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Gallery To Explore Mythical Path In Group Exhibit

Arts for ACT Gallery will host an opening reception of its annual open-themed group exhibit Of Myth or Lore on Friday, July 6 from 6 to 10 p.m. during Art Walk. More than 75 artists group artists have created



Wilkenson Down the Rabbit Hole by Sasha Alex

thought-provoking and imaginative paintings, sculptures and more for the exhibit.

First, second, third and honorable mention prizes will be selected the day before the reception, and cash prizes will be awarded during the opening night.

Of Myth Or Lore explores the stories humanity has created and passed on

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New Exhibition Focuses On Mask Collection

Artist Bradford Hermann is bringing his eccentric art to the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center with an exhibition opening of his mask collection entitled A Head of the Past on Friday, July 6 at 6 p.m.

The free show, which examines the masks we wear, will consist primarily of masks using different materials, repurposed man-made materials, as well as natural materials. The first discovered mask in human history dates as far back as 7,000 BC. They could date back much further but the materials used (leather/wood) did not survive. Masks can also be merely an idea in order to conceal identities. These are all examples of human masks, but humans are not the only animals to use them. Most living creatures use some variation of a mask. Whether it be for protection, dominance, courtship, warning, disguise, performance, entertainment and/or survival.

Masks have been used since antiquity for both ceremonial and practical purposes. The use of masks in rituals or ceremonies is a very ancient common practice across the world. But there are also the psychological masks, the



One of Bradford Hermann's masks

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persona, the social face that humans present to the world, a mask designed, on the one hand, to make a definite

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National Seashell Day Stunt Shatters Guinness World Record



To commemorate the 3rd annual National Seashell Day, more than 1,000 people gathered at the Outrigger Beach Resort on Fort Myers Beach in an attempt to break the world record for Largest Human Image of a Seashell. Here, one of the final groups of participants is escorted to their designated zone.

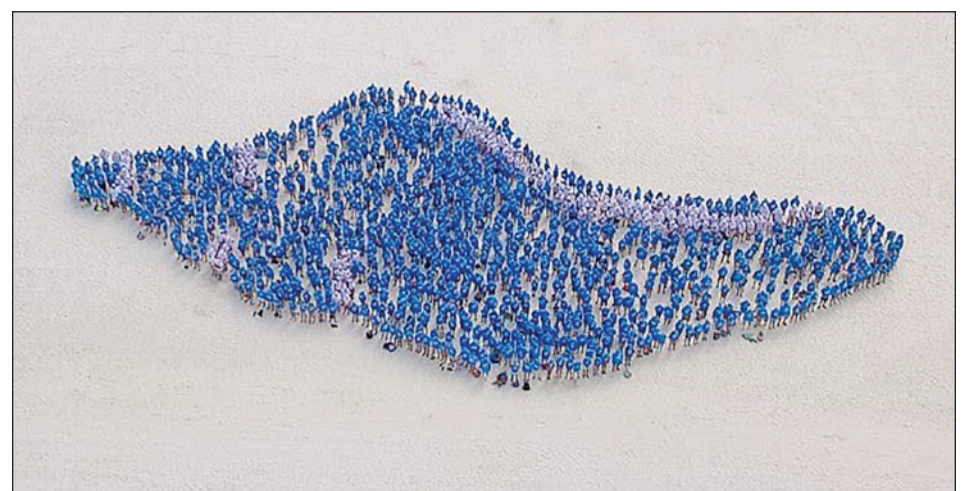
photo by Jeff Lysiak

by Jeff Lysiak

As part of the 3rd annual National Seashell Day festivities, organized by the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB), hordes of shelling enthusiasts gathered on Fort

Myers Beach last Thursday morning in an attempt to break the world record for Largest Human Image of a Seashell.

On June 21, more than 1,000 people gathered at the Outrigger Beach Resort, where VCB officials, event volunteers



The official world record image, taken with a drone camera by NJF, captured the human jonia
photo courtesy Lee County VCB

and a representative from the Guinness Book of World Records helped coordinate the new record attempt.

"Currently, this record is held by the Shell Oil Company. It consisted of 855 participants and was achieved on October 17, 2017," a press release from the VCB reads, in part. "As the seashell capital of the world, the VCB believes this record should be held by The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel."

Several days prior to the event, the VCB announced that they had reached maximum capacity of 1,500 participants.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m., organizers called for groups of approximately 50 people – clad in either white or turquoise National Seashell Day T-shirts – to be escorted out onto the sand, where they stood in place while other groups were

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

A Grocery Store And Mystery Tent



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

If you can't connect the scene in this undated historic photo with a current downtown location, it's not surprising. The foot of Oak Street at Hendry has completely changed from what it was in the early 20th century – and Oak isn't even Oak anymore.

It's now Main Street, renamed in the early 1920s and extended through to Jackson.

So in simple terms, the historic photo shows the northeast corner of the Hendry-Main intersection where the Edison Theatre Building and a neighboring office building now stand.

While the two men in the buggy are unidentified, the photo's background offers historical facts and questions aplenty.

The structure on the left is the 1905 brick-veneered grocery store owned by Guy B. Reynolds, which catered particularly to upscale tourists. It was a bit north of the foot of Oak.

The "white-front brick" building, as ads referred to the store, was indeed distinctive, with white brick and white wood trim. It advertised as the "largest and most up-to-date grocery in Lee County" and adopted slogans such as, "When ready to stock your yacht try us." The store touted its selection of teas and coffees, as well as top-line food items, even as it reassured out-of-towners, "Tourists charged no more than home people."

Reynolds lived above his store. Note the exterior second-floor entrance. He was the first president of the Fort Myers Volunteer Fire Department, formed in 1901. His connection to that organization, along with some established facts about the department, invite speculation about what might be in that tent, which stood approximately where the Edison is today.

It is known that for several years, a large iron fire-alarm bell was located where the tent is in the photo. And that bell has a little history of its own. When the department



Circa-1910, two unidentified men in a buggy on Hendry Street sit at the foot of Oak Street (now Main). Visible on the left is Guy B. Reynolds' grocery store, built in 1905. The contents of the tent are not known, but a large iron fire-alarm bell was located on that spot for several years post-1913.

photo courtesy Donald Baucom



Today an office building, the Edison Theatre Building, and a section of Main Street occupy the scene in the historic photo

photo by Gerri Reaves

had first formed, the bell was placed atop Phoenix Hall on the southeast corner of First and Hendry. However, when the hall was demolished circa 1913 for the construction of the First National Bank, the bell was moved, first briefly to Odom and Gilliam Hardware on Hendry, just north of Reynolds.

Shortly afterwards – no later than June 1914 – the bell moved next door to Reynolds grocery store – to the same property where the tent stood. A five-foot fire-bell tower was constructed to hold the alarm bell, and it remained there for years.

Could that closed tent house the bell? Look closely and you'll see a small structure inside.

Or maybe the tent is simply a storage place for fire-fighting equipment. After all, in 1905, the department had acquired a Watrous gasoline fire engine mounted on a cart and 1,000 feet of hose.

The storage theory suggests itself because the department was located next door -- on the southeast corner of Hendry and Oak (just beyond the photo's right edge).

Nevertheless, pending further research, the tent interior will remain a mystery. But there's no mystery about Reynolds grocery. It operated as a succession of grocery stores after Reynolds no longer owned it. The "tent" area was used as a parking lot.

In 1941, the Art Deco-style Edison Theatre was constructed and the foot of Oak Street began to resemble the intersection we know today.

Walk down to Hendry and Main and imagine what was concealed in a tent over a century ago. Then visit the following two research centers to learn more about the trendy Reynolds Store and alarm bell hardly a stone's throw away.

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.

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Families fishing at last year's tournament
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Fourth Of July Kid's Fishing Tournament

The annual Fourth of July Kid's Fishing Tournament returns to Bonita Bill's Waterfront Café docks on Saturday, June 30 from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration begins at

8:30 a.m.

The free fishing event also includes a free lunch for everyone. More than 120 kids ages 3 to 15 are expected to participate. Prizes will be awarded for most fish, heaviest fish and longest fish. Cut bait is provided. Participants must bring their own poles (one pole and hook per child) and any other bait they wish to use.

Sponsors who make this family event free of charge include Ostego Bay Foundation Inc. and Marine Science Center, Bonita Bill's Waterfront Café, Semmer Electric, Key West Express, First Citizens Bank, the Fort Myers Beach Tarpon Hunter's Club and Bean Whitaker, Lutz and Karah. Donations are appreciated.

Joanne Semmer, president of Ostego Bay Foundation states, "The goal of this event is to bring families together and introduce our children to the excitement and wonder of our marine life. With lessons learned, they shared the beauty of our natural area. We are grateful to all our community partners who share our ideals and continue their support every year which makes this event possible and creates lasting childhood memories."

Bonita Bill's Waterfront Café is located at 702 Fishermans Wharf on San Carlos Island (under Matanzas Bridge). For more information, or to learn how you can become a member, contact the Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center at 765-8101 or info@ostegobay.org.✱

Estates Seeks Participants In Butterfly Count July 13



Participants count butterflies at Edison & Ford Winter Estates during the North American Butterfly Association's 43rd annual butterfly count
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On July 13, from 10 a.m. to noon, Edison & Ford Winter Estates will participate in the North American Butterfly Association's (NABA) 43rd annual butterfly count. Results of the count help researchers monitor butterfly population trends throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Teams of butterfly spotters will count butterflies at locations in Fort Myers and Cape Coral, including Edison Ford. Volunteers are needed in all locations. Experience is helpful, but not required, as groups will include both beginners and seasoned butterfly enthusiasts. Those with less experience can help record data or

take photos. Last year, volunteers counted 134 butterflies of 19 different species.

The butterfly garden at Edison Ford is a NABA Certified Butterfly Garden. For anyone wishing to create their own butterfly garden, both nectar and host plants are available for sale in the Edison Garden Shoppe. Horticulturists are on site daily to answer questions about plant selection and maintenance.

Butterfly spotters should be prepared to walk outside for at least two hours in hot, humid weather. To participate in the count, all volunteers must register with Britta at bsoderq@edisonfordwinterstates.org before July 11.✱

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Celebrities Chosen For Comedy Night

Four local celebrities will headline the 4th annual Laughter Is the Best Medicine Comedy Night to benefit SalusCare at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre on Saturday, August 18 from 7 to 10 p.m. SalusCare is the area's most comprehensive



Dr. Mike Martin

provider of treatment for individuals with mental health and substance use issues. Each of the local celebrities will perform a five-minute stand-up routine for event attendees who will "vote" for the best comedic performance. An award also will be presented to the celebrity comic who raises the most money for SalusCare. The local celebrities who will exchange laughs for votes are: Gina Birch, radio-television



Eric Raddatz

personality and wine aficionado Dr. Michael Martin, Florida Gulf Coast University president Eric Raddatz, Fort Myers Film Festival founder and *Florida Weekly* presentation editor Amy Bennett Williams, *The News-Press* staff writer Nationally recognized yet-to-be-announced comedians will round out the evening, said Marc Collins, SalusCare development committee co-chair.

Tickets are \$150 each, including heavy hors-d'oeuvres, drinks and the show. Tickets are available at www.saluscarecomedyevent.org Mr. Greens Produce has signed on as the Title/Presenting sponsor of the event. Mrs. Greens Produce is a Miami-based produce distributor with an office and distribution center in Fort Myers that specializes in servicing restaurants, hotels, country clubs and other foodservice establishments. Other major sponsors include B&I Contractors, Bill Smith Appliances and Park Royal Hospital (Headliner sponsors); Leading Edge Benefit Advisors (Grand Finale sponsor); the Lee County Sheriff's Office and Millennium Physician Group (Monologue sponsors).



Gina Birch

Media sponsors are *Florida Weekly* and The News-Press Media Group. Other sponsorships are available from \$500 to \$7,500. "Laughter Is the Best Medicine not only showcases our local celebrities, but gives everyone an opportunity to support a charity that provides mental health and substance use treatment for more than 16,000 people per year," said SalusCare Board Chair Marshall Bower. Funds raised at the event will be used to provide outpatient psychiatry and therapy to children and adolescents in the area whose families can least afford it. One in 10 children has serious mental health problems severe enough to impair how they function at home, in school, or in the community, according to the National Center for Children & Poverty at Columbia University. Left untreated, mental illnesses can lead to more difficult to treat illnesses and to the development of co-occurring disorders. The Broadway Palm is located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information about sponsorships and the event, contact Vice President of Public Relations Todd Cordisco at 791-1575 or at tcordisco@saluscareflorida.org ✱

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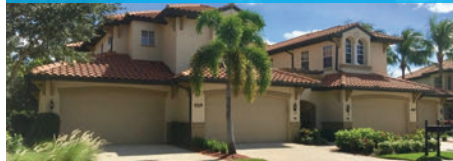
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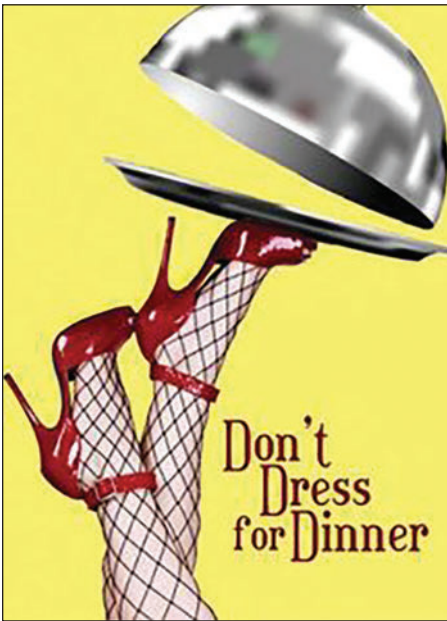
Fort Myers Art:

Off-Broadway Productions In 2018-19 Season



by Tom Hall
The Off Broadway Palm Theatre is Broadway Palm's second performance venue. The Off Broadway Palm's season begins on September 27 and runs through July 21, 2019. Here are

the five shows you'll see Off-Broadway:
Don't Dress For Dinner (September 27 to November 10) – When Bernard's wife decides to visit her mother for a few days, he makes plans to spend a romantic weekend with his chic, new, Parisian mistress in his charming converted French farmhouse. He invites his friend Robert as an alibi, but when his wife finds out Robert will be in town, she changes her plans for a surprise tryst of her own. An evening of sidesplitting confusion ensues as Bernard and Robert improvise at breakneck speed.
Winter Wonderettes (November 15 to December 25) – The Marvelous Wonderettes are the entertainers at Harper's Hardware Holiday Party and, like every year, Mr. Harper is scheduled to pass out the employee bonuses. When Mr. Harper doesn't show, one of the girls goes to find him, but instead finds what



Off Broadway's first production of the 2018-19 season image courtesy www.artswfl.com
she thinks are the bonuses, but they're not and everyone is in for a big surprise! The 60s-style holiday songs include *Santa Baby*, *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*, *Jingle Bell Rock*, *Winter Wonderland* and more.
Midlife 2! #WhatDidIComeInHereFor (January 10 to February 23, 2019) – The follow up to the hilarious *Mid-Life The Crisis Musical*, *Midlife 2!* takes us back into the middle ages once again with a hilariously tuneful look at the aches, pains and joys of getting older. From ever-increasing trips to the doctor's office, to the horrifying moment when one

qualifies for a senior discount, the aging Baby Boomers and beyond are sure to see their lives reflected in this brand new, witty musical revue.
Mama Won't Fly (February 28 to April 28) – A race against the clock begins when Savannah Sprunt Fairchild Honeycutt agrees to get her feisty mother all the way from Alabama to California in time for her brother's wedding. Savannah's problem: Mama won't fly. So three generations embark on a hilarious road trip where they meet family, friends, strangers and each other along the way. This ferociously funny comedy is by the writers of *The Savannah Sipping Society* and *The Hallelujah Girls!*
Sex Please, We're Sixty (June 6 to July 21) – Mrs. Standcliffe's Rose Cottage Bed & Breakfast has been successful for many years. Her guests, most of which are women, return year after year. Next-door neighbor, "Bud the Stud," thinks they come to spend time with him in romantic liaisons. The fun begins as three women arrive and turn the table on Bud and Mrs. Standcliffe's suitor, Henry, in a hysterical attempt to show the men who is the smarter sex.
Ticket prices range from \$39 to \$59. Performances are Tuesday through Sunday evenings (no Tuesday evening performances May through October), with selected matinees. Individual tickets go on sale June 1.

