



A Moving Classic At Theatre Conspiracy

by Di Saggau

The *Elephant Man* by Bernard Pomerance is a classic play that premiered in London in November of 1977. It is based on the life of John Merrick, an extremely deformed man who lived in the Victorian era. The play calls for no prosthetic makeup. In Theatre Conspiracy's production, Thomas Marsh displays Merrick's deformity through physicality. As Doctor Frederick Treves (Scott Carpenter), the man who decided to study Merrick, talks about his deformities, Marsh begins a series of contortions that lets the audience imagine Merrick's appearance. Marsh's amazing performance transforms the play into a haunting and riveting emotional experience. Life-size photographs of the real subject are projected onto a central screen as the transformation takes place.

After leaving a freak show, Merrick resides in a London hospital. His massive hood and cloak attire that hid his



Thomas Marsh as John Merrick and Scott Carpenter as Dr. Frederick Treves photo provided

deformities are replaced with a tailored suit. Merrick tries to rebuild himself into society as best he can. He is aided by Mrs. Kendal (Joann Haley), who gives a tender performance. The two discuss *Romeo and*

Juliet, and Merrick amazes Mrs. Kendal with his thoughtful and sensitive views on Romeo and the nature of love. He has never known what it feels like to hold a woman's hand. There is a poignant scene

where she shows humanity over her sense of propriety.

The strongest work comes from Marsh and Carpenter, along with Stephen Hooper, who plays the hospital administrator. Rob Green doubles as the repugnant Ross, who managed Merrick while at the freak show, and as a bishop who sees in Merrick "a true Christian in the rough." Ross visits Merrick in the hospital asking for financial help but he is refused by Merrick, who suffered years of abuse at his hands. Others in the cast are Anna Grilli, Scott Thomson, David Pimentel and June Koc.

The man seated next to me said he has seen this play two other times in different venues, and that this is the finest production of all three. *The Elephant Man* is a moving production and one that you will remember for a long time. After the final curtain call, Marsh reads words written by Merrick that offer a unique insight into the man's character. The play is directed by Rich Sebastian, and I highly recommend you see it.

The Elephant Man runs through November 18 at Theatre Conspiracy in the Alliance for the Arts, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For tickets, visit www.artinlee.org or call 939-2787.✱



Exotic and tropical plants will be for sale

Garden Festival At The Estates

Edison and Ford Winter Estates will hold its annual fall Garden Festival on Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, November 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 40 garden vendors from all over the state of Florida will have exotic and tropical

photo courtesy Edison Ford Winter Estates

flowering plants and trees for sale.

"If you're looking for a really unique plant that you don't already have, this is the place to find it," said Debbie Hughes, senior horticulturist with Edison and Ford Winter Estates. "I hope everyone will spend the day shopping for plants and enjoying some great music and food with us."

The Edison Garden Shoppe will be open and stocked with unusual tropical, continued on page 18

Fort Myers Boat Show This Weekend



A previous Fort Myers Boat Show

The 46th annual Fort Myers Boat Show, Southwest Florida's premier boating showcase, returns to the downtown River District from Thursday, November 15 to Sunday, November 18. Hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The consumer and family friendly show stretches along the Caloosahatchee with the entrance on the west end of

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Centennial Park. Enter at First Street and Carson Street and stroll through the attractive displays along the river stretching from Centennial Park through downtown along Edwards Drive to the City Yacht Basin.

With a booming marine industry along with redevelopment in the downtown area, the show's redesigned and expanded layout features more boats, products and continued on page 24

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

All-Purpose Corner In Early Days



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

These photos show incarnations of one of downtown’s most recognizable and historic spots, the northeast corner of First and Hendry.

As early as 1875, a wood-frame general store occupied the corner, established by William Marion Hendry.

But even after the construction of the first phase of the red-brick Bradford Hotel Building in 1905, “all-purpose” stores continued the tradition for another three decades in the form of a hardware store, each with its own specialties.

Right after the first phase of the Bradford was finished, Henry A. “Berry” Hendry’s Hardware & Crockery Store, pictured in the

circa-1908 photo, moved into the corner ground-floor spot. (Berry, by the way, was William Marion Hendry’s son.)

Look closely at the catty-cornered sign over the entrance, and you’ll see the name “HA Hendry.” By the time the photo was taken, the Bradford had already expanded twice.

Note the circular drinking trough for horses in the middle of the intersection, an amenity that wasn’t removed until summer 1910, and the presence of only two vehicles on those unpaved streets.

Hendry’s store sold the usual wide variety of items typically sold at such establishments, from wood cooking stoves and toys to buggies and imported china.

Soon, Eubanks Hardware and Sporting Goods moved into the corner, as seen in the circa-1911 photo with a sign that now reads “EH Eubanks.” The drinking trough has been removed and building materials for a nearby project are stacked on Hendry Street (on left).

Eubanks didn’t stay for long, however, for by Christmas 1911, CW Carlton Hardware had moved in. Evidently, Eubanks moved on to St. Petersburg, for one of Carlton’s employees soon moved there to work for him.



The catty-cornered sign reads “EH Eubanks” circa 1911 when his Hardware and Sporting Goods was located there photo courtesy Florida State Archives

Carlton’s 1911 holiday window display was something quite special for that time and guaranteed to get attention: a maze of tiny incandescent lights installed by local electricians. He advertised guns and fishing tackle and a ship chandlery, as well as farm implements, stoves, harnesses, and more. In a big sale in summer 1912, he offered everything from kitchen furniture and wagons, to sewing machines and paint, to rifles and baseball goods.

A new era in hardware stores began in 1913 when WP Franklin bought Carlton’s store. He changed the name to Franklin Hardware Store and opened in January

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Circa 1908, HA Hendry’s Hardware & Crockery Store occupied the Bradford Building’s corner spot photo courtesy Florida State Archives




Given this corner’s eight decades of busy general/hardware stores and drug stores, its current fate as an ATM location seems ho-hum photo by Gerri Reaves

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Nature Festival In Punta Gorda This Saturday



Participants take a guided walk at a previous festival

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The 19th annual Nature Festival will take place at Laishley Park in downtown Punta Gorda on Saturday, November 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The free family-friendly event will celebrate and educate participants about the exceptional natural environment of Southwest Florida with more than 30 exhibitors and vendors, children's activities, animals, games and prizes, music, food trucks and more. Presentations and guided walks will be led on-site.

The festival is sponsored by Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program, the City of Punta Gorda, Charlotte County, Conservation

Foundation of the Gulf Coast, Lemon Bay Conservancy, Mosaic, Peace River Audubon and WGPU Public Media.

"The annual Nature Festival offers all ages the opportunity to come have fun while learning about the water, wildlife and other natural resources that support our economy and quality of life" said Jennifer Hecker, executive director of the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program. "Our organization and the many others participating in this free event are very excited to share our love of nature with the community."

Laishley Park is located at 200 Laishley Court in downtown Punta Gorda. For more information, visit www.chnep.org.

Solar Cook-Off At The IMAG

The IMAG History & Science Center, in partnership with The Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Power & Light, is hosting the 7th annual Solar Cook-Off on Saturday, December 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Teams of two to five students in grades K through 12 will show off their solar cookers' performance by heating an original dish of food created for the competition. Teams will be judged in two categories, culinary and design. Awards will be given to first, second and third place winners, with an additional WOW Award. Prizes include funds for teams to purchase STEM-learning materials for their school or group, as well as gift cards from

The winner of the Solar Cook-Off will be invited to participate in the statewide EnergyWhiz event that will be held at the Florida Solar Energy Center in Cocoa, Florida on May 4, 2019. For more information about EnergyWhiz, visit www.fsec.ucf.edu/go/energywhiz.

