With Hurricane Irma displacing many raccoon communities closer to developed area because of damaged habitat, the carriers are closer to the domesticated dogs. Raccoons have a communal latrine where high levels of feces are deposited, thus elevating the chances of spreading the virus to curious dogs walking through the area.

Those areas of highly concentrated raccoon feces turns into a minefield for parvovirus, where dogs, or even cats, can track it into a home and odds of spreading the virus rise considerably.

Parvovirus is very highly contagious to dogs which have not been vaccinated, so it is vital to keep up on your pets' vaccinations. It is the best preventive measure to keep your pet parvovirus-free.

"Many animals which enter the shelter are not up to date on their appropriate vaccinations, which make them susceptible

to parvovirus, as well," said Gulf Coast Humane Society Executive Director Jennifer Galloway.

For these reasons, the number of cases of parvovirus is on the uptick, both in shelters and in private homes.

If Parvovirus symptoms are noticed in your dog, the biggest key for treatment is time.

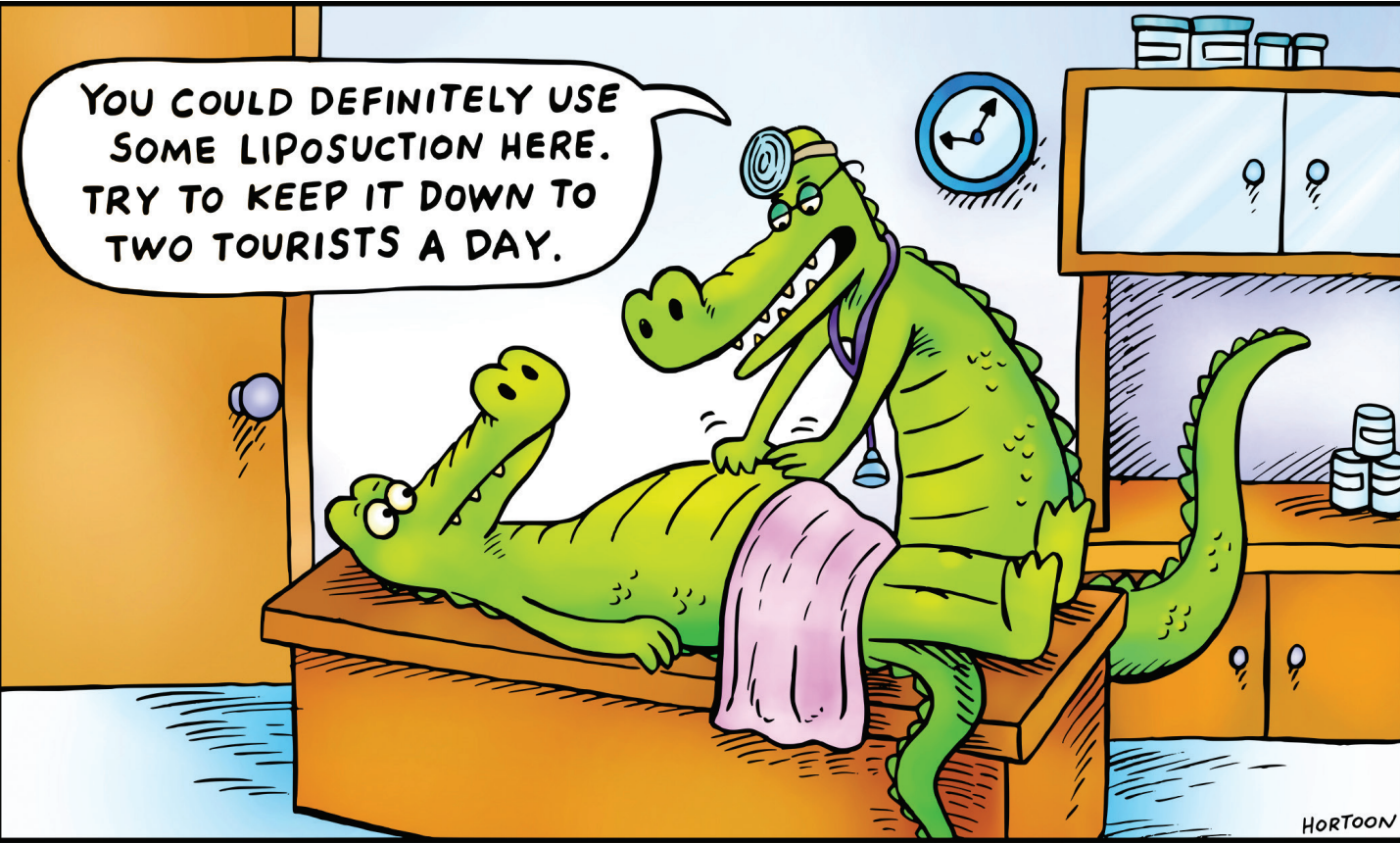
Galloway said a test on a puppy or dog won't be positive for parvovirus until the virus is shedding in the feces and the puppy is symptomatic from the illness. It is a four- to 10-day incubation period before symptoms show.

Other ways to help decrease the chances of your dog of contracting parvovirus include cleaning your home, picking up feces immediately, bathing the puppy and avoiding unfamiliar places. Parvovirus can be killed by using diluted bleach, Accel/Rescue, trifectant or steamcleaning.✱



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Verona Lago	Miromar Lakes	2003	3,442	\$1,875,000	\$1,800,000	3
Devonwood	Fort Myers	2001	5,682	\$1,695,000	\$1,625,000	120
Riverwalk	Bonita Springs	1991	4,586	\$1,499,000	\$1,400,000	21
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Idlewilde	Estero	2006	3,230	\$1,295,000	\$1,250,000	16
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