Lab Theater's New Seating Will Provide Better Line Of Sight For Viewers
While Lab Theater's 2018-19 season opened on June 1 with the campy parody *Hush Up, Sweet Charlotte*, a highlight of the new season will be the addition of risers in The Lab's proscenium that will elevate seats in the fourth row and beyond in order to provide better viewing.
Starting with *Anna In The Tropics* in September, rows A, B and C will be on the floor, with rows D through I on risers. Each row of risers will be six inches higher than the row in front of it.
In addition, a special seating arrangement is being employed in conjunction with The Lab's production of *Hedwig And The Angry Inch* January 18 through February 3, 2019.
Lab Theater has been conducting extensive renovations and improvements of both the theater and its lighting and sound systems since it purchased the facility in which it stages its productions. If you haven't been lately, The Lab is all new, all business, all fun.
*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.**

Senator Gains Superhero Child Protector Award

In recognition of her vision, commitment and passionate leadership in the Senate of the Florida Child Marriage Act, The Children's Campaign recently presented a Superhero Protector of Children Award to Florida Sen. Lizbeth Benacquisto. The Superhero awards are reserved for people who envision and/or lead transformational change for children.
Sen. Benacquisto shared that her interest in the issue was sparked by a news story about coerced child marriage Florida victim Sherry Johnson as well as a troubling case involving a teenaged constituent in her district. "I was honored to be joined by Leader Wilton Simpson and Rep. Jeanette Nunez as we worked to protect our children from the horrible abuses that were happening across the state," she said. "We took strong action to protect Florida's children from forced marriages."

Children's Campaign president Roy Miller and representatives of the Voices for Florida Open Doors Outreach Network were present for the awards presentation in Benacquisto's district office.
"The common denominator for receiving a Superhero award is the large-scale transformative change that can be achieved," explained Miller. "It goes beyond good works; a good bill; good deeds. It means the lives of children are fundamentally and historically changed for the better."
The award is not reserved for public officials. Most recipients have been private citizens or advocates who have envisioned innovations such as children's health insurance, civil citations, new strategies to intervene in child trafficking, and more.
Florida's Child Marriage Act, which bans marriage for anyone under 17 and prevents 17-year olds from marrying a spouse more than two years older, among other protections, will take effect on July 1. Prior to this legislation, Florida had no true protections restricting the marriage of minors.*

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From left, Jenny Jensen, Diane Lord, Kevin Nealon, Maura Chippendale and Macelo Pignatta photos provided

Comedy Benefit Raises \$50,000 For Hope Hospice

Beloved comedian and Saturday Night Live alumni Kevin Nealon entertained nearly 500 Hope supporters with a standup performance and raised \$50,000 for Hope Hospice at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre earlier

this month.

Samira K. Beckwith, president and CEO of Hope Healthcare, said that Nealon has been a longtime friend of Hope Hospice.

"We are truly grateful for Kevin's time and talent and for our generous sponsors," said Beckwith. "With changes in health care regulations and reimbursement, we rely on community support to continue serving those in our community who need Hope most."



Clockwise from left, Samira Beckwith, Kim Nealon, Sharon Nealon, Christina Cuccia, Chris Nealon and Kathleen Nealon

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

Event sponsors included Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre; Chippendale Audiology; Studio Plus; Joint Implant Surgeons of Florida; Apothecary Specialists; Luis E. Insignares, Attorneys at Law; WINK 96.9 FM;

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Hope Healthcare is a not-for-profit health care organization dedicated to providing care and comfort to every individual and their loved ones as they fulfill life's journey. For more information, call 482-4673 or visit www.hopehcs.org.

Cape Coral Bridge To Close On Fourth Of July

The Lee County Department of Transportation is asking motorists to be aware the Cape Coral Bridge will close for the Red, White and Boom celebration from 3 a.m. Wednesday, July 4, through 3 a.m. Thursday, July 5. Also, Cape Coral Parkway from Del Prado Boulevard to the bridge will be closed at that time.

Motorists are encouraged to use the Midpoint Memorial Bridge or the U.S. 41 and Business 41 bridges as alternate

routes. Lee DOT will place message boards for motorists by Tuesday, June 26, and will keep them in place through the holiday and the closing. Motorists should plan for an alternate route.

The Freedom 5K race happens on Independence Day. Race start is at 7 a.m. The city celebration begins at 5 p.m. with music at the foot of the Cape Coral Bridge, followed by fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

For race information, contact the Chamber of Commerce of Cape Coral at 549-6900 ext. 111. For more information about Red, White and Boom, call Cape Coral Parks and Recreation at 573-3128. For more information about DOT, visit www.leegov.com/dot.

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Along The River

Check out the Smithsonian’s Museum on Main Street Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America **traveling exhibition** during the first weekend that it will be on display at the **Alliance for the Arts**. The free family-friendly exhibition begins this Saturday, June 30 and runs through August 11. The opening ceremony is Friday, July 6 from 5 to 8 p.m.

The exhibition demonstrates how hometown sports energize the community, instill pride and create a bond that is passed from one generation to the next. It also examines the many roles that sports play in American society.

To complement the Smithsonian’s traveling exhibit, the Southwest Florida Historical Society and Lee County Black History Museum will curate memorabilia exhibits with local sports stories.

Receptions and panel discussions are open to the public and do not require tickets or reservations. While gallery admission is free, a \$5 suggested donation keeps Alliance programming affordable and accessible.

The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information about this exhibit, visit www.artinlee.org/hometownteams or call 939-2787.

A patriotic pub crawl is what you get if you participate in the **Red, White & Brew Trolley Event in Cape Coral** this Saturday, June 30 from 7 to 11 p.m. Check-in for this event is open from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Big John Plaza and in front of Dixie Roadhouse. Late check-in is open from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in front of Dixie Roadhouse.

The event features exclusive trolley rides to various locations for American-made beer and appetizer samples. Tickets are \$15 in advance and are available for purchase at www.eventbrite.com/e/red-white-brew-trolley-event-pub-crawl-tickets-45672680216?aff=ebdssbdestsearch. Designated Driver tickets are available



Celebrate America’s 242nd birthday at Freedom Fest in downtown Fort Myers Wednesday photo by Jeff Hayward

only at BackStreets Sports Bar for \$10 each. This event traditionally sells out.

The ticket price includes a patriotic cap or bandana at check-in, wristband to board the trolleys; passport of locations (get every stamp and you could win the grand prize – a cooler loaded with patriotic and summer fun goodies); a beer sample and appetizer sample at each location; access to the official photo

booth at the lobby Dolphin Key Resort (during that trolley stop); and eligibility to win prizes for answering trolley trivia questions.

Other trolley stops include BackStreets Sports Bar, Big Blue Brewing, Cruisers, Dixie Roadhouse, Lehne Burger, Monkey Bar, Nevermind, Rack’em Spirits & Times, Ralph’s Place, Remixx Lounge, Rockade and Tiki Hut.

Mound House on Fort Myers Beach has many weekly events to offer, including a **Family Fun Kayak Tour, Beach Walk and Garden Walking Tour** this Tuesday, July 3.

The kayak tour begins at The Mound House at 9 a.m. and is designed for parents and their children age 6 and older. All equipment is provided for \$15 for ages 6 to 12 and \$25 for ages 13 and older.

The beach walk is a free exploration of the shoreline at Newton Beach Park, located at 4650 Estero Boulevard. Bring sunscreen, water and appropriate footwear.

The guided walking tour is around the gardens of The Mound House at 10 a.m. Discover how the plants were used by Calusa Indians and other Native Americans and how they help conserve water and protect wildlife.

The Mound House is located at 451 Connecticut Street on Fort Myers Beach. For more information, visit www.moundhouse.org.

Celebrate Independence Day at the **Freedom Fest** in **downtown Fort Myers** this Wednesday, July 4 from 4 to 10 p.m. The Fort Myers River District Alliance presents the free and family friendly fun in front of the waterfront on Edwards Drive. Activities and entertainment will include a live disc jockey and Titans of Rock Bon Jovi and Journey tribute band on stage, kids’ activities, food and trinket vendors. There will have a special viewing area specifically for veterans. Fireworks start at 9:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.fortmyersriverdistrictalliance.com.✧

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Mask Collection

impression upon others, and on the other, to conceal the true nature of the individual.

A Head of the Past can be best understood via a quote from EE Cummings: “The greatest battle we face as human beings is the battle to protect our true selves from the selves the world wants us to become.”

In 1998, Hermann traveled to Africa, Egypt and the Seychelles Islands. Upon his return, despite never having taken art classes, he felt compelled to paint a picture of a photo he captured in Kenya. When someone insisted on purchasing the painting, it sparked a life-long passion that has now been 20 years in the making. Hermann’s accolades as a visual artist include features in magazines, both local and international, including cover exposure; numerous features in newspapers, including front page articles; many online publications; a novel cover (*The Tooth Fairy*), and the background for a music video album for Morgan Li (Norway Idol Winner). He was also the feature artist on the PBS television shows, *Curious Kids* and *Imagination*, and his creations are in hundreds of private collections around the globe. Hermann has won Best in Show, People’s Choice and Judges Choice honors in a number of competitions and exhibitions. He has also donated much of his art in support of many research foundations and non-profit organizations from animal cruelty



A mask by Bradford Hermann
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to cancer.

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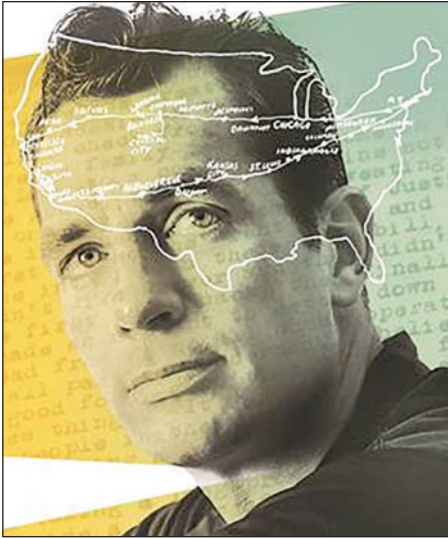
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Groundbreaking Exhibition At Gallery June 29

Florida SouthWestern State College is honored to announce an opening reception and public preview of Jack Kerouac & Ed Ruscha: On the Road at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery with a public preview reception on Friday, June 29 from 6 to 7 p.m. There will also be a special performance by legendary Kerouac-collaborator David Amram from 7 to 9 p.m.

Pairing renowned West Coast Pop/Conceptual painter Ed Ruscha's illustrated edition of the classic Kerouac novel with the author's original 1951 manuscript for the first time, this groundbreaking exhibition brings together two of 20th Century America's most visionary and influential artists.

Single-spaced without paragraph breaks on a continuous 120-foot-long paper scroll, the late, great writer Jack Kerouac completed this first draft of *On the Road* and forever defined the restless Beat Generation with his 1928 Underwood Portable typewriter at over 100 words per minute in just 20 caffeine- and Benzedrine-fueled days. It is praised by Allen Ginsberg as "a magnificent single paragraph, several blocks long, rolling, like the road itself." "It's about a group of crazy young people who just travel back and forth across the United States," said Ruscha. "Sometimes they hitch-hike and sometimes they drive cars. They steal cars and just want to be on the road..."

At age 18, Ruscha rolled into Los Angeles in a customized 1950 Ford to study painting, photography and graphic design at the Chouinard Art Institute (now CalArts). A friend and collaborator of Bob Rauschenberg, Ruscha's work has been widely collected and shown extensively by major museums around the world – including representing the United States in Italy at the 2005 Venice Biennale.

As is evident in this exhibition, Ruscha's entire career has offered an artistic corollary to Kerouac's linguistic portrait of the American landscape. Acknowledging the romantic vision of the road as epitomized by the Beats, Ruscha invented the "artist's book" in the 1960s with his inexpensively printed and self-published deadpan photographic musings

on the evolving urban environment of Los Angeles. His aptly-titled *Twenty-six Gasoline Stations, Every Building on the Sunset Strip and Royal Road Test*, which documents the prankish destruction of a vintage typewriter as tossed at 90 mph along US Highway 91 from a '63 Buick LeSabre, perfectly compliment the car parts, jazz instruments and sandwich stacks that Ruscha found, appropriated or photographed to illustrate his 2009 limited edition update of Kerouac's *On the Road*.

Amram is an American treasure who started his musical career in the early 1950's playing in the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, DC, as well as in the legendary jazz bands of Charles Mingus, Dizzy Gillespie and Lionel Hampton. In 1957, he created and performed in the first ever Jazz/Poetry readings in New York City with novelist Jack Kerouac, a close friend with whom Amram collaborated artistically for over 12 years. From 1964-66, Amram was the composer and music director for the Lincoln Center Theatre (until Leonard Bernstein appointed him as the first Composer in Residence at the New York Philharmonic). Regularly crisscrossing the United States and Canada, Amram has traveled the world extensively, working as a musician, conductor and multi-lingual storyteller in over 35 countries including Cuba, Kenya, Egypt, Pakistan, Israel, Latvia and China.

The subject of the feature-length documentary film *David Amram: The First Eighty Years*, and author of three highly acclaimed memoirs, *Vibrations*, *Nine Lives of a Musical Cat* and *Offbeat: Collaborating With Kerouac*. As a composer, Amram has collaborated with Elia Kazan, Eugene Ormandy, Arthur Miller and Langston Hughes, and as a musician with Thelonious Monk, Odetta, Bob Dylan, Willie Nelson, Betty Carter, Arlo Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Tito Puente, Hunter S. Thompson and Johnny Depp.✱

Dean's List

Cape Coral High School alumnus Miles N. Crockett of Ferndale, Michigan was recently named to the Dean's List spring semester of the 2017-18 academic year at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. Crockett, a member of the Class of 2020 who is majoring in physics and biology, is the son of Ann Wagner of Ferndale, Michigan and Mark Crockett of Fort Myers.✱

College Graduate

Fort Myers natives Danial Zuberi and Johanna Gyure recently graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Zuberi earned a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering, while Gyure earned a bachelor of science in materials science and engineering.✱

Dean's List

Fort Myers native Whitman Wiggins was named to the spring 2018 Dean's List at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois.✱

Hot Chili Rods Charity Cruise Deemed A Big Success



Classic cars at the charity cruise event

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The 2nd annual Hot Chili Rods Charity Cruise at Sanibel Outlets raised \$855 for Rotary Club of Fort Myers South.

The charity cruise benefit is a family-friendly classic car show that was held on Saturday, June 16. More than 250 people attended the prized automobile showcase featuring corvettes, street

rods, muscle cars and chevys. The event also featured "Cruisin" DJ music and a collection of food trucks.

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DAVID LEE MARTINDALE

David Lee Martindale passed away peacefully in his sleep at the age of 64 on June 15 at his home on Sanibel. David, or “Captiva Dave,” as he was known to some, was born in Detroit, Michigan. He became a longtime resident of Harbor Springs, Michigan, where he raised a family and was a registered nurse at McLaren Hospital in Petoskey, Michigan. For years, Dave and his family had

been vacationing on Captiva until he and his wife decided to make Southwest Florida their home. Living on both Captiva and Sanibel, he resumed his operating room responsibilities at HealthPark Medical Center in Fort Myers. His days were spent helping others and forming lasting and meaningful friendships with his colleagues. Dave’s passion for health and well-being translated to his personal life. An avid cyclist, Dave was skilled on a bike and could often be seen putting in miles on the popular routes of Sanibel and Captiva. His fitness was his favorite hobby alongside following sports. Dave was a fan all sports, but nothing came close to his lifetime devotion to the Detroit Lions, which would have tested the will of any lesser man. Along with his wife, David was committed to protecting the natural ecosystem of these islands. The JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge and CROW were two of his favorite places on the island. He could also be seen jumping out of the car to help a turtle cross San-Cap Road or stopping traffic to make sure a stray egret made its way across Periwinkle Way. Dave is survived by his beloved wife, Jeanette (Jan); children, Christopher and Jennifer; son-in-law Desmond LaVelle; granddaughter Cora LaVelle; sister-in-law Marie Athans; and his siblings, Richard Jr., Terry, Wade and Lisa.✽

Seminars Feature Scholars Filmed In The Holy Land

On Sunday, July 1, Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ will begin a 12-week series entitled Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome and the Kingdom of God. The programs are part of the Living the Questions curriculum that explores Christianity from a progressive perspective. Each one-hour session in the Summer Sunday Seminar Series features a high-definition video and discussion guided by either Rev. Dr. John H. Danner or the Rev. Deborah Kunkel. Classes are held every Sunday at 9 a.m. in Heron Hall, on the lower level of the church, which is located at 2050 Periwinkle Way. All seminars are free and open to the public. Because each class stands alone, participants may attend as many as they wish. Those who attend Eclipsing Empire will join preeminent New Testament scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan on location in Turkey as they trace the Apostle Paul’s footsteps throughout the Roman Empire. This DVD and web-based study explores fresh insights into Paul’s mes-

sage of the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman imperial theology, and the apostle’s radical relevance for today. Take-home materials will be provided each week. In July, the church offers traditional worship services at 10 a.m. The Eclipsing Empire Summer Sunday Seminar Series, offered before each week’s service, will continue through September 16. For more information, contact the church office at 472-0497 or visit www.sanibelucc.org.✽

Independence Day Closures

The City of Fort Myers Solid Waste Division will observe Independence Day on Wednesday, July 4, 2018. The Solid Waste and Utility Billing Offices will be closed. There will be no changes in residential trash or recycling service during the holiday week, July 2 through July 6. Commercial trash and commercial recycling collection will be serviced one day later after the holiday, Thursday, July 5 through Saturday, July 7. All regular collection schedules will resume Monday, July 9. For questions regarding your service, contact the City of Fort Myers Solid Waste Division at 321-8050.✽

Churches/Temples

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

ALL SAINTS BYZANTINE RITE CATHOLIC
Sunday 10:30 a.m. 10291 Bayshore Road, 305-651-0991.