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supporting restaurants and stores.

IMAG History & Science Center is located at 2000 Cranford Avenue in Fort Myers. For more information about the Solar Cook-Off, contact Sara Turner of The IMAG History & Science Center at sara@theimag.org.

Adoption Fees For Cats/Kittens Waived At LCDAS

Kitten season may have concluded, but Lee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS) has many adoptable cats and kittens. The holidays would be an optimal time to get to know a new furry family member.

Adoption fees on all cats and kittens will be waived through November 30 with an approved application. The adoption package includes spay or neuter, microchip, up-to-date vaccinations, county license and a 10-day health guarantee. That is a \$500 value.

Visit www.leelostpets.com to see pets available for adoption. To adopt, stop by LCDAS at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ✨



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Yappy Hour At Cape Harbour November 23

The Cape Coral Animal Shelter (CCAS) and Fathom's Restaurant will host a special holiday Yappy Hour on Friday, November 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. This is an opportunity for pets and their owners to begin the holidays and enjoy an evening of outdoor entertainment. To commemorate the evening, photos of pets with Santa

will be available courtesy of Al Larson Photography for a minimal donation to the shelter. Fathom's Restaurant and Bar will be providing beer and wine as a fundraiser for the nonprofit organization to receive all proceeds. CCAS merchandise will be available for sale and a 50/50 raffle will be held during the evening. Attendees at the evening festivities will also enjoy live music. Yappy Hour is an ongoing event held the last Friday each month. Each month will have a different theme to be enjoyed by attendees with their pets.*

Creative Theater Children's Performance



Young actors from Creative Theater Workshop

photo provided

Creative Theater Workshop, a nonprofit theater company on Sanibel, is presenting *Winnie the Pooh Kids* at the BIG ARTS Strauss Theater now through November 18. Disney's *Winnie the Pooh Kids* is a delightful 40-minute show based on the beloved characters of AA Milne and the 2011 Disney animated feature film. Welcome to the Hundred Acre Wood, where Winnie the Pooh is once again

in search of honey. Along the way, he meets his pals, Tigger, Piglet, Eeyore, Rabbit and Owl, but soon discovers that Christopher Robin has been captured by the mysterious Backson. As they prepare for a rescue operation, the animals learn about teamwork, friendship and, of course, sharing snacks. For tickets, visit www.sanibeltickets.com or call 738-3525.*

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Inside by Dirce Kennedy image provided on March 30, 2019. This year's juror is Lynn Whitelaw, the founding director and curator of the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art, located on the Tarpon Springs Campus of St. Petersburg College. Whitelaw's curatorial efforts have resulted in over 140 exhibitions shown at Hillsborough Community College, the Tampa Museum of Art and the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art. The exhibition is sponsored by Elemental Stone and Waterworks. For more information, call 939-2787 or visit www.ArtInLee.org/AllFlorida2019.*

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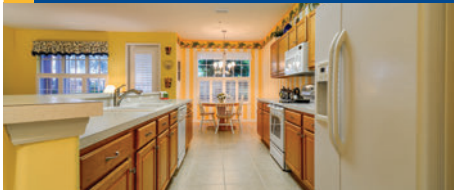
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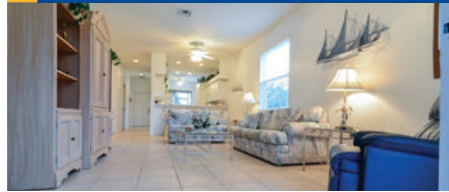
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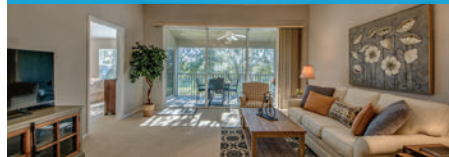
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Fort Myers Art:

Popular 24-Hour Playwriting Project Set For Saturday



by Tom Hall

The 24-hour Playwriting Project returns to Lab Theater on Saturday, November 17 at 8 p.m. It's the culmination of 1,440 minutes of highly caffeinated, fun-filled jeopardy as four playwrights spend the night in

the theater producing typically hilarious, always distinctive, 15-minute one-act plays. After breakfast, a table read and very little time for tweaks, the scripts go to the copy center. When they come back, the directors assigned to each playwright get the scripts and a cast of volunteer actors who are ready, willing and eager to learn and rehearse their lines in the seven or so hours remaining before the curtain goes up, and the plays are performed before a live audience. You read that correctly. The director and actors actually have less time to stage the plays, block the action and memorize their lines than the playwrights had to write the scripts. And they didn't have much time to begin with.

The inaugural 24-Hour Playwriting Challenge took place in December of 2012. It represents an incredible amount of work for The Lab, but in the opinion of Artistic Director Annette Trossbach and Prop Mistress Stella Ruiz – who will not be involved in this year's challenge because of other commitments – the benefits justify the huge outlay of time and effort.

"We didn't know what we wanted to do



Char Loomis and Annette Trossbach

photo courtesy www.artswfl.com

that first year," concedes Ruiz. "By year three, we had worked everything out pretty well. The schedule is all important. It has to be tight and everyone has to adhere to it because it's such a truncated experience. Obviously, everyone rehearses outside of their stage time, but stage time is critically important. It has to be timed really, really carefully."

Lab has built a reputation for innovative work and always strains to push the proverbial envelope.

No matter the challenge's specific structure or format, there are two synergistic goals through the auspices of the competition. First, there is an

immeasurable pride in being able to encourage people who've never really written before to explore the realm of playwriting. Secondly, Lab endeavors to provide a live theater experience for the actors who participate in the project.

The audience is a big winner as well. Lab employs a clever device to keep the

audience involved. It gives the playwrights three lines of dialogue and several props that they must incorporate into their plays. Trossbach tells the audience what they are during her curtain speech, and that induces the audience to not only watch and listen, but to be on the lookout for how they're used by the playwrights in each of their one-act vignettes.

Trossbach and Ruiz have devoted two months to the project each year. They brainstorm throughout the year, of course, but their efforts intensify during those final two months leading up to the project and performance. Char Loomis, who has won both Audience Choice (2012, 2013) and Judge's Choice Awards (2014, 2016) in past years, will be taking over for Ruiz.

"There's a lot of pressure," concedes Loomis. "It's the pressure of writing something that entertains. Judge's and audience choice awards are nice, but not really important in the larger scope of things. The tension is about whether the audience is going to laugh or not laugh at the funny parts or laugh at parts that weren't intended to be funny."

It's easy to understand why this one-night-only event is so popular. And if you have any intention of checking it out for yourself, you better get your tickets now because the show is already nearly sold out.

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.✴

Be A Santa To A Senior This Holiday Season

According to AARP, 28 percent of people age 65 or older live alone. Each year, these seniors have fewer family members and friends to provide company and care to them, which often leads to social isolation. The holidays can be especially hard for those who are living independently and may feel lonely.

That's why the Home Instead Senior Care Offices serving Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties are inviting community members to come together to provide gifts and holiday cheer to seniors who may be isolated from friends or family this holiday season through its Be a Santa to a Senior program. This is the program's 13th year. Last year, local seniors received more than 10,500 gifts.

"Be a Santa to a Senior helps bring comfort and a smile to many seniors. It shows them that people care about them and see them as an important part of the community," said Sue Bidwell, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care offices in Fort Myers. "Social isolation is a concern among seniors and the holidays often intensify feelings of distance and loneliness. When we deliver the gifts and spend some time with them, it makes a big difference."

To participate, go to one of the participating locations listed below and

look for the Be a Santa to a Senior tree on display through December 15. Each tree will be decorated with ornaments featuring seniors' first names and their desired gifts. Holiday shoppers can choose an ornament, buy the requested gift and return it to the store with the ornament attached. There's no need to worry about wrapping — community volunteers and program partners will wrap and deliver the gifts to local seniors in time for the holidays. More volunteers are always welcome. To find out how you can help, contact the office at 226-0007.

Be a Santa to a Senior trees can be found at the following locations in Fort Myers:

Beall's Outlet, 15201 North Cleveland Ave, North Fort Myers

Moe's Southwest Grill, 13101 Paul J Doherty Parkway #250, Fort Myers

Beall's Outlet, 9370 Six Mile Cypress, Fort Myers

Beall's Outlet, 11560 Majestic Palms, Fort Myers

Beall's Outlet, 13300 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers

Moe's Southwest Grill, 13711 Tamiami Trail, Fort Myers

Moe's Southwest Grill, 10021 Gulf Center Drive, Fort Myers

Moe's Southwest Grill, 3405 Forum Boulevard, Fort Myers

"We're always excited to see how much Be a Santa to a Senior boosts seniors' spirits during the holiday season," said Bidwell. "And we are grateful to be a part of a community that comes together to make this happen."✴

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Italian Open Raises \$53,000 For Hope Hospice

Lexington Country Club members raised \$53,000 at their seventh annual Italian Open golf tournament for Hope Hospice – and pushed the total donations over the history of the event past the \$150,000 mark.

The event committee of Jerry



Cynthia Sackie and Barbara Finch

Curcuro, Greg Salvia, Phil Bommarito and John Sackie coordinated the October 11 event for nearly 300 club members who participated in golf foursomes in the morning and afternoon, followed by an Italian-themed dinner with a silent auction, prizes and golf awards.

Hope HealthCare Services is a nonprofit 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.



From left, John Sackie, Gerald Curcuro, Greg Salvia and Phil Bommarito



From left, Sue Corbett, Sue Drennar and Marianne Shervin



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Visit www.fortmyersriverdistrictalliance.com to learn more.

Lee County Domestic Animal Services will host a day of fun and activities at the **Fall Pet Fest** this Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Events include a craft fair, bake sale and garage sale. For \$5, you can have your pet's photo taken with Santa from 10 a.m. to noon. Be sure to dress your furry friend in their finest and enter in the Doggie Fashion Show at 11 a.m. NBC-2 Meteorologist Jason Dunning and 93X's Sadie will serve as the celebrity judges. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

Area animal rescue organizations and shelters will be on site. Adoptable pets will be available and the rescue organizations will share their mission with the community. Local vendors will be on hand.

All proceeds from the Fall Pet Fest will directly benefit the Animal Care Trust Fund.

Lee County Domestic Animal Services is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers. For more information on Fall



Bring your four-legged friend to the Fall Pet Fest at Lee County Domestic Animal Services photo courtesy www.leegov.com

Pet Fest, call 533-7387 or visit www.leelostpets.com.

The **First Congregational Church** will hold its 7th annual **Bazaar** this Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event is held both inside and out with a large variety of vendors selling arts, crafts, collectibles, holiday items, homemade candies and baked goods. There will also be a mega raffle with prizes. Lunch will be available to purchase.

The First Congregational Church is located at 312 Santa Barbara Boulevard in Cape Coral. For more information or to become a vendor, call 218-1447.

The **Lee County Homeless Coalition's 2018 Homeless Challenge** will take place at the coalition this Saturday, November 17 from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. During this event, participants will become familiar with the social services network and methods of everyday survival for those who live on the streets. This challenge will provide participants with an experience that has the power to affect change.

FSW Concert Series Continues

Students in the Florida SouthWestern State College's (FSW) music program are performing concerts that are free and open to the public.

On Tuesday, November 20, the FSW Concert Band will perform great American works at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. The concert, which will also feature the FSW Trombone Choir, Percussion Ensemble and the Flute Choir, will include *American Civil War Fantasy* by Jerry Bilik, *Elegy for a Young American* by Ronald LoPresti, *An American Song* by Alan Fletcher, *Commando March* by Samuel Barber, *The Footlifter* by Henry Fillmore and *Broadway Showstoppers* by Warrant Barker. Doors open at 7, concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, November 28, FSW

Recommendations include collecting or donating non-perishable food or clothing, volunteering to serve meals at Lee County feeding sites, volunteering professional services to provide aid to the homeless, asking your employer or school to host or sponsor a fundraising event, or donating funds to a non-profit shelter, food pantry or FPL's Care to Share program.

The Lee County Homeless Coalition is located at 1500 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. To help or learn more, contact Janet Bartos, executive director of the Lee County Homeless Coalition, at 322-6600 or visit www.leehomeless.org.

The new **Southwest Florida Concert Band** will present its first concert of the season in the auditorium of **South Fort Myers High School** this Sunday, November 18 at 2 p.m. The concert will be a salute to veterans and include *Armed Forces Salute*, Leonard Bernstein's *America*, *The Blue and the Gray*, *Appalachian Morning*, John Philip Sousa's *The Stars and Stripes Forever* and *God Bless America* as well as a lively Latin number featuring the trumpet section playing *Trumpets Olé* and a stirring overture called *Fantasy on American Sailing Songs*.

South Fort Myers High School is located at 14020 Plantation Road in Fort Myers. For more information on the band, the scholarship program, to listen to our recordings or becoming a member, visit www.swflconcertband.org.✧

will debuts its rock ensemble in the campus' Rush Auditorium, Building J, Room 103. The FSW faculty band The Salty Dogs will open for the student rock ensemble The Black Pearl Band. They will perform classic rock, blues and current rock hits ranging from The Beatles, Led Zeppelin and Jimi Hendrix, to Anderson Paak. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The concert begins at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, December 4, the FSW Symphony Orchestra will open with works by Charpentier, Glazunov, Mendelssohn and Dvorak. The FSW combined choirs of over 60 voices will join the orchestra after intermission for a selection of traditional and new holiday tunes by JS Bach, Mark Riese, John Rutter, Jeffrey Biegel, Vaclav Nehlybel and Craig Courtney. Doors open at 7 p.m. Concert begins at 7:30.

For more information, contact Kelly O'Neil, FSW music department, at 432-5203 or koneil1@fsw.edu.✧

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Paint The Beach Winners Honored At Awards Reception



Front row from left, Tom Rosenbaum, Sharon Yarbrough and Rose Staat; middle row from left, Antwan Ramar, Julie Nusbaum, Krystyna Robbins, Susan Lindsey, Amy Webber and Dennis Stuart; back row from left, Terri Lynn Spry, Craig Reynolds, Neil Walling and David Belling, who took top honors with *Loading Zone*

photo by Cheryl Fausel

Thirteen artists were awarded for their winning plein air paintings at the 9th annual Paint the Beach competition, which concluded on November 3 with a reception at the Fort Myers Beach Art Association gallery.

David Belling's *Loading Zone* captured first place, while Neil Walling's *Overhauled* took second place and Craig Reynolds' *The Renee Lynn* placed third. Judge Joe Palmerio juried the results of the two days of painting outdoors around the town of Fort Myers Beach.