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

BAT YAM-TEMPLE OF THE ISLANDS
Friday Shabbat at 7 p.m. 2050 Periwinkle Way. www.batyam.org 579-0296.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CYPRESS LAKE BAPTIST
Sunday 9:45 and 11 a.m., 7 p.m.;

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. 8400 Cypress Lake Drive, 481-5442.

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

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

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

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

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
Wednesday 12 noon Testimony Service, Sunday 10:30 a.m. 2390 West First Street, christiansciencefortmyers.net, christianscience.com.

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

FORT MYERS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST;
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Saturday 5 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.; Tuesday 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday 9:30 a.m. 9650 Gladiolus Drive, 454-4778.

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Sunday 10:30 a.m. 2154 McGregor

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LAMB OF GOD
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NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER
Friday 6:30 and 7 p.m. 8505 Jenny Cae Lane, nbcministry@embarqmail.com, facebook.com/nbcministry, 656-0416.

NEW COVENANT EYES
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NEW HOPE BAPTIST
Sunday 11 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m. 16120 San Carlos Boulevard, Unit 10, 985-8503.

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

PEACE COMMUNITY
Sunday 10:30 a.m. www.peacecommunitychurch.com, 267-7400.

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

REDEEMER LUTHERAN
Sunday 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. 3950 Winkler Ext., 274-0143.

RIVER OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
8, 9:45 and 11:30 a.m. 21580 River Ranch Road, 495-0400.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UNITY OF FORT MYERS
Sunday 10 a.m. 11120 Ranchette Road, unityoffortmyers.org, 278-1511.

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

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

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

CROW Case Of The Week:

Black-Crowned Night Heron



by Bob Petcher

The black-crowned night heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) is unlike most herons in appearance. Instead of being thin and rangy like that of a blue heron, it is more

or less stocky and compact. It has a thick neck that gets tucked into its body to create a hunchback look. When in flight, this heron tucks in its neck so much that it can appear neck-less.

Black-crowned night herons often spend their days perched on tree limbs or hidden among foliage and branches. Also unlike most herons, this species forages in the evening and at night, usually in water, on mudflats and on land. Studies say they do so to avoid competition with other herons that use the same habitat during the day.

Regarded as the most widespread heron in the world, the black-crowned night heron breeds in colonies and nests in groups that include other herons, egrets and ibises.

They are so widespread that they are called a cosmopolitan species due to their ability to nest on every continent

except Australia and Antarctica.

The black-crowned night heron adult has a dark-colored cap and backside to contrast its pale white or gray underside and wings.

The appearance of juvenile black-crowned night herons is in complete contrast. They have less of a hunchback posture, and their plumage is more brown and streaky. Young black-crowned night herons leave the nest at the age of one month but cannot fly until they are six weeks old. They often move through the vegetation on foot and join foraging flocks at night.

At CROW, a juvenile black-crowned night heron was admitted from Fort Myers after reportedly falling out of its nest. The finder reportedly did see the bird falling from a high nest onto the ground and suspected that the heron could have suffered trauma.

Upon examination, it was noted that the heron was thin, and its right leg was bruised and slightly bent. Radiographs confirmed it had sustained a fracture to the tarsometatarsus bone of the injured leg.

"The tarsometatarsal bone is common in most bird species," said Dr. Malka Spektor, CROW veterinary intern. "It is the long bone above the foot and below the hock joint. The hock joint is what looks like a bird's knee, but is more comparable to a human ankle."

CROW medical staff noted the fracture had already begun to heal, but not enough that the fracture was stable.

"The fracture showed signs it was healing prior to the bird being admitted



Patient #18-2311 pictured while still sporting a splint on its injured leg. Inset: The x-ray of the injury. photos by Brian Bohlman

to the clinic. It had radiographic evidence of healing, but it was not 100 percent stable, so a splint was used for added stability," said Dr. Spektor.

Veterinarians placed its leg in a splint, and the bird was provided with subcutaneous fluids and pain medication. After two weeks in the clinic, the patient appears to be recovering nicely.

"The splint was removed over the weekend," added Dr. Spektor. "The patient will continue with further cage

rest while it continues to heal, and then will need continued care until it reaches an age where it can hunt and survive on its own."

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Barramundi Fishing In Florida



by Capt.
Matt Mitchell

Barramundi is a close relative of the snook and native to northern Australia. They can grow to over 100 pounds and have been a bucket list fish for me for a

long time. A few months ago, I came across a place in St Cloud, Florida that has Barramundi-stocked ponds and offers anglers a chance to catch these very cool fish without traveling thousands of miles. This is the only place in the U.S. – in fact the northern hemisphere – that you can catch one. Without knowing what to expect, I pulled out the credit card and booked the trip online.

After a spending the night in Orlando, it was about an hour drive. Upon arrival, we met the owners, Kim and her husband Byron, on this large spring-fed property that for several generations had farm-raised, fresh water aquarium fish. The story goes that an Australian company went into business with them to farm-raise Barramundis for food until the freeze of 2010 wiped it all out. At the time of the freeze, they had fish in these ponds as large as 22 pounds..

I had never been on a fishing trip anything like this before. Kim loaded us on a decked-out golf cart set up for

fishing and away we went around a man-made lake. It did a little while to get these fish dialed in on what and how they wanted to eat. After slow-bouncing a chartreuse soft-plastic jig with a barbless hook, the action started. These fish suck a bait down just like a snook and make the close to the same powerful strong runs and jumps. On closer inspection, they not only have a resemblance to a snook, but mouths and gill plate rackers a lot like a tripletail and large scales like a tarpon.

The 4,000 Barramundis they have now have only been in this pond since November when Byron and Kim went back into the Barramundi business for themselves. These fish were purchased and released as one pound fish. In the seven months they have had them, they have already grown to an impressive average size of three to five pounds with some as large as seven pounds. Their plan is to keep this first pond as a larger trophy fishery as they are now starting another pond as a sustainable fish farm. Barramundi is excellent to eat and very close to the taste of snook.

This unconventional fishing from the bank was a blast with us hooking more fish in a few hours than I can count. Many of the fish throw the barbless hook when they jump. Keeping a tight line on them was key to staying hooked up. Being close to Orlando, I had no idea what to expect and had my fingers crossed this would not be like a theme park of fishing. Kim and Byron have this operation set up really well with only one group fishing at a time. I'm already looking forward to taking another trip up and enjoying their pets as they continue



A Barramundi caught in St. Cloud, Florida while fishing at Osceola Outdoor Adventures

photo provided

to grow. Maybe next time on a fly rod.

Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing local waters since he moved to Sanibel in 1980. He now lives

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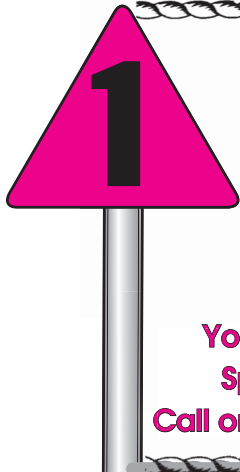
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Plant Smart

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That Cluster

by Gerri Reaves

When deciding what to include in a low-maintenance wildlife-friendly landscape, you can choose from an abundance of native shrubs, wildflowers, vines and trees in an array of colors and forms.

Pictured here are only three possibilities. Can you identify them by their flower clusters?

Helpful hints: One is a shrub, one is an endangered species, and one is usually a volunteer in the landscape, not a nursery purchase.

That cluster of creamy white five-petaled flowers belongs to small-leaf, or Walter's, viburnum (*Viburnum obovatum*), a member of the honeysuckle family.

This semi-evergreen highly drought-tolerant shrub or small tree has become very popular for residential and commercial landscapes.

The leaves are basically oval, often with irregular edges.

The flowers appear winter to spring and attract bees and butterflies.

Birds eat the small black berries



Small-leaf viburnum's flowers attract bees and butterflies photos by Gerri Reaves

and the twiggy foliage provides nesting habitat and cover for them.

Use this versatile plant as a border, hedge, screen, or accent plant.

Pineland lantana's (*Lantana depressa*) creamy pale tubular flowers attract bees and butterflies too.

Also called Florida or rockland lantana, this species is highly salt- and drought-tolerant.

A member of the verbena family, it is low-growing with woody stems. It prefers full sun and produces delicately scented



Pineland lantana is listed as endangered in Florida. Its tubular flowers bloom throughout the year and attract butterflies and other pollinators.

blooms throughout the year.

Virtually no maintenance is required, except occasional cutting back.

This species is listed as endangered in the state, a result of the destruction of its native habitat, Florida pine rocklands.

Adding to the plant's woes is the contamination of its gene pool by non-native lantanas, specifically the invasive *Lantana camara*.

Be sure to purchase pineland lantana from a reputable native-plant nursery to help safeguard this native from extinction.

Numerous tiny buds make up the tight flat pink clusters of marsh fleabane (*Pluchea odorata*).

Those fuzzy flowers are a familiar



March fleabane attracts birds and butterflies and blooms all year long

sight in South Florida, for the wildflower is wind-dispersed, readily reseeds and volunteers in yards, as well as in a wide range of wild and disturbed sites.

This member of the aster family has oval or elliptical aromatic leaves. Another of its common names, cure-for-all, refers to the plant's numerous medicinal uses.

It prefers full sun but will grow in almost any conditions and even tolerates salt and salt spray.

The profuse blooms attract bees, wasps and butterflies all year, so consider letting it stay if it shows up in your yard.

Seeds are available from native plant enthusiasts and cooperatives.

Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.✧

Water Quality
Monitoring
Efforts Expanded

The Lee Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Geological Survey that will expand water monitoring efforts in the Caloosahatchee watershed.

New monitoring sites will be located in the Orange River near Buckingham, Telegraph Creek and Popash Creek. The additional stations within the Caloosahatchee watershed will enhance the county's understanding of water flow and basin nutrient loads in fulfillment of achieving the state-required Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Caloosahatchee Estuary. The sites also will assist future flood response efforts by providing real-time flow information and calibration data for hydrologic/hydraulic modeling and analysis.

The U.S. Geological Survey is paying for the installation of the three new water monitoring sites at a cost of \$128,880. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection will reimburse Lee County for the operation and maintenance costs of two of the sites at a cost of \$57,400 annually and the county will pay for the operation and maintenance of the third site at an annual cost of \$28,700. Installation is expected to happen in late summer or early fall.

The expansion brings the total number of monitoring sites in the basin to 12.

For more information on Lee County Natural Resources' efforts to protect and improve water quality, visit www.leegov.com/naturalresources/waterquality.✧

FWC Alligator
Safety Advice

Alligators become more active during warm weather months. Most interactions consist of seeing alligators at a distance. However, if you have a concern about a specific alligator, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) urges you to call their toll-free Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 866-FWC-GATOR (392-4286).

Although alligator bite incidents resulting in serious injury are rare in Florida, the FWC recommends taking precautions when having fun in and around the water. Alligators inhabit all 67 counties in Florida and can be found anywhere there is standing water. Reduce the chances of conflicts with alligators by swimming only in designated swimming areas during daylight hours. Also keep pets on a leash and away from the water.

Because alligators control their body temperature by basking in the sun, they may be easily observed. However, the FWC urges people to keep their distance if they see one. And never feed alligators because it is dangerous and illegal.

The FWC also works to keep Floridians and visitors informed, including providing advice about living with alligators. Learn more about alligators at www.myfwc.com/alligator.✧

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From left, Barry Kelleher, Conservancy president and CEO Rob Moher, Ruth Bawden and Conservancy supporter Barbara Chur photos provided

Conservancy Adds Sea Turtle To Ambassadors

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida has announced the name for a new baby loggerhead sea turtle, which now has a starring role in the Dalton Discovery Center.

The loggerhead, named NIN, weighed in at 16.4 ounces and measured 23 centimeters across and 22 centimeters in width at a ceremony on June 14. NIN is an animal ambassador at the Conservancy's Nature Center, where visitors will have a unique opportunity to observe the sea turtle in his habitat while learning about the species until he is large enough to be released into the wild.

"Our animal ambassadors serve an important role in helping educate visitors about both native and non-native species living in Southwest Florida," said Rob Moher, president and CEO of the Conservancy. "Loggerhead sea turtles are a threatened species in Florida, and the Conservancy is committed to monitoring

and protecting the turtles nesting on our local beaches."

NIN is part of a Sea Turtle Sex Determination Study by Florida Atlantic University. Nests were incubated at various temperatures. This specific turtle was incubated at low temperature and low humidity to test how these variables impact the sex of the turtles. Tests confirmed NIN is a male.

Since the sea turtle program's inception in 1982, the Conservancy has documented more than 284,000 loggerhead hatchlings from Keewaydin Island reaching waters of the Gulf of Mexico, and another 78,000 from Naples City Beach.

"Interestingly, the vast majority of hatchlings on Keewaydin beaches are male in an otherwise female-dominated South Florida population," said Dr. Jeff Schmid, Conservancy of Southwest Florida science research manager. "Our beaches are that much more important because the males that are produced help maintain the overall population."

As the first known male sea turtle ambassador that the Conservancy has welcomed, NIN serves as a reminder of the importance of maintaining beaches and protecting nests to preserve gender



Conservancy Animal Care Specialist Samantha Arner with NIN, the new ambassador loggerhead sea turtle balance.

A higher nest temperature results in more females while lower temperature causes a shift toward males, giving rise to the saying "hot chicks and cool dudes."

NIN is a unique name for the Conservancy's loggerhead and carries a special story. A guest at the Conservancy's 2018 Magic Under the Mangroves gala and auction purchased the sea turtle's naming rights. The winning bidder, Barbara Chur, came to Magic Under the Mangroves hoping to win the naming rights and support the Conservancy sea turtle research. Chur's daughter and eight of her friends visited Naples this winter.

"While vacationing we got to talking about the sea turtles and the work the Conservancy is doing and how important it is," Chur said. "When I won, I wanted a name that would represent the wonderful time the nine women had while visiting. We are selected the name NIN to represent Nine in Naples."

This year marks the start of the 36th season of the Conservancy's Sea Turtle

Monitoring and Protection Program, a program that was formed in 1982. Conservancy researchers have documented more than 284,000 hatchlings of primarily loggerhead sea turtles.

Only 1 in 1,000 sea turtles survives to adulthood. Each one that is protected is significant to the survival of this threatened species.

The Conservancy's first priority is to protect the turtles' nests from predation by caging them. Otherwise, raccoons would destroy 85 to 90 percent of their nests, and few, if any, hatchlings would ever reach the Gulf of Mexico.

The Conservancy also measures and documents each turtle with a numbered tag for identification and tracking of turtles and their nests. Since sea turtles typically return to the same beach to nest every 2 to 4 years, the Conservancy now has reproductive life histories of some Keewaydin turtles that go back more than 30 years.

All of this – protection for the thousands of hatchlings that begin their lives in Southwest Florida – would not be possible without support from generous citizens. As a nonprofit, the Conservancy's Sea Turtle program relies on funding by generous donors.

How can you help? When you see marked nests, do not approach them. Do not touch the animals (they can find their way to the water). Turn off the lights at beaches during nesting season – artificial light confuses the turtles, which use the light of the moon to guide them to the Gulf. Slow-down in designated channel zones. Clean up our beaches (turtles will eat and choke on litter). Use reusable bags instead of plastic bags. Support fisheries that use turtle safe devices on their nets.

NIN joins nine other animal ambassadors at the Conservancy: Olive (barred owl), Horatio (red-tailed hawk), Aquila (bald eagle), Jack (Florida box turtle), Bindi (eastern Indigo snake), Gus (ball python), Peaches (red rat snake), Sheldon (yellow rat snake) and Stitch (Burmese python).

For more information, visit www.conservancy.org.

Boating Safety Tips To Help Manatees

The Fourth of July is a busy boating holiday with Florida's appealing waterways beckoning in-state and out-of-state boaters to enjoy its many charms, including the manatees. Save the Manatee Club urges residents and visitors to watch out for manatees throughout the holiday and beyond.

The largest known cause of manatee mortality is from collisions with boats. Additionally, most living manatees have been hit by boats – many manatees have been hit multiple times – and most suffer through these injuries that can negatively affect their ability to eat, swim, mate and take care of their young. Manatees must surface to breathe and prefer shallow waters. Any boat, moving fast, can injure and kill a manatee if there is not enough clearance for the boat's hull to pass safely over a manatee's back. Slowing down in manatee habitat is one of the best ways

to reduce the risk of watercraft-related injury and death.

In order to safeguard manatees and to curb the number of manatee injuries and deaths from boat collisions, Save the Manatee Club offers a number of free public awareness materials to help boaters protect manatees. One of these is a Boating Safety Packet, which contains a weatherproof boat decal with a hotline number for reporting manatee injuries, deaths, or harassment. It also includes a waterproof waterway card that was created in conjunction with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It can easily be hung and kept on board a vessel and features examples of regulatory signs posted for manatee protection, with information in English, French, Spanish, and German.

Save the Manatee Club also provides free waterproof banners for boaters and public awareness signs for Florida shoreline property owners. The bright yellow banners read "Please Slow: Manatees Below," and can be used to warn other boaters if a manatee is spotted in the area. Aluminum dock

signs with a similar message are available for Florida shoreline property owners. Family-friendly "Buddy" manatee signs, designed to teach manatee manners, are available to state, municipal and county parks; marinas; and other busy sites where human/manatee interaction can be a problem, resulting in manatee harassment.

Remember, it is always important to report a sick, injured, or orphaned manatee to the FWC. Here's how to recognize if something is wrong:

A manatee floating high in the water and is unable to submerge may indicate a serious problem.

An adult manatee not resting or traveling rapidly should surface to breathe every 2 to 3 minutes.

Manatees entangled in crab traps or fishing line should be reported to the FWC – do not try to cut the entanglement.

A pink scar or open wound on a manatee needs to be reported.

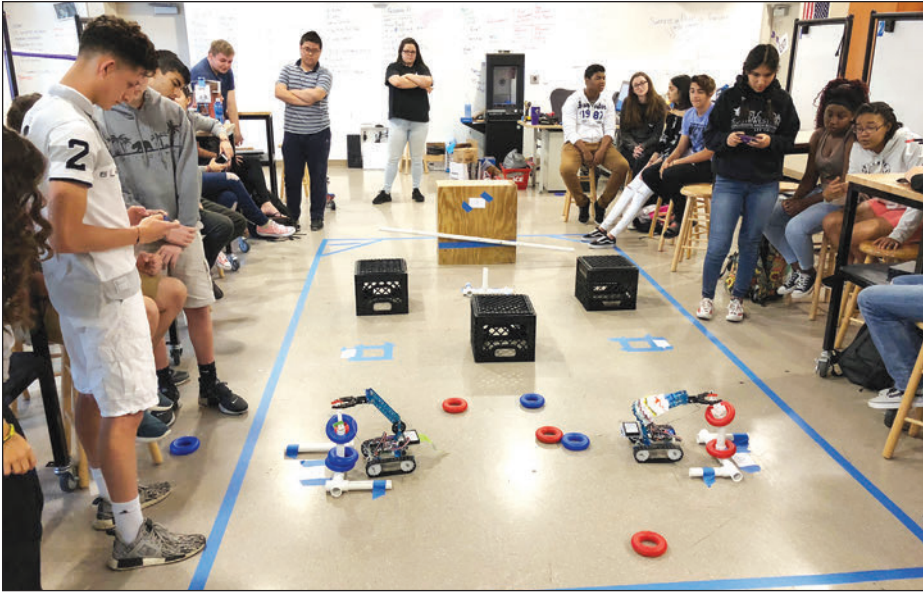
Thrashing and splashing manatees are usually a mating herd and need their space, however a lone manatee that has beached itself should be reported to the

FWC – do not push the manatee back into the water.

A small, lone manatee with no larger manatees around could be an orphan and the FWC should be called at 1-888-404-FWCC (3992).

"We greatly appreciate the help of the boating community to be extra vigilant on Florida's waterways during the July 4th holiday and every day," says Patrick Rose, the club's executive director and aquatic biologist. "The risks and threats to the manatee's survival remain uncontrolled and accelerating, and we need everyone to be good stewards and help ensure that manatees continue to roam free for future generations to enjoy."

The free public awareness and education materials are available by emailing Save the Manatee Club at education@savethemanatee.org or by calling toll free at 1-800-432-JOIN (5646). To view the club's new video *How to Report Distressed Manatees*, obtain manatee protection tips and get more information, including how to report manatees outside of Florida, go to www.savethemanatee.org/rescue or www.savethemanatee.org/boatertips.



FSWC-Lee students put their finished robots to the test in a mock arena-style competition. The supplies were acquired through a 2017 grant from the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation to advance STEM education. photos provided

Grant Awarded For Advance Stem Education

The Florida SouthWestern State College Collegiate High School-Lee, (FSWC-Lee) was recently awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation (RMSFF). The grant funds will be used to advance project-based learning opportunities in STEM education for ninth and 10th

grade FSWC-Lee students.

"The purpose of FSWC-Lee's engineering lab is to provide students with an opportunity to synthesize the learning they do in the classroom using a hands-on, project-based, collaborative curriculum," said Dr. Brian Botts, FSWC-Lee principal. "While we have the facility and faculty to provide this course to our students, the cost of equipment, supplies and materials can put a damper on the ambitious nature of our faculty and students."

This is the second year the RMSFF



FSWC-Lee students build a video game controller in the FSWC-Lee engineering lab

has awarded FSWC-Lee with the grant. Last year, a \$27,500 grant allowed for 223 students to participate in grant-funded activities every single school day in their engineering class.

"Thanks to the RMSFF, we were able to acquire the tools and supplies needed to allow all of our students to construct their own video game controllers from scratch, build and code sophisticated robots, and integrate and solder electronic circuit boards," Dr. Botts said. "We look forward to now expanding more activities into our ninth grade class. Student exposure to

these types of experiences improves their chances of being accepted by competitive STEM baccalaureate and graduate programs."**

Lee VCB Hires New Coordinators

Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB) recently hired Joan Barkowski as its new sales coordinator and Brittany Bremer as its new visitor services coordinator.

Barkowski's role includes promoting The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel to travel agents and potential visitors. She has five years in the hospitality industry, including front office manager, and sales and catering coordinator at hotels in Lee County. Prior to the VCB, she was a client partner in the sales division at Gartner in Fort Myers.

Barkowski is a 2014 graduate of Florida Gulf Coast University with a bachelor's degree in resort and hospitality management. She was born and raised in Germany and speaks German, English and some Spanish.

In her roles as a visitor services coordinator, Bremer will be based at Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW). The visitor services team provides information to the traveling public, supports airport customer service initiatives and coordinates community tourism programs such as the Elaine McLaughlin Outstanding Hospitality Service Awards and the Lee

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Planned Giving Symposium Scholars

Two local college students of exceptional promise were nominated by their respective schools to attend the annual Planned Giving Symposium, sponsored by the Planned Giving Council of Lee County.

Florida Gulf Coast University nominated Lisa Ray, currently completing the master of arts degree in educational leadership. Ray holds the bachelor's degree in communication from FGCU, graduating magna cum laude in 2015. As a volunteer, she serves the FGCU Staff Advisory Council and FGCU Alumni Association and was senate president of FGCU Student Government.

Florida Southwestern State College nominated Lena Mendoza, who is expected to complete an associate of arts degree in business in 2019. Mendoza is a first-generation college student. Currently employed in the



From left, Z. Allen Abbott, Lena Mendoza, Lisa Ray and Trevor Whitley

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retail sector, she aspires to serve in nonprofits. Her volunteer work includes Habitat for Humanity of Florida. She is a Fort Myers native.

Professionals in philanthropy, financial services and the nonprofit

sector convened on June 7 at Florida Southwestern State College's Fort Myers campus to share current thinking and methodology in giving for social impact.

The scholars attended the

symposium at no charge. They were mentored for the day by Planned Giving Council board member Dr. Z. Allen Abbott, philanthropy specialist for Cypress Cove at HealthPark Florida. Each student prepared for the event by studying selected materials related to the speaker and topic for the day. The scholars demonstrated a proficiency in the basic concepts of philanthropy presented at the symposium.

"As the fundraising profession continues to evolve, it is important to help prepare future generations of professionals in our field," said Trevor Whitley, president of The Planned Giving Council of Lee County and partner and financial advisor with Marquis Wealth Management Group. "Our goal is to foster the development and engagement of young fundraising professionals. In addition, our organization can benefit from new ideas, enthusiastic perspectives and attitudes about philanthropy and serving the greater good."

For more information about The Planned Giving Council of Lee County, visit www.plannedgivinglee.org.



John Hunt

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FWC Staff Earn Conservation Awards

The Florida Guides Association (FGA) recently honored two Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) staff members at the Commission meeting in Sarasota.

FWC biologist John Hunt received the Capt. Phil Chapman Award, which is presented by FGA to those who display a passionate commitment to the conservation of Florida's marine fisheries.

Hunt has been at the forefront of marine fisheries research efforts in the Florida Keys for nearly 30 years. He has been instrumental in numerous conservation and scientific efforts aimed at ensuring these fragile ecosystems endure for generations to come.



Officer Michael Bibbeau

"To best conserve the Keys and other unique Florida ecosystems, we need sound science and a collective problem-solving approach that relies upon strong partnerships among government, industry, stakeholders and environmental groups," said Gil McRae, director of FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. "John embodies that philosophy and has directly contributed to keeping the Keys a pristine ecological environment and recreational destination."

Hunt is a world-renowned lobster biologist. His contributions to conservation include research and monitoring work for the multimillion-dollar Caribbean spiny lobster fishery in Florida, additions to the body of science on reef fish ecology and conservation – particularly regarding the effectiveness of marine protected areas – and leadership for the establishment of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, the Tortugas Ecological

Reserve and the recently established Dry Tortugas Research Natural Area.

"Perhaps, most importantly, John is a tireless advocate for his staff within the agency," McRae said. "He has repeatedly shown admirable dedication and commitment to his staff, serving as a model for all of us with his leadership, compassion and courage."

"It's an honor to receive an award from the Florida Guides Association because they are such leaders in conservation," Hunt said.

Capt. Pat Kelly, Florida Guides Association president, presented FWC officer Michael Bibbeau of Hillsborough County with the "Trained Eyes Coastwatchers" Officer of the Year award.

Bibbeau patrols his home county of Pinellas where he maintains strong working relationships with local partner agencies in enforcing conservation rules and regulations as well as promoting education and conservation stewardship among those enjoying Florida's natural resources.

"We're honored that Officer Bibbeau, who also is our current FWC Officer of the Year, was chosen for this award," said FWC Col. Curtis Brown. "He is a fine example of our dedicated law enforcement officers who are out there every day protecting the public and conserving Florida's natural resources."

His actions set an example that reaches statewide through his leadership as a field training officer and on FWC's Special Operations Group and Advanced Conservation Training Academy as well as participating in the Great American Teach-In program.

"This is such an honor for me to receive this award from the Florida Guides Association," Bibbeau said. "The hard work of my brothers and sisters in conservation law enforcement inspires me to do my job every day to the best of my ability."*

Real Estate Meeting July 10

Florida's budget and spending policies and the implications of proposed tax amendments will be analyzed at the Real Estate Investment Society's (REIS) luncheon meeting in the Osprey Room at Pelican Preserve's Clubhouse on Tuesday, July 10 at 11:30 a.m.

Robert E. Weissert, Esq., executive CEO of Florida TaxWatch, will be the special guest speaker. The program will address the Legislature's restructuring of funding for the state's economic development agency, Enterprise Florida, and tourism promotion agency, Visit Florida. Proposed tax amendments will also be discussed.

Florida's current cap on non-homestead property tax rate increase will expire at the end of this year unless voters approve Amendment 2 on the November ballot, which will make the cap permanent. Unless approved, the increase is expected to cost property owners approximately \$700 million annually. The ballot also includes Amendment 1, which would increase the homestead tax exemption by \$25,000. Following the presentation, Weissert will respond to questions of specific interest to the real estate investment and development industry.

Florida TaxWatch (FloridaTaxWatch.org) is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit taxpayer research institute and government watchdog. Its research recommends productivity enhancements and explains the statewide impact of fiscal and economic policies.

Cost is \$30 for members and \$40 for guests, which includes lunch. Reservations are required by Thursday, July 5. The meeting is sponsored by Roetzel & Andress.

Pelican Preserve is located at 9802 Pelican Preserve Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information or to make reservations, visit www.reis-swfl.org.

New Director At Valerie's House

Valerie's House, a loving place for grieving children and families to heal after the loss of a loved one, has hired Joanne Hayden as operations director. Hayden helps the various moving parts of Valerie's House, including overseeing the property needs as well as the business side of Valerie's House, and being seen at community events speaking and helping build awareness for Valerie's House. Hayden identifies with what the children at Valerie's House are going through, as she lost her father when she was 14 years old.

"My personal passion for Valerie's House, along with my experience in operations and management has given me vision to help set strong business operations for this fast-growing non-profit," Hayden said.

Hayden comes to Valerie's House after working for 23 years in office management and leadership positions within the Lee County Tax Collector's office. She is a certified public manager



Joanne Hayden

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and earned her bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary social science from Florida State University. Hayden has called Southwest Florida her home for more than 40 years. She can be reached at joanne@valereshouseswfl.org.*

Law Firm Attorneys Recognized

Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, PA, recently announced that 23 lawyers were selected for inclusion in the 2018 Florida Super Lawyers and Rising Stars lists appearing in *Florida Super Lawyers* magazine. While only 5 percent of lawyers in the entire state are named to Florida Super Lawyers, no more than 2.5 percent are named to the Rising Stars list.

Henderson Franklin's six attorneys recognized in the 2018 Florida Rising Stars list, as well as their area of practice and law school are:

Suzanne M. Boy, employment and labor, Stetson University College of Law

Kyle C. Dudek, civil rights, George Mason University School of Law

Traci T. McKee, professional liability defense, Stetson University College of Law

John M. Miller, civil litigation defense, Stetson University College of Law

Shannon M. Puopolo, business litigation, University of Miami School of Law

Kayla E. Richmond, family law, Stetson University College of Law

Henderson Franklin's 17 attorneys recognized in the 2018 Florida Super Lawyers list, as well as their area of practice and law school, include:

John D. Agnew, business litigation, University of Kentucky

Charles J. Basinait, land use and zoning, New England School of Law

J. Matthew Belcastro, construction litigation, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Michael J. Corso, professional liability defense, Villanova University

Ronald A. Eisenberg, estate and probate, New York University School of Law

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Guy Whitesman, tax, University of Michigan (JD) and University of Florida Levin College of Law (LLM, taxation)

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Lee VCB

County Travel Rally.

Bremer is a 2016 graduate of Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, Missouri, her hometown, with a bachelor's degree in wildlife conservation and management. She is a certified Florida master naturalist and is currently pursuing her master's degree in environmental studies at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Bremer most recently worked as a park ranger at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park in Naples.*

Business Hall Of Fame Board Announced

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida recently announced the members of its 2018 Business Hall of Fame, Collier County Advisory Board. The committee will be led by chair, Clay W. Cone, president of Cone Communications Company. The 2018 Business Hall of Fame, Collier County is slated for Thursday, November 1 at the Naples Grande Beach Resort in Naples.