Four merit awards went to Dennis Stuart with *Little Estero Critical Wildlife Area*, Rose Staat with *Fish Camp*, Antwan Ramar with *On The Boat Of The Rising Sun* and Tom

Rosenbaum with *Ebb Tide*.

Honorable Mentions were given to Krystyna Robbins with *Dragon Tails*, Sharon Yarbrough with *Big Eye*, Amy Webber with *Day Is Done*, Terry Lynn Spry with *Pillars*, Ken Marshall with *Rusty, But Ready* and Julie Nusbaum with *Florida Oranges*.

Susan Lindsey's *First Light* was judged Most Representative Of The Beach, and Belling's *Loading Zone* was selected People's Choice Award.

In the student division, Cypress Lake High School students painted at the Mound House. Calina Carstens captured first place with *Saturday Afternoon*; Amanda Kiang took second with *Lone Traveler*; and Leila Rodriguez placed third with *Place You Imagine*.✱

Toy Drive For Local Children

Lutheran Services Florida (LSF) wants to brighten Christmas for dozens of children in Southwest Florida. The nonprofit organization dedicated to families is collecting toys at its offices in Fort Myers, Sarasota and Naples for kids who would otherwise go without this holiday season.

"Every child deserves something to make them feel loved and remembered at Christmastime," said Jacquie Matthews Williams, LSF community outreach coordinator. "That feeling of anticipation and hope we all get this time of year should never go unfulfilled."

LSF's goal is to bless at least 200 children with two toys each. The public is asked to donate new, unused toys appropriate for children age 9 and

younger. Dolls and miniature cars and trucks are OK, but items that appeal to both boys and girls, like books and puzzles, are even better.

Toys may be dropped off locally at 3661 Central Avenue in Fort Myers on weekdays through December 17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The toys will be distributed at a Christmas Celebration sponsored by StayWell on December 22 at the LSF office in Fort Myers. Children will be able to have their picture taken with Santa Claus at the event, which will also include free haircuts, music and candy.

LSF is working with partners to arrange donations of bicycles for middle school children and gift cards for high schoolers.

To learn about the children who will benefit from the toy drive, call Williams at 217-4453 or email her at jacqueline.matthewswilliams@lsfnet.org.✱

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Christmas Carol Sing To Benefit Hunger Program

Celebrate the holidays and help feed the hungry by singing at the 28th annual Christmas Carol Sing at First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, December 11. Because of the overwhelming popularity of the event, three sing-alongs are planned at 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. The doors will open 30 minutes prior to show time.

The Christmas Carol Sing is free to attend and sponsored by the Galloway Family of Dealerships. Organizers are requesting voluntary donations of at least two cans of non-perishable food for The Soup Kitchen, operated by Community Cooperative, and a voluntary cash donation, if possible.

Community Cooperative is an innovative nonprofit organization made up of social service entrepreneurs fighting to end homelessness and hunger in our community. It provides more than 15,000 meals each month through its Community Cafés and Meals on Wheels programs, distributes more than 500,000 pounds

of groceries through its Mobile Food Pantries, and serves 6,500 individuals and families with homeless and comprehensive case management services through its Social & Education Resource Centers.

“Our community has done so much to help our neighbors, but we need to do even more, especially with so many people still suffering from the effects of Hurricane Irma,” said organizer Sam Galloway, Jr. “If we each just gave the equivalent of what we would spend on a meal – either at home or in a restaurant – those few dollars could feed a family of four for an entire week.”

Galloway said cash donations are especially needed because Community Cooperative can buy five times as much food for the same amount of money that

residents spend at local grocery stores.

Residents who cannot attend any of the Christmas Carol Sing performances may donate canned goods at either the Galloway Ford dealership on Boy Scout Drive or the Coconut Point Ford dealership on U.S. 41 in Estero or mail donations to Community Cooperative, P.O. Box 2143, Fort Myers, FL 33902

Last year, Community Cooperative received 6,000 pounds of canned goods and other non-perishable items from the Christmas Carol Sing. The food was immediately distributed to those in need.

First Presbyterian Church is located at 2438 Second Street in downtown Fort Myers. For more information, call First Presbyterian Church at 334-2261 or visit www.fpcfortmyers.org.✽

Fall Pet Fest November 17

Join Lee County Domestic Animal Services for a day of fun and activities at the the Fall Pet Fest on Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Events include a craft fair, bake sale and garage sale. For \$5, you can have your pet’s photo taken with Santa from 10 a.m. to noon. Be sure to dress your furry friend in their finest and enter in the Doggie Fashion Show at 11 a.m.

NBC-2 Meteorologist Jason Dunning and 93X’s Sadie will serve as the celebrity judges. Prizes will be awarded for first-, second- and third-place winners.

Area animal rescue organizations and shelters will be on site, including Gulf Coast Humane Society, RAIN Rescue, Noah’s Ark, Fortunate Ferals, Parker’s Rainbow Bridge, Doghouse Rescue Academy, the Cape Coral Animal Shelter, a Roof for Roofos and PAWS of Lee County. Adoptable pets will be available and the rescue organizations will share their mission with the community. Local vendors include Sea Bead Designs, Invisible Fence, Sit Means Sit, Lee County Library, Movers for Mutts and Fido’s Fashion for a Cause.

All proceeds from the Fall Pet Fest will directly benefit the Animal Care Trust Fund. For more information on Fall Pet Fest, call 533-7387 or visit www.leelostpets.com.✽

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.

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

CHABAD LUBAVITCH ORTHODOX

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CHAPEL OF CYPRESS COVE

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CYPRESS LAKE UNITED METHODIST

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

NEW COVENANT EYES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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:

Cattle Egret

by Bob Petcher



The cattle egret – also known as a cow heron, cow bird, elephant bird or rhinoceros egret – is so named for its ability to forage among livestock by either eating the insects stirred up

by the farm animals or eating ticks off the backs of these large beasts. If given a choice, they would prefer to dine on grasshoppers and crickets.

Cattle egrets are generally smaller than the average egret with a short yellow bill and short thick neck that it draws in when perching. They are the member of the egret family less likely to be found near water, instead choosing pastures and fields as their playgrounds.

You can tell when a cattle egret is breeding by the color of its plumage. It will have golden plumes on its head, chest and back instead of the fully white plumage when not breeding.

Interestingly, cattle egrets are native to Africa and only reportedly migrated to the U.S. in the 1950s after reaching South America in the late 1800s.

At CROW, an adult cattle egret was admitted from Cape Coral after two hikers witnessed the bird being



Patient #18-4213 in an outside enclosure, nearly fully recovered from its attack injuries

photo by Brian Bohlman

attacked by a hawk. In the attack, the egret suffered an eight millimeter laceration on the right side of the head penetrating into the esophagus, a one centimeter laceration near its mouth, a five millimeter laceration to its lower right eyelid and several other small wounds. The bird was anesthetized, and the larger wounds – involving the esophagus and mouth – were cleaned and stitched closed.

"Prior to closure of the wounds, the area was flushed with sterile fluids so that any contamination was removed," said Dr. Kyle Abbott, CROW veterinary

intern. "The repair of the lacerations involved multiple levels of sutures. The esophagus was closed using one set of sutures and the skin was closed using a second set of sutures overlying. It was important for each layer to be closed independently so that the esophagus and skin could each heal appropriately and maintain this bird's ability to swallow normally."