Other members selected to this year's board include: Jamie Andersen, senior vice president, U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management; Wilma Boyd, president and CEO, Preferred Travel of Naples; Andy Buschle, vice president, BMO Harris Bank; Blase Ciabaton, owner, Naples Print Source; John English, vice president, Peninsula Engineering; Kathy Gulvas, communications manager, London Bay Homes; Stacey Herring, vice president, Morgan Stanley Private Bank, NA; Brenda O'Connor, executive director, membership, Naples Yacht Club, Inc.; Craig Sherman, senior vice president, commercial lending, Valley National Bank; Michael Traficante, shareholder, Grant Fridkin Pearson; Patrick Utter, vice president of real estate and club operations, Collier Enterprises; Steve Wheeler, vice president of development, Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida; and Len Zaiser



Clay W. Cone

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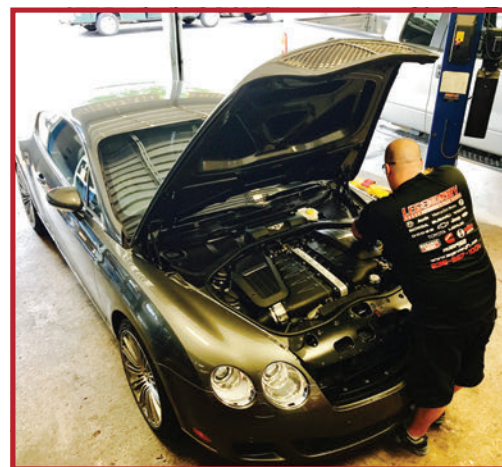
The advisory board is responsible for selecting the laureates for Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida's 2018 Business Hall of Fame, Collier County, which recognizes local entrepreneurs for their service as positive role models to youth and significant contributions to the community. The laureates will be honored during the dinner and awards ceremony.

For more information on the event, or to learn about sponsorship opportunities and purchasing tickets, visit www.jaswfl.org.*

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From left, Cypress Cove board of director Dan Adams, Board Chairman Charles Edwards, Lee Health President and CEO Dr. Larry Antonucci, Lee FP, Inc. President Doug Dodson, Cypress Cove Executive Director Michele Wasserlauf, Rep. Jose R. Oliva, Cypress Cove board of director E. Bruce Strayhorn, State representatives Dane Eagle and Ray Wesley Rodriques. photo provided

Future State House Speaker Visits Community

Future Florida State House speaker Rep. Jose R. Oliva (R-Miami Lakes) toured Cypress Cove at HealthPark Florida on Tuesday and met with administrative and members of the Life Plan community's board of directors to discuss their concerns and positions on several legislative items of interest.

Joining Oliva on his tour of Cypress Cove's full complement of quality living options for its over 600 residents were local state representative Dane Eagle (R-Cape Coral) and representative Ray Wesley Rodriques (R-Fort Myers).

Oliva visited Cypress Cove's nationally acclaimed and award-winning memory care assisted living community – The Cottage – and toured throughout the community's independent facilities and amenities, its recently refurbished skilled nursing community of The Lodge and its new state-of-the-art rehabilitation facility, The Mead Therapy Center.

Meeting with Oliva and local state

representatives Eagle and Rodriques were Cypress Cove Executive Director Michele Wasserlauf, Lee FP, Inc. President Doug Dodson, Cypress Cove Board of Directors Chairman Charles Edwards and board of directors E. Bruce Strayhorn, Dan Adams, and Donna Mecili. CEO and President of Lee Health, Dr. Larry Antonucci, also joined the HealthPark Florida contingent in meeting with Oliva.

"We are extremely honored to have Rep. Oliva take time from his busy schedule to stop and tour our campus," said Wasserlauf. "I was quite impressed with his interest and understanding of the issues and concerns associated with continuing care retirement communities, and we are hopeful that our discussions today strengthen the dialogue and understanding of health care issues facing Southwest Florida."

Oliva has been selected by the State's Republican leadership to become the State's new House speaker in November, should the Republican Party continue to hold its majority position through the upcoming mid-term elections. He currently serves on the state's powerful Joint Legislative Budget and Appropriations commissions.✱

Financial Focus

Work Toward Your Own Financial Independence



by Jennifer Basey

We're getting close to the Fourth of July, our national Independence Day. This celebration may get you thinking of the many freedoms you enjoy. But have you thought of what

you might need to do to attain financial freedom?

Your first step is to define what financial independence signifies to you. For many people, it means being able to

retire when they want to, and to enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle. So, if this is your vision as well, consider taking these steps:

Pay yourself first. If you wait until you have some extra money "lying around" before you invest for retirement, you may never get around to doing it. Instead, pay yourself first. This actually is not that hard to do, especially if you have a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, because your contributions are taken directly from your paycheck, before you even have the chance to spend the money. You can set up a similar arrangement with an IRA by having automatic contributions taken directly from your checking or savings account.

Invest appropriately. Your investment decisions should be guided by your time horizon, risk tolerance and retirement goals. If you deviate from these guideposts – for instance, by taking on either too much or too little risk – you may end up making decisions that

Superior Interiors

Your Personality – Your Design Style

by Jeanie Tinch



Do you consider yourself a conservative person, or one who lives a little closer to the edge? Given a choice, would you choose to dress in a suit, khakis and a sweater, or do you

go for more of a Bohemian look? Are you very detail-oriented, or do you prefer not to be bothered with the details? And lastly do you find it easy or difficult to envision something that doesn't exist yet?

There are no right or wrong answers to these questions, however your individual responses are pretty good indicators of some basic personality characteristics. Those characteristics are accurate predictors of decorating style and how you will approach the decorating process in your home.

This column is not a comprehensive study of the topic, but here are some examples of how your personality affects how you decorate. We may fit into some general decorating stereotypes but each of us are individuals, and those details make our homes reflect who we are.

Let's look at the use of color. Those of us who are generally conservative tend to choose colors for our home that are "safe." Soft tones are good, and neutrals are even better. Take note that there is a difference between safe and boring and sometimes that difference can be tricky.

A person who lives a life a bit more on the edge is usually drawn to a color scheme that is more dramatic. Bolder and highly contrasting colors will be much more interesting to these people.

The degree of formality that you choose for your home is also directly related to how formal or casual you are as a person. Are you most comfortable

knowing that your appearance is very well-coordinated, tailored and traditional? Do you leave the house without your hair and make-up done?

Or do you live in sweats whenever possible, and tend more towards attitude of "What you see is what you get"? The more readily you fall into this latter group, the more likely it is that you will prefer a very casual decorating style and vice versa.

Our personalities are influenced by the way our brains function, i.e. which side of your brain is dominant. Strong left-brain thinkers tend to be very good at analytical processes while those with right brain dominance are more comfortable with creative thinking. This characteristic not only influences our likes and dislikes, but also has a huge impact on how we make decisions.

People drawn to careers in engineering, finance or accounting are usually examples of strong left-brain thinkers. For these individuals, ambiguity is unsettling, and there may be difficulty in visualizing how something will look when it is done.

If you fall into this category, you will want detailed design plans and illustrations of how the final product will look like. It will also be important that you have all the facts and have considered the options before making a decision.

On the other hand, strong right brain thinkers tend to have no trouble conjuring up a mental image of the way a particular fabric will look on a window treatment, but prefer not to involve themselves with how it is constructed. They will make decisions based more upon how a design plan makes them feel rather than its factual details.

It's a good idea to keep these principles in mind when you prepare to embark on a decorating project. If you will be tapping into the expertise of a design professional, their knowledge and sensitivity to your personality traits will assist them in facilitating a process that will insure a beautiful result.

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aren't right for you and that may set you back as you pursue your financial independence.

Avoid financial "potholes." The road to financial liberty will always be marked with potholes you should avoid. One such pothole is debt – the higher your debt burden, the less you can invest for your retirement. It's not always easy to lower your debt load, but do the best you can to live within your means. A second pothole comes in the form of large, unexpected short-term costs, such as a major home or auto repair or a medical bill not fully covered by insurance. To avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for these short-term costs, try to build an emergency fund containing six months' to a year's worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

Give yourself some wiggle room. If you decide that to achieve financial independence, you must retire at 62 or you must buy a vacation home by the

beach, you may feel disappointed if you fall short of these goals. But if you're prepared to accept some flexibility in your plans – perhaps you can work until 65 or just rent a vacation home for the summer – you may be able to earn a different, but still acceptable, financial freedom. And by working a couple of extra years or paying less for your vacation home expenses, you may also improve your overall financial picture.

Putting these and other moves to work can help you keep moving toward your important goals. When you eventually reach your own "Financial Independence Day," it may not warrant a fireworks display – but it should certainly add some sparkle to your life.

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Book Review

The Crooked Staircase



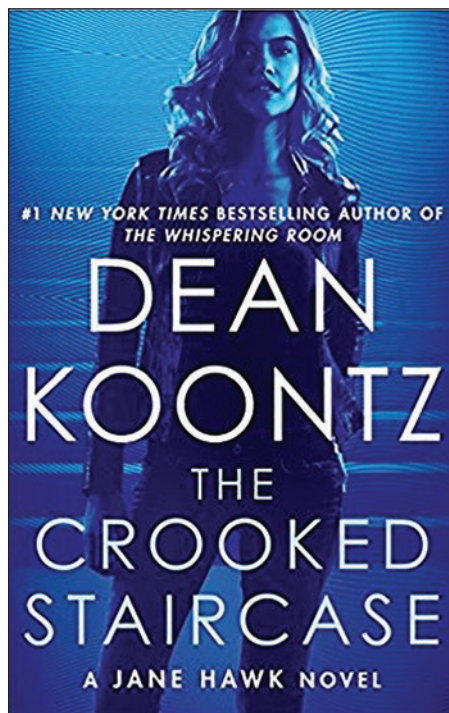
by Di Saggau

Jane Hawk is at it again, risking her life to find who is behind a terrifying conspiracy that threatens the freedom and free will of millions. Dean Koontz's *The Crooked Staircase*

is the second book about Jane's search for the mind-control conspiracy that caused the suicide of her decorated Marine husband, and many others. Jane is living on borrowed time because there is a slew of powerful people who want her dead, and they seem to have the means to carry this out. In the meantime, she continues her one-woman war against the conspiracy that is escalating across the country. Jane is a rogue FBI agent, a wanted fugitive, relentlessly hunted by the government and by the secret cabal behind the plot.

High on her list to capture is Booth Hendrickson, a corrupt Department of Justice figure who uses sophisticated surveillance technology to track both Jane and her young son. He is a cunning man with connections in high places, a twisted soul of unspeakable depths. Wait til you hear about his mother-from-hell who is high up in the group that is planning a new world order. Its goal is a fully corrected civilization that can be kept stable more easily if a significant part of its population is motivated to perform only as they are instructed to perform and are shorn of any incentive to achieve more than others.

Jane makes her way from Southern California to the snow-swept slopes of Lake Tahoe to confront head-on



the lethal forces arrayed against her. She's propelled by her righteous fury and implacable insistence on justice, but nothing can prepare her for the chilling truth that awaits when she descends the crooked staircase to the dark and dreadful place where her long nightmare was born.

The Jane Hawk thrillers represent Dean Koontz at his best with heart-stopping suspense, unparalleled characters and atmosphere, and twisting, chilling storylines. *The Crooked Staircase* is an excellent read, however it still doesn't tell us who is at the head of the conspiracy. I am hopeful that the next book in the series, *The Forbidden Door*, will answer that question. Having read a few paragraphs of this book that was included in my copy of *The Crooked Staircase*, I look forward to reading it with high hopes that the story will finally come to a conclusion.✱

comprehension. Comprehension is understanding what has been read. Fluency is a set of skills that allows readers to rapidly decode text while maintaining high comprehension.

There are some very simple and effective strategies to help students increase their reading fluency. In fact, practice with reading fluency also helps increase the reader's accuracy and reading comprehension according to the National Reading Panel (2000).

Here are some practice strategies. Increasing reading fluency requires very little except a quiet location, a good book, the reader and the parent or other proficient adult reader.

1. Sit with your child in a quiet location without too many distractions. Position the book selected for the reading session so that both you and the student can easily follow the text. (Or get two copies of the book so that you each have your own copy).

2. Ask your child to begin reading out loud, encouraging her or him to "do your best reading."

3. Follow along silently in the text as your child reads.

4. If your child mispronounces a word or hesitates for longer than 5 seconds, tell him the word. Have her or him repeat the word correctly and then ask her or him to continue reading aloud through the passage.

5. Occasionally, praise your child in specific terms for good reading (e.g., "You are reading with such good

expression!").

Practice this technique with your son 3 to 4 times a week for about 10 to 15 minutes per reading session. You, and your son, will see results quickly and as a side benefit you and your son will have built a wonderful reading bond between each other.

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Mythical Path

to explain the world around us. Expect eclectic, surreal, whimsical and realistic paintings, sculptures, watercolors, collage, oils and photography for the themed exhibit, which continues through Monday, July 30.

The artwork ranges from professional to emerging, self-trained and "outsider" to highly skilled.

Arts for ACT Gallery is located at 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.artsforactgallery.com.✱

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, My son just completed third grade, and he seems to be a very good reader. He can sound out most of the words that he sees and

has high test scores. His teacher has said that he should practice reading fluency this summer because this skill needs improvement. This is confusing to me. Is he a good reader or not? Will his grades go down?

Alisha W, Fort Myers

Alisha,

I can understand why you are feeling confused about your son's reading skills since you are hearing two different

messages about them. Reading fluency is the next major step or skill after decoding that makes for a proficient reader. It's wonderful that your son is successful with decoding as sounding out words can be quite difficult but he must also have strong reading fluency to become a competent and fluid reader.

Reading Rockets, an online reading site defines fluency "as the ability to read with speed, accuracy and proper expression. In order to understand what they read, children must be able to read fluently whether they are reading aloud or silently. When reading aloud, fluent readers read in phrases and add intonation appropriately." The National Reading Panel (2000) describes the fluent reader as "students who can decode text accurately, read at an acceptable rate and read aloud with appropriate expression".

Fluency skills include the ability to read text accurately and quickly. Fluency bridges word decoding and

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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."

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

Former Miracle Manager Having Great Success With A New Team And A New Organization



by Ed Frank

Remember Doug Mientkiewicz, the former highly successful manager of the Fort Myers Miracle baseball team who was uncerimoniously fired by the Minnesota Twins last fall? Mientkiewicz, one of only five American ballplayers to win an Olympic gold medal and a World Series championship (Boston), managed the Miracle to their only Florida State League Championship in 2014 and Double A Chattanooga to a league title in 2015.

In 2014, he was a finalist to become manager of the Twins, a job that eventually went to Paul Molitor. For reasons never fully explained, Mientkiewicz was dumped by the Twins organization last fall. But it didn't take long for the fiery and talented manager to be hired by another organization – an interesting one at that.

Shortly after former Twins manager Ron Gardenhire was named manager of the Detroit Tigers, Mientkiewicz was hired as manager of the Tigers Triple A Toledo Mud Hens of the International League. So the two are joined together again in the same baseball organization.

And Mientkiewicz has his Mud Hens in first place in the West Division of the International League.

It's obvious that one day soon, the former Miracle Manager will be managing in the big leagues.

Season Nearing Half-Way Point; Update On The Red Sox And Twins

As the Major League baseball season approaches halfway, we should review just where the Red Sox and Twins, the two teams that train here, stand.

It's no surprise that the Red Sox and New York are locked in a tight race in the American League Eastern Division, with Boston trailing the Yankees by a mere half-game at the week's end.

Boston's offensive power was fortified with the pre-season acquisition of slugger JD Martinez, who had belted 23 home runs at week's end and was hitting well above .300.

He's just what the Red Sox needed with the retirement of David Ortiz at the end of the 2016 season.

However, many feel the team is in need of bullpen help with the season-ending injury to Carson Smith and the uncertainty of Tyler Thornburg, who is in rehab from thoracic outlet syndrome.

In his first two years with Boston, Dave Dombrowski, president of baseball operations, bolstered his bullpen with late-season acquisitions of Brad Ziegler and Addison Reed.

So don't be surprised if the smart Dombrowski does the same this year.

Anyway you look at it, the Red Sox and Yankees are more than likely to battle each other to the very end of the season with one winning the division title and the other grabbing the wild card slot.

As for the Twins, it's a different story – and not a happy one.

After a historic 2017 season in which they became the first team to advance to the playoffs after losing more than 100 games the season before, there was much anticipation that 2018 would be even better, particularly when they improved their roster with several preseason moves.

However, as the week began, the Twins were 33-40, eight games behind first-place Cleveland.

While there's plenty of time remaining to reverse course, there are discouraging signs on several fronts.

Two of their prized young players, Byron Buxton and Miquel Sano remain big question marks.

The often-injured Buxton is expected to continue a long rehab assignment at Triple A Rochester, and Sano is back here with the Miracle in the hopes of correcting his batting woes.

The fact is, Sano has shown he cannot hit big league sliders. Perhaps his stint here will correct the problem.

Adding to the problem mix is the suspension to shortstop Jorge Polanco who is serving an 80-game suspension for testing positive on performance enhancing drugs.

The season's second half must be far improved for the Twins if postseason play is a possibility.✪

Golf Pro-Am Benefit Set For November 12

The Immokalee Foundation's 2018 Charity Classic Pro-Am will be held at Bay Colony Golf Club on Monday, November 12. Breakfast and golf demonstrations begin at 7:30 a.m. The shotgun start will be at 9 a.m. Lunch and an awards presentation immediately follow the tournament.

The low-net score golf tournament will pair more than two dozen of the world's greatest golfers with Naples' most philanthropic players. Each amateur foursome will be paired with a different professional player for the first and second nine holes during an exclusive pairings party at The Old Collier Golf Club on Sunday, November 11.

Entry fees begin at \$5,000 for a single player and \$8,500 for doubles.

The Immokalee Foundation provides a range of education programs that focus on building pathways to professional careers through college and post-secondary preparation and support, mentoring and tutoring, opportunities for broadening experiences, and life skills development leading to economic independence.



Sunny Sapiente photo provided

Sunny Sapiente of Bay Colony Golf Club is chairing the golf tournament.

Bay Colony Golf Club is located at 9740 Bent Grass Bend in Naples. The Old Collier Golf Club is located at 790 Main House Drive in Naples. For more information, contact The Immokalee Foundation at 430-9122 or info@immokaleefoundation.org or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.✪

SPORTS QUIZ

1. In 2017, Dallas Keuchel became the second Houston Astros pitcher to win five games in April. Who was the first to do it?
2. Who was the last player before Washington's Anthony Rendon in 2017 to drive in 10 runs in a game?
3. In 2016, Le'Veon Bell set a Pittsburgh Steelers record for most rushing yards in a game (236). Who had held the record?
4. Who was the last No. 1 overall NBA draft pick before Markelle Fultz in 2017 to have his last season in college end with a losing record?
5. Name the last time before the 2017-18 NHL season that the Pittsburgh Penguins swept in-state rival Philadelphia during the regular season?
6. In 2017, Stanford became the second men's collegiate soccer team to win three consecutive national championships. Which school was the first to do it?
7. When was the last time a horse won the Kentucky Derby in less than 2 minutes?

ANSWERS

1. Roger Clemens, in 2004. 2. The Angels' Garret Anderson, in 2007. 3. Willie Parker ran for 223 yards in a game in 2006. 4. LaRue Martin of Loyola (Ill.), in 1972. 5. It was the 2006-07 season. 6. Virginia won four straight, 1991-94. 7. It was Monarchos in 2001, at 1:59.97.



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by Kay Casperson

What does it mean to be free? I am curious as to what your answers would be as I am quite sure that response to this question will vary depending on your age, your responsibilities in life,

your location in the world and where your heart is.

My personal belief about being free is to be happy. That seems way too easy, but is it? Happiness and freedom are a choice that you have to make for yourself, and then you have to make it happen. There will be days where this is easier said than done, no doubt, but if you do everything in your power to free yourself from just a few of my suggestions below, you will find more happiness, and the result will be a step closer to your most beautifulife!

Here are a few of my suggestions for freedom in the following areas of your life:

Emotional – Free yourself from worry and self-condemnation. Keep joy in your life by smiling more often and telling yourself how awesome you are. Remember, you are smart and can make significant decisions that will also make great things happen.

Physical – Explore ways to stay healthy and fit. It is tough to be free when illness or physical ailments are encompassing your life. Make wellness and physical activity a high priority.

Spiritual – Have peace and stay calm even in the midst of chaos. Take time to pray or meditate daily to keep order in your life and to continue to enjoy your freedoms.

Environmental – A big part of being

free is loving where you live and what you do each day. There are little things that you can do to make your environment more comfortable, clean and inspiring. Your work environment should be a place that you are excited to be at since this is a big part of your day. Don't rely on anyone but yourself to make the changes necessary to create a home and work environment that inspires you every day.

Social – Free yourself to give more love to others, open your heart to forgive so you can move ahead without restraint. Surround yourself with positive and inspirational people so that you can continue to grow and flourish.

Financial – Being financially free is different for everyone. For some, it means having enough money to pay the bills each month without worry. To others, it is to have the ability to travel and spend on outside interests without sacrificing other things. Regardless of what financial freedom means to you, there are ways to attain it if you want it. I believe that you should look for ways to create an income stream outside of your primary job. There are companies like my own that provide a method for individuals to make money by just sharing our products and inspiration with their social network of people. These other opportunities are also a fantastic way to prosper while continuing to do what you love.

My affirmation for you this week is:

"I will find new ways to be free in all aspects of my life and know that ultimately doing what makes me happy and being where I want to be is my freedom of choice."

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Medicare Savings Programs Can Reduce Costs

More than 2 million older Americans are receiving letters from the Social Security Administration about programs that could help pay their health care expenses. Recipients of these letters are likely eligible for Extra Help, a low-income subsidy program for Medicare Part D prescription benefits, or other Medicare Savings Programs.

The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida (AAASWFL) wants to reassure seniors that these letters from the Social Security Administration are legitimate. Recipients are encouraged to contact the SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) program to determine if they are eligible and receive application assistance.

SHINE Medicare counselors provide free, unbiased, and personalized assistance with Medicare, Medicaid, prescription drug plans and long-term care insurance. Offered locally through the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida, SHINE empowers

seniors, their caregivers and family members to make informed decisions about health care coverage. SHINE is a volunteer program of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and part of the national SHIP Program.

"About 12 million people nationwide use one of these programs to help cover the costs of medications, copays, deductibles and Medicare premiums," said Camilita Aldridge, SHINE liaison with AAASWFL. "About 5,700 people in Lee County will receive these letters. If you found one of these letters in your mailbox, SHINE may be able to help you save hundreds or even thousands of dollars on your health care. With healthcare costs continuing to rise, these programs can be a lifeline for older adults with limited incomes."

AAASWFL provides SHINE counseling services at locations across Southwest Florida. To make an appointment with a SHINE counselor, call AAASWFL's toll-free Elder Helpline at 1-866-413-5337. A list of counseling sites can also be found at www.floridashine.org.

For more information, visit www.aaaswfl.org or call the toll-free Helpline at 866-413-5337 (866-41-ELDER).✱



Steven V. Greenstein and Robin L. Cook
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Trust Advisors Presentation On Wealth Transfer

Cypress Cove, a life plan community in Fort Myers, recently hosted a program on wealth transfer to approximately 40 residents. Wealth Services Advisors Robin L. Cook and Steven V. Greenstein of The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company presented How to Talk to

Your Heirs About Managing Wealth, designed to outline what steps can be taken to prepare the next generation for inheriting significant assets.

"It is better to have a conversation about inheritance with your heirs sooner rather than later," said Cook. "It allows your children to prepare for possibly substantial responsibilities, which may accompany the estate for which they will be responsible." She stresses that one of the most important steps in the process is a family meeting, which may include a variety of advisors, such as a trust and estate attorney, accountant, insurance agent and professional wealth manager.

"By introducing your heirs to your team of advisors, your children and grandchildren, as appropriate, can become familiar with the fiduciary care and guidance you have received over the years, leading to a less stressful transfer of wealth in the future," Greenstein explained. "We are here to help them, as well." It is often critical for parents to have custom designed investment management for the next generation taking into account potential life changes, individual family circumstances, special needs, business succession, unique assets and strategic philanthropy.

Cook and Greenstein coordinate family meetings for their clients now with the goal of heirs experiencing the best possible outcomes in the future.

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From left, high school students Helena Karst, Isabel Karst, Adam Mirzoev and Jacob Guard were awarded first place and \$1,000 scholarships each photos provided



From left, high school students Ryan Recla, Maxwell Ahmadi, Luz Alonso, Athenna Addis and John Kane placed second place and received \$500 scholarships each

Students Showcase Entrepreneurship

Thirty-seven students from 15 area high schools recently came together to learn the ins and outs of running a business at Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida’s annual CEO Academy, a model week-long business school summer camp held for rising high school juniors and seniors.

Presented by Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida in partnership with the Institute for Entrepreneurship and Lutgert College of Business at Florida Gulf Coast University, CEO Academy teaches students the basics of starting and operating a business, preparing them for success in the global economy.

Students had the opportunity to interact with experienced local business leaders, entrepreneurs, FGCU professors and fellow high school students to complete high-energy, team-building activities covering the topics of economics, entrepreneurship, ethics, finance, global economy, marketing and international trade.

Throughout the week, students worked in teams to develop a unique business concept and comprehensive business plan. At the end of CEO Academy, seven groups of entrepreneurial teens presented



Dr. Michael Martin of Florida Gulf Coast University speaks to the participating high school students at the Academy

business plans for these concepts to a panel of judges, distinguished Junior Achievement Laureates and entrepreneurs Gary Tasman of Cushman & Wakefield Commercial Property of Southwest Florida, Scott Fischer of Scott Fischer Enterprises, and Pason Gaddis of Florida Media Group, LLC.

The first-place team of Helena Karst, Isabel Karst and Adam Mirzoev (Cape Coral High School) and Jacob Guard (Fort Myers High School) presented a model business plan for their proposed



From left, Gary Tasman, Scott Fischer and Pason Gaddis

company, GiftR, a gift registry platform featuring individualized profiles with gift suggestions for birthdays, anniversaries and more. The service pulls users’ wish lists from current online shopping platforms to create one complete registry list, making gifting an easier process for friends and family. TEach member of the winning team was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to be used at the college of their choice.

The second-place team of Ryan Recla (home-schooled), Maxwell Ahmadi (Cape Coral High School), Luz Alonso (Gulf Coast High School), Athenna

Addis (Bishop Verot High School) and John Kane (Estero High School) presented a model business plan for their proposed company, SkyBites, an application that allows travelers to view a map of restaurants available in an airport they are visiting, order food, pay and have the meal delivered right to their gate. Each member of the team was awarded a \$500 scholarship to be used at the college of their choice.

To learn more about Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida and its programs, visit www.jaswfl.org or call 225-2590.✱



Students Ava Collier and Zoe Ritchotte presenting their project, Happy Place



Student Cameron Grabowski shares about his team’s model business, Bus Trak, during Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida’s CEO Academy

Regional Cancer Center Expansion Opens

A new, 24,000-square-foot building is now open at the Regional Cancer Center in Ft. Myers. Located near the intersection of Interstate 75 and Colonial Boulevard, the Regional Cancer Center is a collaboration of Lee Health, 21st Century Oncology and Florida Cancer Specialists. The construction project began last year to accommodate a growth in services, including expansion of the pharmacy, palliative care services, genetic counseling and survivorship programs.

"The Regional Cancer Center has seen double digit growth every year since it opened in 2008," said Dennis Bruens, vice president of oncology and palliative care services for Lee Health. "Our multidisciplinary team offers a comprehensive approach to care and having these services provided all under the same roof makes a world of difference. In recent years, we've added genetics services and greatly enhanced care coordination through nurse navigators, requiring some of our services to move to another building nearby. Centralizing all services in one place again is an invaluable convenience for those in our care. We anticipate growth in many of our services, and we are preparing for the future to best serve our patients."

Fighting cancer is hard enough without having to undergo the stress and inconvenience of traveling out of the area for treatment. The Regional Cancer



From left, Lee Health Board of Directors Nancy McGovern and Dr. Sanford Cohen; Lee Health Vice President of Oncology and Palliative Services Dennis Bruens; Dr. Lawrence Antonucci; Dr. Arie Dosoretz, 21st Century Oncology; Dr. Lilliana Bustamante, Florida Cancer Specialists; Dr. James Orr, medical director, Regional Cancer Center; and Therese Everly, Lee Health Board of Directors photo provided

Center offers treatment for nearly every aspect of cancer care, in one convenient location. Collectively, Regional Cancer Center is the fourth largest community cancer treatment center in the state of Florida. With more than 15,000 patient visits each year treating a variety of malignancies in both men and women, RCC survival rates meet or exceed the national average for all cancer treatment facilities.

The expansion is home to the Regional Cancer Center's multidisciplinary clinic – a one-stop shop for patients and a model for breast care nationwide. On the day of clinic, patients meet and have one-on-one assessments with the medical oncologist, surgeon and radiation oncologist. These meetings help the patient retain and absorb

the information about their diagnosis, understand their options, and feel more empowered and included in the decision-making process."

Following the patients' meetings with the physicians, the medical team meets to discuss the case in a round-table tumor board. In addition to the medical oncologist, surgeon and radiation oncologist, the tumor board includes gynecologic oncologist; cardio-oncology physician; radiologist; pathologist; breast cancer nurse navigator; genetic counselor; clinical oncology pharmacist; oncology dietitian; cancer rehabilitation navigator; and plastic surgeon, if necessary.

A dedicated team of cancer navigators made up of oncology-certified nurses work with patients, families and physicians to help the cancer patient

"navigate" the health care system. Cancer navigation services currently are available for brain, breast, colorectal, lung, ovarian/uterine, and head and neck cancers. No referral is needed for this service, which is provided free of charge.

New physician offices are housed in the new building, as well. In addition to comprehensive, evidence-based care that is convenient, accessible and personalized, the RCC offers a healing garden, meditation room, deli and Cookie's Place, a special boutique dedicated to men and women diagnosed with cancer, undergoing treatment or caring for a loved one.

For more information about the Regional Cancer Center and services available, visit www.swflcancercenter.org/.

Senior Housing Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Senior Housing Solutions, the first locally owned senior housing placement company in Southwest Florida, is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

In the last year, the company has successfully expanded its market base to cover both Collier and Lee counties. In addition, consumers have access to a free online Preferred Provider Network of services for seniors. This expansion resulted in 38 percent revenue increase in the first quarter of 2018 compared to the same time frame in 2017.

"We started in 2008 when our local economy was taking a nosedive. To start something during that time took a great deal of fortitude and perseverance," said Bruce Rosenblatt, founder of Senior Housing Solutions.

In addition to their free referral service, Senior Housing Solutions has also organized senior housing bus tours as a way for people to tour senior living properties in the area and produced educational seminars for many organizations, churches and civic groups. Rosenblatt also authors a senior housing column for the *Naples Daily News*. "We are passionate about

providing knowledgeable advice to our clients. Therefore we stay current on significant trends in the marketplace and quality of care at the various facilities in the area," Rosenblatt said.

The firm engages with other senior-related organizations including the Leadership Coalition on Aging, CAMEO of Lee County and Naples Interagency Council. The Preferred Provider Network is available for free to the public at www.seniorhousingsolutions.net.

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Seashell Day

added to the throng. Slowly, the human mass began to take the shape of a giant junonia.

"The reason we're doing this today is to show the whole world what a great community we live in," Tamara Pigott, executive director of the VCB, told the crowd who began arriving at the event shortly after 6:30 a.m. "And when you post on social media, you can say you live in the most beautiful place in the world!"

Finally, after more than an hour of funneling participants into an area cordoned off in the designated shape of a junonia, the group was required to stand in place for five minutes while cameras – attached to drones hovering high above the crowd – took pictures to

document the attempt.

It took about a half hour to confirm the results.

"After reviewing all of the evidence and verifying the measurements and the head count, I am ready to announce the official results," Christina Conlon, official adjudicator for the *Guinness Book of World Records*, told the crowd around 11:30 a.m. "With a confirmed total today of 1,093 participants, we have set the world record!"

According to VCB officials, the youngest registered participant was 6-week-old Quin Simpson of Lehigh Acres. Attendees came from as far away as Germany and Switzerland.

All participants received a commemorative 2018 National Seashell Day T-shirt, hat and seashell necklace for taking part in the record attempt. Participants were also encouraged to bring a canned food or nonperishable item to benefit the United Way's support of area food banks.