The eyelid laceration was left open due to the difficulty of closure. The bird was started on pain medications, antibiotics and an antibiotic eye ointment to prevent and treat infection.

"The eyelid laceration was not closed due to the small size of the wound, as well as the extremely thin nature of the eyelid," said Dr. Abbott. "The eyelid will heal without our intervention, and sutures may pose an additional risk as they may rub against the eye and cause abrasions."

Dr. Abbott further explained the reasoning for allowing the eyelid laceration to heal on its own.

"The bird's ability to blink is normal, which is an important consideration. Since the laceration in the eyelid is small, it can slowly close over time due to the normal healing process," he said. "However, if the laceration was larger or the bird's ability to blink normally was compromised, then closure would be performed even with the risks of abrasion to the eye being present."

After nearly a week at the clinic, the patient is showing positive signs of recovery.

"The egret is doing well and eating great. The lacerations are healing well, and the patient was moved outside after five days inside the ICU," said Dr. Abbott on November 13. "Once the wounds have fully healed, then the egret will be released, likely in the next few days."

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

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by Capt.
Matt Mitchell

Weather and fishing was simply awesome this week. I did a few trips targeting sharks along with some family-style fishing trips casting jigs in and around fish-

feeding frenzies all throughout the sound. The catch-and-release snook bite also continued to be good on both tides.

Casting soft plastic jigs in and around the many feeding birds in the sound has caused fishing action to be on fire. Small green plastic tails on a 1/4-ounce jig head caught a wide variety of fish including trout, mackerel, ladyfish, gag grouper, snapper and jacks. When the bite is this good, jigs are just a better choice than even live bait and often get hit multiple times during a retrieve. If you want to catch sheer numbers of fish, this is it. The farther north in the sound, the better the water clarity was and the more schools of feeding fish and birds were found. The most productive stretch of water for me this week was from Red Light Shoal north to the fish camps. This same high-activity fishing for ladyfish and jacks was a great place to put out a cut bait and catch a shark. Sharks of all varieties



The shark bite is still going off both in the sound and out on the beaches

photo provided

and sizes had clients smiling.

We also targeted Spanish mackerel both around the passes and out within sight of the beaches. To locate these mackerel, watch for them jumping all the way out of the water as they gorge on the small fry bait schools. These fish can be caught by a variety of methods, ranging from trolling to casting flies, and are just a sporty, high activity fun fish to catch.

Probably the most popular way to catch these Spanish mackerel is to cast through them with a small jig or spoon. A fast retrieve is key to this as these fish are crazy fast. I often tell my clients "you

can't reel it too fast" when targeting these speedsters. Flies work really well for these mackerel too with small clouser minnows being just deadly. The old school way and probably simplest method to catch them is to troll spoons out along the beaches in these schools of feeding fish. Free-lining live shiners on a long shank hook is another option. Long shanked hooks will save you many of the cut-offs from their razor sharp teeth and get you a lot more bites than using steel leader. Whatever your skill level, these fish just cooperate.

There are going to be sharks of all sizes out on the beaches, in the sound or any place you locate birds and feeding

fish. While fishing in these blitz-like feeding frenzies a few times a trip, we hooked trout, mackerel or ladyfish cut in two by the taxman. You should have a bigger rod rigged and ready to go, or better yet use a live ladyfish on a circle hook and just sit it in the rod holder. Most of the time, it won't take long to hook into something big.

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

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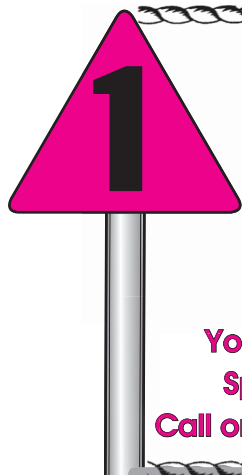
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Plant Smart

Moses-In-The-Cradle

by Gerri Reaves

Moses-in-the-cradle (*Tradescantia spathacea*) is a member of the spiderwort family and native to Central America, Mexico and the West Indies.

It was once a popular potted plant and low-maintenance groundcover in south Florida.

This succulent was introduced in Florida as an ornamental in 1933, and the very same year was reported as naturalized in some habitats.

It grows in shade or sun, reaching up to about eight inches tall, thus needing no mowing.

It is drought-resistant and grows not only in low-nutrient soil but sometimes in no soil at all – on rocks and in crevices, and even on tree trunks or buildings.

It flowers and seeds all year long, spreading by wind-borne seeds and offshoots.

It's easy to see why the plant that began as a pretty groundcover has long since escaped cultivation and been listed by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council as a category-II invasive species.

Such species are defined as having shown "a potential to disrupt native plant communities."

Moses-in-the-cradle has rosettes of sword-shaped leaves, each measuring six to 12 inches long and about 1 ½ inch



Moses-in-the-cradle was introduced to the U.S. in 1933 as an ornamental groundcover. It is now listed as a category-II invasive pest plant photo by Gerri Reaves

wide. Stiff, waxy and upright, they are green on the surfaces and purple on the undersides.

The small three-petaled flowers are nearly concealed in the boat- or envelope-like purple bracts, or modified leaves.

This feature inspires the common names Moses-in-the-cradle, -boat, -basket, an -bulrushes, as well as ladies-in-a-boat and men-in-a-boat. Two other names are oyster plant and boatlily.

Two-seeded capsules are contained within the bracts.

The plant's red sap was used traditionally by the Mayans as a cosmetic. It can cause skin irritation and, if ingested, severe mouth and throat

irritation.

If this "legacy" groundcover is in your yard, remove it, taking care to dispose of all broken stems, which easily sprout.

Replace it with one of the many native or Florida-friendly groundcovers, grasses, or wildflowers.

Sources: *500 Plants of South Florida* by Julia F. Morton; *Florida Landscape Plants* by John V. Watkins and Thomas J. Sheehan; *Identification & Biology of Non-Native Plants in Florida's Natural Areas* by KA Langeland and K. Craddock Burks, eds.; www.cabi.org; www.floridata.com; and www.plantbook.org.

Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.✧

Environmental Education Program Funded

The Lee Board of County Commissioners recently approved an agreement to fund an environmental education program to increase awareness of the importance of recycling and reducing waste for fifth-grade students in Lee County public schools.

The Memorandum of Understanding between Lee County and the Lee County School Board provides \$65,000 to fund a school staff member and school bus transportation for environmental education for about 5,000 fifth-grade students annually. The program will begin in the spring semester.

The students will participate in environmental lessons that culminate in a field trip to the Lee County Material Recovery Facility and Waste To Energy Facility at 10500 Buckingham Road in Fort Myers.

Prior experience with tours given by the Solid Waste Division has demonstrated that people who visit the county's waste facilities have a greater understanding of how the system works and their impact on the system than those people who get the information through advertising alone.

The student program will be a pilot program with student testing before and after the field trip. There will be a follow-up survey before the end of each semester to determine how much information was retained and how much, if any, behaviors

have changed in students' homes.

The one-year program may be extended or modified for an additional five years if success is demonstrated.

Lee County has been a recycling leader in Florida since 2002, with a recent campaign to focus on proper recycling. For more information about how to recycle smart, visit www.leecounty.com/solidwaste.✧

Winners Named For Scarecrows In The Park

The Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation and Lee County Parks & Recreation recently announced the winners of the ninth annual Scarecrows in the Park competition, one of the featured attractions at the Lakes Park Fall Festival.