National Seashell Day was sponsored by The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel, The Outrigger Beach Resort, Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce, LeeTran and AIM Engineering & Surveying, Inc. Participating local attractions, organizations and businesses included the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum, the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW), Costco, Kona Ice, Key West Express,

The Bagel Factory, DirecTV, Turtle Time, Inc., United Way and Conchalele Bob MacPhail.

Holly Smith, Sanibel City Councilwoman and local business owner, was among the crowd participating in the world record attempt.

"I came certainly to support the VCB, but also to have fun and be a part of the record," said Smith. "I thought it was great, seeing so many people having fun. There were just so many smiling faces."

Last week's event wasn't the first time that locals attempted to shatter a shell-related world record. Back in 2012, as part of the Sanibel Shell Festival's 75th annual Shellabration, more than 800 people gathered at Bowman's Beach on Sanibel while attempting to shatter the existing record mark in the Largest Treasure Hunt Game category.

For more than the required 30 seconds, the mass of shell seekers bent over on the sand, performing the "Sanibel Stoop" under the watchful eye of *Guinness Book of World Records* representatives and volunteer witnesses to the display.

Sanibel's record for Largest Treasure Hunt Game stood for several years until a gathering in Greece, held in February 2017, established the new mark with 1,384 participants.

dearRPharmacist

Six Ways To Relieve Itchy Red Eyes



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: My eyes are driving me crazy, and I thought I'd share what I know with you in case you are feeling the same way right about now. For me, it's a triple hit from the smoke generated by fires

nearby in Colorado, the ragweed pollen and some drywall dust kicked up when I demo'd a fireplace in my new home.

Here's a sample of what I've been doing to tame the red so that people stop asking if I was up all night drinking, lol, which I was not I assure you! I can't list everything here due to space considerations, so if you'd like the complete list of my home remedies, sign up for my newsletter at www.suzycohen.com and I'll email it to you on Tuesday.

1. Dry up:
Take an oral antihistamine such as Loratadine (Claritin). I am taking about a half tablet daily with a natural supplement that I'll tell you about in my longer article on my website. Now that you've got your antihistamine on board, proceed to step 2.

2. Wash your eyes:
Irrigate your eye with saline and a sterile eye cup. Your local pharmacy, department store or online e-tailer has Bausch & Lomb's brand of "eye wash" or "irrigating eye wash" or a similar brand of saline that comes with an eye cup. You do

not want contact lens cleaner, you want to basically rinse your eye out. It's similar to opening your eye underwater in a pool, you just have to do it.

3. Apply a cold compress:
Take a clean washcloth, dip it in ice water and wring out, then apply. I like to take them and fold the washcloth in half, then roll it up tightly. The ends of the washcloth will now 'fit' into your eye socket, and it is such sweet relief! Be intelligent and apply sparingly, you just want to cool your eye for a few seconds, so don't hurt yourself.

4. Get the red out:
You can choose what you like, or can afford. I use various ones including Zaditor because this lasts 12 hours, and contains a histamine blocker only (Ketotifen), whereas most eye drops contain an antihistamine as well as a vasoconstrictor. If you're looking for that type of combination, try Opcon or Visine, or their store-brand generic equivalents which will save you money.

5. Lie down and breathe:
Buy an eye pillow, preferably unscented and put it in the freezer for 15 minutes. You can always store yours in there, that's what I do. Put it on your eyes and just breathe. Mmm.

6. Look like a diva:
Cucumber slices on the eyelids... you see this all the time in spa pictures and the reason is that cucumbers reduce eye inflammation and they'll temporarily hide the fact that you pulled an all-nighter last night, played with your neighbor's cat or went horseback riding through ragweed. You can apply them topically, or better yet, juice cucumbers along with some carrots and celery and drink it.

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

Treatment For Back Pain



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

Almost everyone has dealt with back pain at some point in their life. Back pain is often due to injury, which may occur from repeated heavy lifting or a sudden awkward movement that strains back muscles and spinal ligaments. At times, just the muscle is tweaked, and a few days later, the muscle is healed and you're back to normal. But when pain becomes chronic, low back pain can be disabling, interfering with life as you know it. There are numerous treatments aimed at providing relief for nagging back pain. Cortisone and steroid injections are common, but unfortunately, these injections provide only temporary relief and are harmful to the soft tissue over the long-term. Pain medications are also common, and although they

provide pain relief, they do not repair the underlying issue and can lead to an endless and possibly dangerous dependency cycle.

The underlying, and frequently missed, problem is often ligament damage causing joint instability. Ligaments aid in the stability of the back, so when they are injured, instability results. When standing, bending and turning, the ligaments in the back work to keep motion in check, allowing the vertebrae to move, but not letting them move too much. Injured ligaments become weak and stretched out, like an overstretched rubber band, void of elasticity and unable to efficiently do their job. Ligaments are also full of nerves, so when you go about your daily activities and bend or twist or even sit too long, those nerves get tweaked.

The treatment used to repair ligaments in the lower back is known as prolotherapy. It is a regenerative method for long-term stability, unlike cortisone, which is temporary and degenerative over the long term. Popular prolotherapy solutions can include a person's own healing cells, such as platelet rich plasma (PRP) or stem cells.

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@carimgmedical.com.

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Diabetes Prevention

Have you been told that you have Prediabetes? Would you like to learn about a variety of tools that have been proven to prevent or delay the onset of Type 2 Diabetes?

Lee Health is offering a free program on Wednesdays at The Sanctuary from 9 to 10 a.m. The programs are designed to help participants make modest lifestyle changes and cut their risk of Type 2 diabetes by more than half. This year-long program with weekly meetings for the first six months, then once or twice a month for the second six months, is part of the National Diabetes Prevention Program, led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Information presented in the workshop can help you become empowered to prevent Type 2 diabetes. Learn about the benefits of physical activity; manage symptoms of stress, make smarter decisions related to healthy eating, and tips to stay motivated. Participants will receive a participant guide to use as an ongoing reference tool once the classes are completed.

The Sanctuary is located at 8960 Colonial Center Drive in Fort Myers. Seating is limited and registration is

required. Call 424-3127 for more information.*

Officer Of The Year Nominees

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers South is excited to announce the nominees for the 2018 Officer of the Year award, recognized annually at the Law & Order Ball. Now in its fifth year, the Law & Order Ball pays tribute to seven of Lee County's local law enforcement agencies for their commitment to public safety.

Participating agencies may nominate up to five officers for the Officer of the Year award. To be considered, a nominee must be a full-time sworn officer who is employed by and in good standing with their nominating agency. Nominees must also consistently go beyond the call of duty, as characterized by serving as a role model for others, the totality of their contribution to the agency and community throughout the year, and extraordinary actions considered beyond their expected job responsibilities.

The following law enforcement officers were nominated to be the 2018 Officer of the Year:

- K-9 Officer Stephen Scrobe, Cape Coral Police Department
- Detective Nick Jones, Cape Coral

- Police Department
- Sergeant Domonic Zammit, Fort Myers Police Department
- Officer Emelia Lock, Fort Myers Police Department
- Patrolman Lamar Campbell, Fort Myers Police Department
- Detective Joe Anderson, Florida Gulf Coast University Police Department
- Sergeant Sylvester Smalls, Lee County Sheriff's Office
- Deputy First Class Michael B. Elkady, Lee County Sheriff's Office
- Deputy Sheriff Michael Truscott, Lee County Sheriff's Office
- Deputy Sheriff Alexander Aguilar, Lee County Sheriff's Office
- Deputy First Class Richard Castellon, Lee County Sheriff's Office
- Officer Kory McCloughen, Sanibel Police Department

Five finalists will be announced in advance of this year's Law and Order Ball, and one officer will be announced as the prestigious Officer of the Year at the gala. Nominees were selected from the following Lee County agencies: Cape Coral Police Department, Florida Gulf Coast University Police Department, Florida Southwestern State College Police Department, Fort Myers Police Department, Lee County Port Authority Police Department, Lee County Sheriff's Office and Sanibel Police Department.

The Law & Order Ball will take place

on Saturday, September 15 at Germain Arena. Individual registration for the evening celebration is \$175 per person and \$1,750 for a table seating 10 guests. Now in its fifth year, the black-tie optional gala is hosted annually by the Rotary Club of Fort Myers South and is open to the public. Paying tribute to Lee County law enforcement officers, the event raises funds for the Rotary Club of Fort Myers South Foundation, which provides grants to Lee County law enforcement agencies and local non-profit organizations.

Creighton Construction and Development has returned as the Law & Order Ball's presenting sponsor. Additional sponsors include: The Eventful Company, RapidPrint, Edison National Bank, Fort Myers Police Department, Henderson, Franklin Attorneys at Law, Siesta Pebble, Southwest Florida Public Service Academy, Suncoast Credit Union, Aubuchon Team of Companies, Bank of the Ozarks, Finemark Bank, Florida Power & Light, Markham Norton Mosteller & Wright, Millennium Physicians Group, Round Table Provisions and Pushing the Envelope.

Sponsors, silent auction items, and other contributions are still needed for this year's program. For more information about the event, to become a sponsor, or to make a contribution, visit www.lawandorderball.org or contact info@lawandorderball.org.

PETS OF THE WEEK photos provided

Haven on Earth Animal League
Kristmas And Biscuit



Kristmas

Hi there! We are Kristmas and Biscuit. We are both 8-years old, neutered and up to date on all vaccines. We are about to lose the only home that we have known our entire lives. Our human mother has to move into an assisted living facility, and she can't take us with her. We need to stay together because all we have now is each other. We are very friendly and well-behaved boys. Our scratch posts, toys, food and litter boxes will come with us, and it will help us feel at home to have our own things.



Biscuit

Biscuit is a dark tabby with beautiful, bright, green eyes and a cute little, white chin. I am a red tabby, with four white paws and an adorable face. Call Marcy with Haven on Earth Animal League at 410-9983 to learn more about us. We are being cared for by Haven on Earth Animal League. For more information, call Diane at 860-833-4472 or email havenonearthanimalleague@yahoo.com.✧

Lee County Domestic Animal Services
Lexi And Mia



Lexi ID# A653115

Hello, my name is Lexi. I am a 3-year-old female American staffordshire terrier mix who was found wandering around inside a Publix. Remember the book and movie "Because of Winn-Dixie" about a little girl who finds a dog inside a grocery store? The little girl's life changed for the better because of that loveable mutt and yours can too if you come and fall in love with me. I have a positive "Life is Good" attitude that is infectious. My adoption fee is \$30.



Mia ID# A741975

Hi, I'm Mia. I am a 1-year-old female domestic shorthair who came to Lee County Domestic Animal Services with three of my sisters. Whenever we pass each other, we bump heads to greet each other. I am very affectionate and like to be next to you. Right now, all cats are adopt one get a feline friend free so you can take one of my sisters home as well. My adoption fee is 20. 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.lee.gov/animalservices or call 533-7387.✧



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
Audubon of SWFL	339-8046
Audubon Society	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR	482-1366
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
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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
Notre Dame Club of Lee County	768-0417
Organ Transplant Recipients of SW Florida	247-3073
POLO Club of Lee County	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society	472-6940
United Way of Lee County	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour)	211 or 433-3900
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
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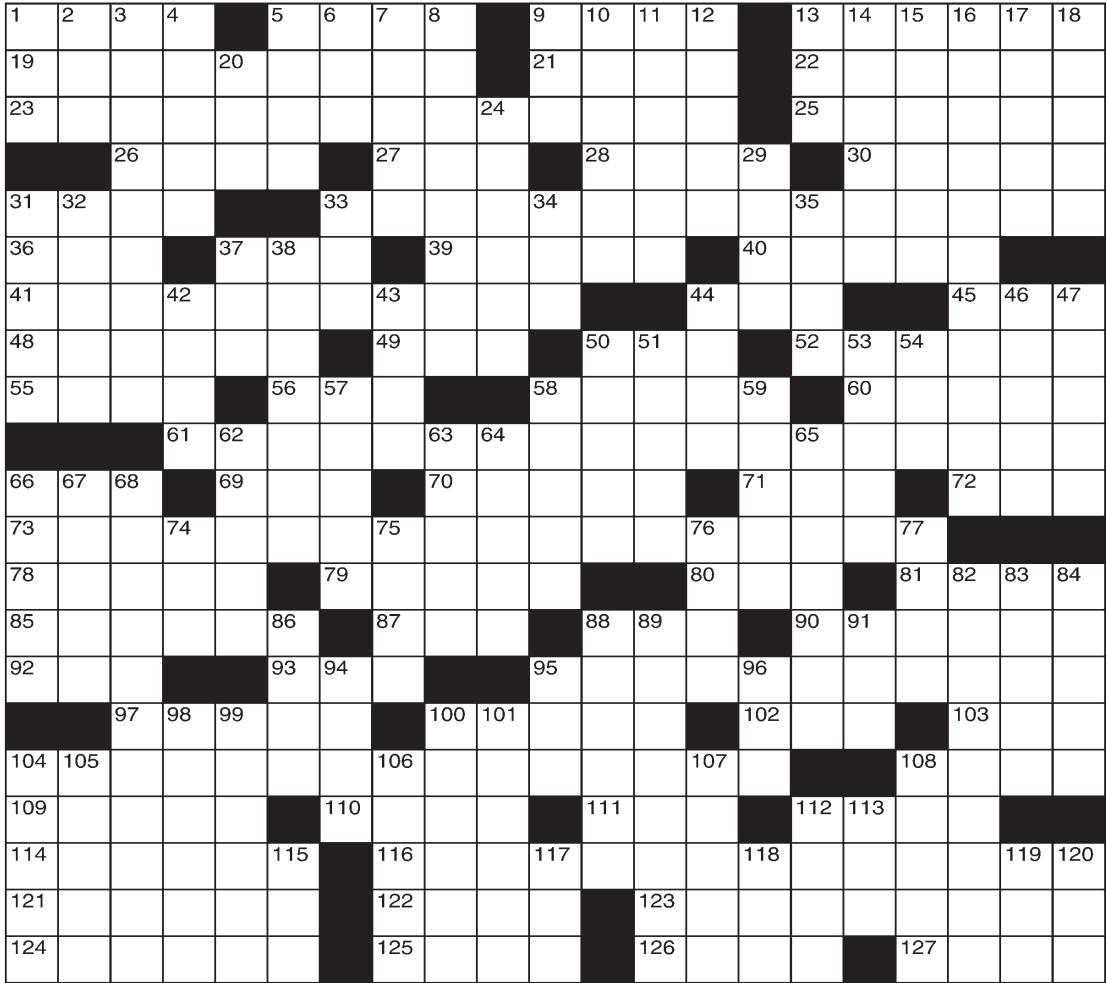
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PUZZLES

Answers on page 29

Super Crossword "IF THE SHOE FITS ..."