The VIP Award winners this year are:

Best Youth Group Created Display: Canterbury School, *Cubby*

Best Business/Organization Created Display: Gladiolus Surgery Center, *Operation*

Best Halloween Theme: Pinewoods Elementary School, sponsored by Sabau Insurance, *Head Office*

People's Choice winners – voting was held October 12 through 25 – are:

Best Overall Display: Riverside Realty/Staging Matters, *Dungeons and Dragons*
Most Creative: Canterbury School, *Cubby*

Best Business/Organization Created Display: CycleStation, *Debbie Downer*

Best Youth Group Created Display: Girl Scout Troop 746, sponsored by Home Team Inspection Services, *Sweet Nightmares*

Best Halloween Theme: Zoomers, *Zoomie the Zombie*

Judges for the VIP portion of the competition included NBC-2 morning anchor Rachel Pierce, Lee County Parks and Recreation Director Jesse Lavender, and 2018 Officer of the Year Sgt. Sylvester Smalls from the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

Forty Scarecrow entries were on display this year, double the amount in 2017, when the aftermath of Hurricane Irma created challenges for some schools and businesses to compete. The Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation uses proceeds to present programming and make improvements at Lakes Regional Park.✧

Edison Mall To Hold Festival November 17

Edison Mall will host its inaugural Brew 'N' Music Fest on Saturday, November 17 from 2 to 7:30 p.m. The event will be located in the main parking lot off Edison Mall's Highway 41 entrance.

This event features activities for children and adults alike, including a Kid Zone Family Area with a bounce house, and local beer distributors that will be on site from 2 to 5 p.m. Smooth STB (Santana Tribute Band) will perform live from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

"It's our goal to deliver dynamic, family-friendly events to guests at Edison Mall," said John Scherlach, area marketing director of Edison Mall. "This is the first time we've held an outdoor concert, and we are excited to bring our first Brew 'N' Music Fest to our community for all ages to enjoy."

A portion of the proceeds from beer admission will be donated to 21st Century CARE, a local non-profit organization that provides patients financial assistance for incidental expenses related to cancer treatments.

Sponsors include TPK, King Arms, Wayne Auto, Driveway Maintenance and Brittana Electric. For more information, call 939-1933 or visit www.shopedisonmall.com.✧

Chancellor's List

Fort Myers native Madison Bowersox has been named to the Chancellor's List for Term 1 of the 2018-19 academic year at Troy University.

The Chancellor's List honors full-time undergraduate students who are registered for 12 semester hours and who have a grade point average of 4.0.✧

College Degree

Fort Myers native Ashley McKenzie recently graduated with a doctor of chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic's Florida campus in Port Orange.✧

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Principals Of The Year Named

Estero High School Principal Clayton Simmons and East Lee County High School Assistant Principal Katie Scoville were recently selected Lee County Principal of the year and Lee County Assistant Principal of the year respectively, according to the School District of Lee County.

Both Simmons and Scoville will now be nominated for the Florida Principal and Assistant Principal of the Year award.

“Clayton and Katie are both incredible educators and administrators that have transformed their schools,” said Superintendent Dr. Greg Adkins. “Clayton led Estero to a two grade jump from a C to an A this year and Katie is a big part of the reason East Lee is turning around its academic performance.”

Simmons was named principal of Estero High School in July 2014. His staff says he leads by example, visits almost every class weekly and meets regularly with teachers for their input. “He has created an academic leadership team that includes our strongest teachers representing all our departments,” wrote Assistant Principal Mike Amabile in his recommendation letter. “Those teachers will move



Clayton Simmons photos provided

mountains for Estero High School because they feel valued and that their ideas and opinions are used in the decision-making process.”

“I am honored to have been selected Principal of the Year for the School District of Lee County,” Simmons said. “It is a privilege to be the principal of Estero High



Katie Scoville

School, and I’m grateful to work with our amazing students and staff. I would like to thank the school board, Dr. Adkins, district staff and the Village of Estero for their continued support of Estero High School and remember, ‘It’s always great to be an Estero High School Wildcat!’”

Scoville moved to East Lee High School as assistant principal in January of 2018

after working at all three grade levels and the district offices. Principal Melissa Robery said Scoville was the first person she asked to join her at East Lee. “Her most powerful contribution is in helping students who have felt years of frustration meeting the standard on comprehensive achievement tests, regain their confidence and show significant improvement,” Robery explained in her recommendation letter. “She has a drive to make sure our students and staff never, never, never give up.”

“I am surprised and humbled to receive this recognition,” Scoville said. “It’s very gratifying when our long hours and hard work are acknowledged.”

The Florida Department of Education will announce the state finalists in January and the winners by early March. Each award comes with a \$5,000 cash prize.

The School District of Lee County has claimed one of the two top honors the last two years. Ken Savage was named 2018 Florida Principal of the year in January after leading James Stephens International Academy from an F grade to a B in just one year. In 2017, James Stephens Assistant Principal Kelly Stedman was named Florida’s Assistant Principal of the Year. Savage now works for the Florida Department of Education while Stedman is principal at James Stephens.✱

Marketing Firm Adds Account Manager

Priority Marketing has added Megan Garner to its growing account services team, which provides solution-driven strategies that achieve the marketing goals for clients in the public and private sector.

As an account manager, Garner collaborates with the firm’s creative, public relations and digital teams to develop solutions for an array of businesses, nonprofit organizations and government agency clients.

Garner previously was director of marketing for Kitson & Partners, a private real estate development company promoting the town of Babcock Ranch. She also held a variety of positions over 12 years at Chico’s FAS Inc., including marketing manager, promotional merchandising manager, assistant merchandising project manager, assistant buyer and assistant merchandise coordinator.

Garner earned an associate of arts



Megan Garner photo provided

degree from Florida SouthWestern State College in 2002, a bachelor’s degree in marketing from Florida Gulf Coast University in 2004 and a master’s in business administration from FGCU in 2010.✱

Fair And Impartial Policing Seminar By National Expert

The Fort Myers Police Department (FMPD) sponsored a 1.5-day program on Fair & Impartial Policing (FIP) at the City Pier building on November 1 and 2. The seminars were conducted by Dr. Lorie Fridell, a professor of criminology at the University of South Florida and the CEO of FIP, LLC. She is recognized as a national expert on biased policing and is the author of numerous publications addressing implicit bias.

The seminars included city of Fort Myers directors and officials, sworn members of the FMPD and community leaders. Fair and Impartial Policing criteria is based upon the science of implicit bias and how it can affect what people perceive and do in the course of their official duties. The implication is that even the best law enforcement officers may experience bias because they are human. The FIP training is another building block in stronger



Dr. Lorie Fridell photo provided

community relationships between the police department and the citizens they serve. Additional sessions are planned as a continuing education process for members of the FMPD and city administrators.✱

County Adjusts Schedules For Thanksgiving

Most Lee County administrative operations will be closed Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Other schedules to be adjusted include:

Solid Waste – On Thursday, November 22, all county facilities are

closed and no trash will be collected. On Friday, November 23, Thursday collections will be picked up and the Waste to Energy Facility in Buckingham will be open 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accept waste. All other Solid Waste facilities will be closed. On Saturday, November 24, Friday collections will be picked up and the Buckingham facility will be open 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accept waste. All other Solid Waste facilities will be closed.

LeeTran – On Thursday, November 22, there will be no bus, trolley or

Passport service. On Friday, November 23, normal service resumes.