- ACROSS
- 1 Gillette razor brand
 - 5 Sled in the Olympics
 - 9 "Hey, you over there"
 - 13 Sermon deliverer
 - 19 Debuted
 - 21 Choral voice
 - 22 Like a lie
 - 23 Car riders' jolters, to a shoe collector?
 - 25 Buccaneer
 - 26 Kingly name of Norway
 - 27 IRS money
 - 28 Highly eager
 - 30 Paradigm
 - 31 Rakish sort
 - 33 Treasure hunters, to a shoe collector?
 - 36 Everybody
 - 37 Part of ENT
 - 39 Direct (to)
 - 40 Hot-rod rods
 - 41 "I'm Walkin'" singer, to a shoe collector?
 - 44 Week- — -glance
 - 45 Tree with samaras
 - 48 More neat
 - 49 Suffix with lyric
 - 50 Covertly add to an email
 - 52 One of the Brady girls
 - 55 Not veiled
 - 56 Nametags, e.g.
 - 58 Blend on high, maybe
 - 60 They may be irregular
 - 61 What Romeo and Juliet were, to a shoe collector?
 - 66 Not cooked
 - 69 Itty-bitty
 - 70 Put on — (fake it)
 - 71 506, in old Rome
 - 72 "Kwon do" or "Bo" lead-in
 - 73 Fleeing, to a shoe collector?
 - 78 Quarterback Kyle
 - 79 Pivots on an axis
 - 80 The "A" of ETA: Abbr.
 - 81 Title girl in a J.D. Salinger story
 - 85 Jenny Craig patron
 - 87 Antiquated
 - 88 Midpoint: Abbr.
 - 90 Slacks off
 - 92 Ending for mountain
 - 93 Amazed feeling
 - 95 Snoring, to a shoe collector?
 - 97 LaBelle or LuPone
 - 100 "— the Champions"
 - 102 Big U.K. lexicon
 - 103 Comic Charlotte
 - 104 Emerson's metaphor for art, to a shoe collector?
 - 108 "... that try — souls"
 - 109 Chef Ducasse
 - 110 Brooches
 - 111 Plains native
 - 112 Slant
 - 114 Ad-lib
 - 116 Some cooked taters and peppers, to a shoe collector?
 - 121 Book after Nehemiah
 - 122 One-named New Ager
 - 123 Threatening like a lion
 - 124 "— Rides Again" (1939 film)
 - 125 Lip off to
 - 126 Be in a choir
 - 127 Picnic intruders
 - 33 Partner of to
 - 34 Sci-fi carrier
 - 35 This is a test
 - 37 Ending for Milan
 - 38 Flemish painter Brouwer
 - 42 Sardine cans
 - 43 Various stuff: Abbr.
 - 44 Got 100% on
 - 46 Zodiac sign
 - 47 Billiards shot
 - 50 Anheuser- —
 - 51 Minos' island
 - 53 Benefit
 - 54 Court arbiter
 - 57 Bottom-of-barrel stuff
 - 58 H.S. junior's hurdle
 - 59 Village VIP
 - 62 Bakery string
 - 63 French painter Dufy
 - 64 One way to turn right
 - 65 Too old to qualify
 - 66 — Island (U.S. state)
 - 67 Condor nest
 - 68 Aquatic flora
 - 74 Colon half
 - 75 Big ice mass
 - 76 Mata —
 - 77 Barking sea creature
 - 82 "Yes, we're open," e.g.
 - 83 Actress Mullally
 - 84 Dangerous curves
 - 86 Fixed charge
 - 88 Dangling enticement
 - 89 Noisy birds
 - 91 Three past A
 - 94 Bit of hair
 - 95 Used a chair
 - 96 Anti votes
 - 98 Deplane, e.g.
 - 99 More eensy
 - 100 Ryder of "Mermaids"
 - 101 Pieces from pundits
 - 104 Was gabby
 - 105 Beethoven title name
 - 106 Gets stuck in the mud
 - 107 "Likewise"
 - 108 — Carta
 - 112 Big ice mass
 - 113 Despot Amin
 - 115 Hear legally
 - 117 Swedish carrier
 - 118 Pasty-looking
 - 119 Dine
 - 120 Relatives of aves.



King Crossword


- ACROSS
- 1 Talent
 - 6 Clinton-era housepet
 - 11 Origin
 - 12 Consecrate with oil
 - 14 Green club
 - 15 Say under one's breath
 - 16 "Eeewww!"
 - 17 Down in the —
 - 19 Spell-down
 - 20 Actress Perlman
 - 22 Zilch
 - 23 Stunned sensation
 - 24 Bra part
 - 26 Floods
 - 28 Yon bloke
 - 30 Operated
 - 31 Poison in a 1939 play
 - 35 "Caribbean Queen" singer Billy
 - 39 Titleholder's proof
 - 40 Apprehend
 - 42 Facility
 - 43 Sternward
 - 44 Went outwith
 - 46 Bus bldg.
 - 47 Bowling alley border
 - 49 Bread spread
 - 51 Intertwine
 - 52 Earth tones
 - 53 Redcaps' workplace
 - 54 Jurors, in the-ory
 - 8 Barracks bed
 - 9 Knapsack of a sort
 - 10 Earn a blessing?
 - 11 Boot attach-ments
 - 13 Kilmer poem
 - 18 Central
 - 21 Oohed and —
 - 23 Conical-cap wearer
 - 25 Wrestling win
 - 27 "7 Faces of Dr. —"
 - 29 Mosque tower
 - 31 Saw
 - 32 Money back
 - 33 Resolve
 - 34 Garfield, for one
 - 36 Festive spring day
 - 37 Michaelmas daisies
 - 38 Approaches
 - 41 Jazz style
 - 44 Art —
 - 45 Mussolini title
 - 48 Spigot
 - 50 Commonest English word
- DOWN
- 1 Battled
 - 2 Part of MLK Jr.
 - 3 Illustrations
 - 4 On the rocks
 - 5 Same old story?
 - 6 Embroidery creation
 - 7 Responsibility

MAGIC MAZE ● — TITLE


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

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


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|---------|-----------|-------------|---------|
| Batting | Clear | Heavyweight | Rushing |
| Book | Corporate | Honorary | Song |
| Car | Flyweight | Magazine | Sub |
| Chapter | Good | Movie | |




FRIDAY
Few Showers
High: 89 Low: 79




SATURDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 92 Low: 81




SUNDAY
Cloudy
High: 90 Low: 80




MONDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 89 Low: 79



TUESDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 91 Low: 77



WEDNESDAY
Few Showers
High: 88 Low: 78



THURSDAY
Few Showers
High: 90 Low: 76

Redfish Pass Tides					Point Ybel Tides					Punta Rassa Tides					Cape Coral Bridge Tides				
Day	High	Low	High	Low	Day	High	Low	High	Low	Day	High	Low	High	Low	Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	4:19 am	6:47 am	1:38 pm	9:20 pm	Fri	3:24 am	6:49 am	12:43 pm	9:22 pm	Fri	3:22 am	8:29 am	1:49 pm	9:43 pm	Fri	6:29 am	12:03 am	3:48 pm	10:03 am
Sat	4:46 am	7:26 am	2:15 pm	9:54 pm	Sat	3:51 am	7:28 am	1:20 pm	9:56 pm	Sat	4:14 am	9:11 am	2:26 pm	10:21 pm	Sat	6:56 am	12:36 am	4:25 pm	10:42 am
Sun	5:12 am	8:13 am	2:56 pm	10:29 pm	Sun	4:17 am	8:15 am	2:01 pm	10:31 pm	Sun	4:55 am	9:50 am	3:19 pm	10:55 pm	Sun	7:22 am	1:10 am	5:06 pm	11:29 am
Mon	5:39 am	9:08 am	3:39 pm	11:05 pm	Mon	4:44 am	9:10 am	2:44 pm	11:07 pm	Mon	5:30 am	10:28 am	4:17 pm	11:26 pm	Mon	7:49 am	1:45 am	5:49 pm	12:24 pm
Tue	6:11 am	10:12 am	4:29 pm	11:43 pm	Tue	5:16 am	10:14 am	3:34 pm	11:45 pm	Tue	6:04 am	11:06 am	5:06 pm	11:57 pm	Tue	8:21 am	2:21 am	6:39 pm	1:28 pm
Wed	6:45 am	11:25 am	5:26 pm	None	Wed	5:50 am	11:27 am	4:31 pm	None	Wed	6:36 am	11:50 am	5:52 pm	None	Wed	8:55 am	2:59 am	7:36 pm	2:41 pm
Thu	7:21 am	12:22 am	6:35 pm	12:46 pm	Thu	6:26 am	12:24 am	5:40 pm	12:48 pm	Thu	7:07 am	12:27 am	6:42 pm	12:47 pm	Thu	9:31 am	3:38 am	8:45 pm	4:02 pm

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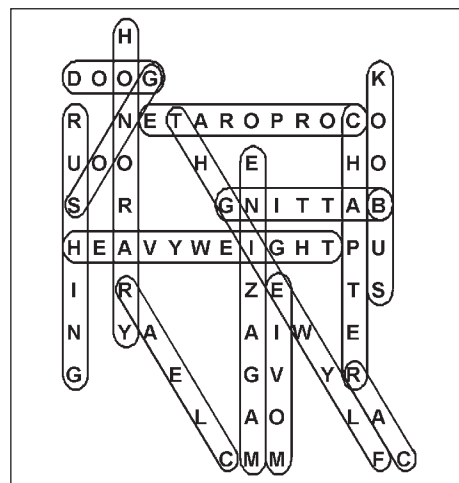
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My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF JULY 2, 2018

Aries (March 21 to April 19) Before you adventurous Arians charge right into those new projects, take a little time to learn where you'll be going so you can avoid getting lost before you get there.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) Your time is devoted to career demands through much of the week. But Venus, who rules your sign, might be planning how (and with whom) you'll spend your weekend.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) Don't be put off by the surprising turn in the way your project is developing. You've invested enough time in it to know how to make all the necessary adjustments.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) The work week goes smoothly for the most part. But a weekend visit to a place in your past could hold surprises for your future, especially where romance is involved.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) A sudden attack of shyness for the usually loquacious Lion could be a sign that deep down you're not sure enough about what (or whom) you had planned to talk up in public.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22)
Deal with that job-related problem on-site -- that is, at the workplace. Avoid taking it home, where it can spoil those important personal plans you've made.

Libra (September 23 to October 22)
It's a good time to let those favorable comments about your business dealings be known to those in a position to be helpful. Don't hide your light; let it shine.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21)
Avoid added pressure to finish a project on deadline by steering clear of distractions. To put it somewhat poetically: Time for fun -- when your tasks are done.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) You might be uneasy about an offer from a longtime colleague. But before you reject it, study it. You might be surprised at what it actually contains.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) Deal firmly with a difficult family matter. It's your strength they need right now. You can show your emotions when the situation begins to ease up.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18)
A recent dispute with some co-workers
might not have been completely resolved.

But other colleagues will be only too happy to offer support of your actions.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20)

Let go of that Piscean pride long enough to allow someone to help you with a surprising development. That could make it easier for you to adjust to the change.

Born This Week: Your willingness to open up to possibilities is why people like you are often among our most popular political leaders.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On July 7, 1797, for the first time in U.S. history, the House of Representatives votes to impeach a federal officer. Sen. William Blount of Tennessee was charged with “a high misdemeanor” for entering into a conspiracy with British officers to enlist frontiersmen and Cherokee Indians to aid the British.

- On July 3, 1863, on the third day of the Battle of Gettysburg, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's last attempt at breaking the Union line ends in disastrous failure, bringing the most decisive battle of the American Civil War to an end. The tally: 23,000 killed, wounded or missing Union soldiers. The Confederates suffered some 25,000 casualties.

- On July 4, 1919, challenger Jack Dempsey defeats heavyweight champion Jess Willard in searing 110-degree heat in Toledo, Ohio, to win the heavyweight championship of the world. “The Manassa Mauler” bested Willard in 10 minutes.

- On July 6, 1933, Major League Baseball's first All-Star Game takes place at Chicago's Comiskey Park. The event was designed to bolster the sport and improve its reputation during the darkest days of the Great Depression.

- On July 8, 1950, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the hero of the war against Japan, is appointed head of the United Nations Command by President Harry Truman. Truman fired MacArthur nine months later after he defied the president and threatened to escalate hostilities with China.

- On July 5, 1975, although seemingly past his prime, Arthur Ashe defeats a heavily favored Jimmy Connors to become the first black man ever to win Wimbledon, the most coveted championship in tennis.

- On July 2, 1992, the 1 millionth Corvette, a white LT1 roadster with a red interior and a black roof – the same colors as the original 1953 model – rolls off the assembly line in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was noted 20th-century American novelist, short story writer and journalist Ernest Hemingway who made the following sage observation: “When you stop doing things for fun you might as well be dead.”

• You might be surprised to learn that the largest irrigated crop in the United States isn't soybeans, wheat or even corn; it's grass – mostly in lawns, parks and golf courses.

- The next time you see a shampoo commercial and note how creamy and frothy the lather seems to be, keep this in mind: The model in the advertisement probably has either laundry detergent or frothed egg whites on her hair.

• You may be among those people who think good deeds and selfless acts are on the decline. If so, consider this story: In 2010, an employee at a recycling company came across 23 U.S. savings bonds while sorting through a bin of discarded papers. Instead of trying to cash the \$22,000 worth of bonds himself, Mike Rodgers decided to track down the owner. It turned out that the woman who had bought the bonds, Martha Dobbins, had been dead for almost two decades. Rodgers didn't give up, though; he began a search for Robert Roberts, who was also named on the bonds. Though the name is common and Rodgers hit many dead ends, he eventually located the correct Robert Roberts, the son of Martha Dobbins. Roberts hadn't even been aware of the bonds' existence. Rodgers, his good deed finally being done, refused a reward.

- Ever wonder what the opposite of reverse is? It's obverse – the front or principal part of an object. On a coin, for instance, the obverse is “heads” and the reverse is “tails.”

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“The secret of life is to appreciate the pleasure of being terribly, terribly deceived.”

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TRIVIA TEST

1. **Animal Kingdom:** What is the only bird that can fly backward with precision?
2. **Explorers:** What was the name of the ship that explorer Henry Hudson sailed up a river that bears his name today?
3. **Literature:** What was the name of Hermione's pet cat in the "Harry Potter" book series?
4. **Food & Drink:** What type of bread also is commonly known as "pocket bread"?
5. **Bible:** In which book does the phrase "the love of money is the root of all evil" appear?
6. **Geography:** Where is the famed Trevi Fountain located?
7. **Music:** Which band was named after an 18th century agriculturalist who invented the seed drill?
8. **Geology:** What kind of black, glass-like rock forms when magma cools suddenly?
9. **History:** When did the great fire of London occur?
10. **Language:** What is the meaning of the Latin phrase "anno domini"?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Hummingbird 2. The Half Moon
3. Crookshanks 4. Pita 5. I Timothy
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Shore Fishing: Don't Harm The Fish



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Landing a big fish from the beach can be hard on the fish. Dragging a fish up onto the sand if you're going to release it is not an option as it usually damages or kills the fish.

Hold the fish in the water while you unhook it if you're going to release it.

The less you can touch a fish before release the better for the fish.

If you want a picture with the fish, support it as you lift

it out of the water – and do it quickly.

Before releasing, revive the fish while holding it in the water; moving it slowly back and forth so water goes over its gills. The fish will let you know when it's ready to swim off.

Florida just recently changed the regulations on fishing from shore. Florida residents as well as out of state visitors need a fishing license to fish from shore.



Bortie is one of the sea turtle competitors involved in the Tour de Turtles photo provided

Tour De Turtles To Begin August 1

Mainsail Lodging & Development's newest property – Waterline Marina Resort & Beach Club – is co-sponsoring a nesting female loggerhead sea turtle – Bortie – in the 11th Annual Tour de Turtles. The Tampa-based hospitality company is the same company bringing the Luminary Hotel & Co. to downtown Fort Myers and plans to play an integral role in the community just like in Anna Maria Island and Tampa.

Created by the Sea Turtle Conservancy, the annual Tour de Turtles “marathon” event uses satellite telemetry to track the migration of turtles released from beaches in Costa Rica, Panama, Nevis, Anna Maria Island and other parts of Florida.

A crowd of locals, staff and volunteers from Waterline and Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch & Shorebird Monitoring (AMITW) were on hand recently to watch as Bortie was released from Coquina Beach near Anna Maria Island, where she successfully laid her eggs. Bortie and the other Tour de Turtles competitors will be tracked for three months using satellite telemetry to record their location and distance travelled. The data will be uploaded to interactive maps on the Sea Turtle Conservancy's website. This year's race begins August 1 and the turtle that travels the most miles over the three-month period will be announced as the winner of this year's marathon.

Last year, Waterline Marina Resort & Beach Club tagged and released a

nesting female loggerhead sea turtle – Eliza Ann – in the 10th Annual Tour de Turtles. Eliza Ann captured first place in the race and second place in People's Choice.*

Pool Party Frenzy



The Calendar Girls joined the pool party photo provided

The very imaginative senior dance team The Calendar Girls joined Pool Party Frenzy at Lee County Domestic Animal Services in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.calendargirlsflorida.com.*

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Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Hercules Park	Fort Myers Beach	2015	3,774	\$3,398,000	\$3,300,000	39
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2016	5,144	\$2,750,000	\$2,650,000	152
Sanibel Estates	Sanibel	2002	2,962	\$1,495,000	\$1,413,000	84
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2002	5,487	\$1,150,000	\$1,050,000	31
The Dunes	Sanibel	2003	2,986	\$1,149,000	\$975,000	126
Goldcrest	Bonita Springs	1992	3,216	\$1,075,900	\$985,000	353
Imperial Shores	Bonita Springs	1975	2,377	\$799,900	\$790,000	13
Sanctuary	Bonita Springs	2000	3,422	\$739,000	\$675,000	332
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