Parks & Recreation – On Thursday, November 22, Friday, November 23 and through the holiday weekend, beaches, boat ramps, parks and preserves will be open. Administration offices, pools and recreation centers are closed Thursday, November 22, and Friday, November 23. Recreation centers and pools resume normal operating hours Saturday, November 24. Administration offices resume normal operating hours Monday, November 26.

Library System – On Wednesday, November 21, libraries will close at 5 p.m. On Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23, all libraries will be closed. On Saturday, November 24, libraries will open for regular hours.

Domestic Animal Services – On Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23, the shelter at 5600 Banner Drive in south Fort Myers will be closed. On Saturday, November 24, the Lost & Found Pet Center will reopen for regular hours at 8 a.m. and the adoption center will open at 10:30 a.m.✱



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Joint Accounts Don't Count Towards Bequests



by Craig R. Hersch, Florida Bar Board Certified Wills, Trusts & Estates Attorney; CPA

Salvadore created a trust that first distributed \$2 million to his wife, Sophia, before making \$500,000 bequests to each of his two daughters, Gloria and Dorothy. When Salvadore created his trust, he considered the bequest to his wife to be enough for her to live off of the rest of her life, also considering that she had other assets of her own in her own trust. He didn't want Gloria and Dorothy to wait until both his and Sophia's deaths before enjoying any of their inheritance, and that is why he included those bequests.

When Salvadore died, his trust had less than \$2 million of assets in it. Salvadore had more than \$1 million of other assets, both those were all held jointly with rights of survivorship with Sophia. They were not ever funded into Salvadore's trust.

So Sophia took the joint assets as her own. When Salvadore's trust was administered, the entire balance also went to Sophia. Gloria and Dorothy received nothing from Salvadore's estate.

And this is the important point that I wish to make today. Salvadore may have considered the joint account to count towards what he wanted to leave Sophia from his estate. But Salvadore didn't direct his attorney to draft language into his trust indicating that was his intent. Maybe Salvadore assumed that the joint account gift would serve to satisfy part of what he intended to leave Sophia through his will and trust.

But that isn't the case.

Maybe Salvadore intended to fund the joint account into his trust account in order to satisfy his intent. Transferring a joint account into a single trust generally requires both signatures of the joint account owners. Perhaps upon discovering this, Salvadore decided not to do it and didn't believe it necessary to alter the terms of his trust.

Upon discovering what was to occur in Salvadore's estate administration, Gloria and Dorothy wondered if anything could be done to rectify the situation. The answer is not unless Sophia wants to cooperate. Sophia could, for example, file a legal disclaimer for some portion or all the \$1 million in bequests that Gloria and Dorothy didn't receive. A legal disclaimer must be signed in accordance with Florida law and with the Internal Revenue Code. There are several requirements that must be satisfied to file a disclaimer.

Sophia could also cooperate if she simply gifted some of her inheritance to Gloria and Dorothy. The gift would be taxable, as it would be above the \$15,000 annual exclusion limitation, which only means that the gift would reduce Sophia's current \$11.2 million

federal estate tax exemption. Provided Sophia's taxable estate at the time of her passing is below the then-available federal exemption, the gift would not affect her. If, on the other hand, Sophia's estate could be in danger of exceeding the limitation, she has the option of filing a Federal Estate Tax Return Form 706 on Salvadore's estate to transfer any of his unused exemption to her own estate, negating the gift transfer.

Depending upon the assets that Sophia transfers, and whether they came from the joint account or from assets she inherited from Salvadore, there could be unrealized capital gain that may one day be realized by Gloria and Dorothy that would require the payment of capital gains taxes. This is because joint account assets do not receive a full step up in tax cost basis upon one of the account holder's deaths.

Sophia may also choose not to cooperate, leaving Gloria and Dorothy with no inheritance. Much of this depends upon the relationship between the parties as well as Sophia's comfort as to whether she has sufficient funds to live off of the remainder of her lifetime.

As you can see, an assumption on Salvadore's part could lead to some very real problems between his loved ones. If you have questions as to whether certain accounts will serve to satisfy bequests you have in your will or trust, be sure and discuss your questions with your estate planning attorney.

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Marina Nassif

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Austin Brooks

Foundation Adds Finance Team Members

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation recently welcomed two additional team members.

Marina Nassif and Austin Brooks have joined the Foundation's finance team.

Nassif will serve as controller and is a certified public accountant. She holds a master's degree in accounting and taxation from Florida Gulf Coast University. Her prior experience includes positions at a local CPA firm and General Electric.

Brooks joins the team as accounting associate. He will be graduating from FGCU in December with a bachelor's degree in finance. His responsibilities at the foundation include grants and contributions processing.✧

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Historic Downtown

1914, remaining there for almost two decades before moving across the street.

Franklin's moved to its third location, a new building at First and Broadway, in 1937 and remained there until 1977, by then under different ownership.

As for the historic corner spot at First and Hendry, the departure of hardware stores precipitated a long run of drug stores that didn't end until the mid-1950s, beginning with Hunter's and ending with Frey's.

Since then, the corner has had a more varied commercial history and today is a bank. An ATM is located where a door once invited customers into hardware stores and drug stores.

Walk down to the Bradford Hotel corner at First and Hendry and imagine the string of hardware stores that served the town from pioneer days until the Great Depression. Then learn more about

the Bradford corner at the following two research centers.

The Southwest Florida Historical Society is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization open Wednesday and Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon and Wednesday 4 to 7 p.m. It is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. Call 939-4044 or visit www.swflhistoricalsociety.org for more information.

The Lee County Black History Society is located at 1936 Henderson Avenue, adjacent to the Williams Academy Museum at Roberto Clemente Park. Hours for the all-volunteer, non-profit organization are Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday by appointment only. For more information, call 332-8778 or visit www.leecountyblackhistorysociety.org.

Sources: Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, the *Fort Myers Press*, and the *Story of Fort Myers* by Karl H. Grismer.✧



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Book Review

Beneath A Ruthless Sun



by Di Saggau

Gilbert King's chilling new book *Beneath a Ruthless Sun* tells a powerful, page-turning story rooted in the fears that rippled through the South as integration began to take hold,

sparking a surge for virulent racism that savaged the vulnerable, debased the powerful and roils our own times still. It's December 1957 when an arctic freeze causes a major disaster to hit Florida and scores of citrus shippers and juice-concentrate plants. They are unable to harvest an estimated 90 million boxes of product. As much as 75 percent of the state's orange crop has been lost to freezing temperatures.

A week into the freeze, Blanche Bosanquet Knowles, wife of a Florida citrus baron, is raped in her home while her husband is away. She says a "husky Negro" did it, and the sheriff, the infamous racist Willis McCall, tells his men to round up every black man they can see. He rounds up a herd of suspects, but within a few days he turns his sights on Jesse Daniels, a gentle, mentally impaired white 19-year-old. Soon Jesse is railroaded up to Chattahoochee, the state hospital for the insane. During the 14 years that Jesse is locked away, the state's population balloons to more than seven million, an increase of about 70 percent since 1957.

Sheriff McCall was last seen in King's *Devil in the Grove* brutalizing four young black men accused of rape, and still in office when *Ruthless Sun* picks up. He and the people of Okahumpka are mired in the bigoted dark ages, ruled over by citrus barons and Klansmen. With well-researched detail, King describes

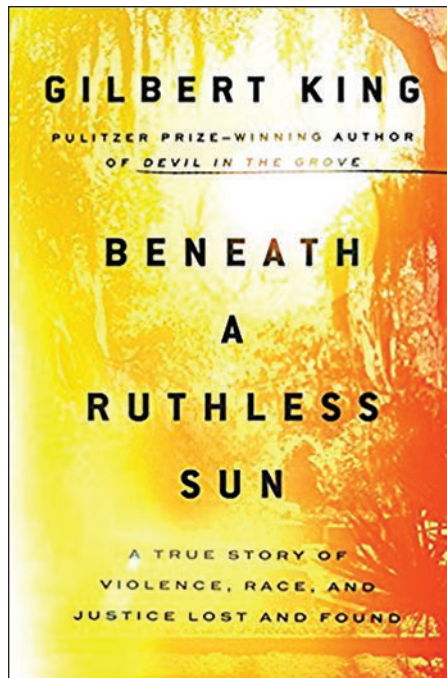


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the Florida State Hospital, giving us a nightmarish look into the crude medical practices of the time. Between 1882 and 1930, Florida had the highest per capita lynching rate of any state in the nation.

There are also heroes, most of all Mabel Norris Reese, a smart, gutsy newspaper reporter who cannot stop fretting over the case and its baffling outcome. She goes above and behind to get the Daniels story out to the public, resulting in a cross-burning on her front lawn. Bit by bit, the unspeakable truths behind a conspiracy that shocked a community into silence come to the surface.

One reviewer wrote, *Beneath a Ruthless Sun* plunges the reader deeply into the legal practices, civil rights battles and stubborn sexual inequalities of the mid-20th century, but this fast-moving and impeccably sourced book is anything but a slog. It's a scorching, compelling, and unfortunately still entirely relevant new book." I found it to be a fascinating reminder of how the unspeakable beliefs of 1957 haunt us still.*

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, My son's teacher gives the kids "brain breaks" in his class. I have no idea what this means, and my son just says these breaks help the

kids learn better. I don't want to seem like I don't believe the teacher and am questioning her skills, but I would really like to know more about these brain breaks. Have you ever heard of them?

Caitlyn T, Fort Myers

Caitlyn,

It's very respectful of you to honor the teacher's instructional methods. I can assure you that "brain breaks" are a real,

evidence-based technique to help students learn and to help children cope with stress and overload. According to recent research at the University of Michigan, these two-minute exercise breaks, brain breaks, in the classroom may help school children meet physical activity goals without disrupting learning. These researchers also reported that short bursts of in-classroom activity can trim childhood obesity rates while helping elementary schools provide 30 minutes of daily exercise for students.

"What we're showing is that we can give kids an additional 16 minutes of health-enhancing physical activity," said lead investigator Rebecca Hasson, an associate professor of kinesiology and nutritional sciences. Children in the United States are supposed to get at least one hour of exercise each day, including 30 minutes of physical activity during school hours, the study authors explained. Most don't reach this daily goal. "Many kids don't have PE (physical

education) every day but they might have recess, and if they get 10 more minutes of activity there, it would meet that school requirement," Hasson said in a university news release. "This doesn't replace PE, it's a supplement. We're trying to create a culture of health throughout the entire school day, not just in the gym."

The researchers conducted five studies to analyze the effect of activity breaks on the mood, thinking, appetite and overall physical activity of 39 children. In a lab setting, kids aged 7 to 11 completed a series of experiments, including eight hours of sitting interrupted with two-minute low, moderate, or high-intensity activity breaks. The researchers also tested the effect of two-minute, sedentary screen-time breaks.

The study showed that when given high-intensity activity breaks, the kids burned an additional 150 calories a day and didn't overeat to compensate for the increased physical activity. The screen-time breaks triggered more notable improvement in the students' moods but both types of breaks resulted in good moods. The children also rated the activity breaks as more fun than the screen time. The activity breaks also had a lingering positive effect on the moods of overweight or obese students, the study authors noted. This may mean they got more gratification from this extra exercise.

The researchers also said taking time out for movement did not alter the students' class performance. "Teachers were worried it would make kids more rowdy, but 99 percent of kids were back on task within 30 seconds of doing

activity breaks," Hasson said. "We even had one teacher who did an activity break in the middle of a math exam -- she realized the benefit of getting them up and moving."

It's very clear that even short bursts of physical exercise, like brain breaks, helps our children's bodies and minds and should be encouraged.

Shelley Greggs is adjunct faculty at Florida SouthWestern State College, where she teaches psychology and education courses. She is also a nationally certified school psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.*

Gulf Coast Writers Meeting

For the first time ever, the Gulf Coast Writers Association will feature two authors at its meeting to be held at Seven Lakes Golf Course on Saturday, November 17 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Tim Jordan and Joanna Salapska-Gelleri will join the group to discuss hidden skill sets and how to access them as professional writers. First time guests are always free.

Seven Lakes Golf Course is located at 1750 Augusta Drive in Fort Myers. For more information, call 770-906-7885 or visit www.gulfwriters.org.

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Financial Focus

Pay Yourself First For Consistent Investing



by Jennifer Basey

Consistency is a key ingredient of success in many activities – including investing. And one technique that can help you become a more consistent investor is paying yourself first.

Many people have the best of intentions when it comes to investing. They know how important it is to put money away for long-term goals, especially the goal of a comfortable retirement. Yet they may only invest sporadically. Why? Because they wait until they've taken care of all the bills – mortgage, utilities, car payments and so on – before they feel comfortable enough to write a check for their investments. And by the time they reach that point, they might even decide there's something more fun to do with what's left of their money.

How can you avoid falling into this habit of intermittent investing? By paying yourself first. Each month, have your bank move money from your checking or savings account into the investments

of your choice. By taking this hassle-free approach, rather than counting on your ability to send a check, you can help ensure you actually do contribute to your investments, month after month.

By moving the money automatically, you probably won't miss it and, like most people who follow this technique, you will find ways to economize, as needed, to make up for whatever you're investing.

You already may be doing something quite similar if you have a 401(k) or other retirement plan at work. You choose a percentage of your earnings to go into your plan, and the money is taken out of your paycheck. (And if you're fortunate, your employer will match some of your contributions, too.)

But even if you do have a 401(k), you're probably also eligible to contribute to an IRA – which is a great vehicle for your pay-yourself-first strategy. You can put in up to \$5,500 per year to a traditional or Roth IRA (or \$6,500 if you're age 50 or older), so, if you are able to "max out" for the year, you could simply divide \$5,500 or \$6,500 by 12 and have either \$458 or \$541 moved from your savings or checking account each month into your IRA. Of course, you don't have to put in the full \$5,500 or \$6,500 each year, although some IRAs do require minimum amounts to at least open the account.

You might think such modest amounts won't add up to a lot, but after a few years, you could be surprised at how much you've accumulated. Plus, you may not always be limited to contributing relatively small sums, because as your

career advances, your earnings may increase significantly, allowing you to boost your IRA contributions continually.

In any case, here's the key point: When you invest, it's all right to start small – as long as you keep at it. And the best way to ensure you continue investing regularly is to pay yourself first. If you do it long enough, it will become routine

– and it will be one habit you won't want to break.

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Superior Interiors

Make Your Dining Room A Dream



by Barb Cacchione

Atttractive dining rooms serve as invitations to guests, whether it be to a special or casual meal or a lively conversation. Lighting is a key feature to any room; different types bring in different qualities.

From natural to artificial lighting, layering fixtures and candles creates an atmosphere that will make your family and guests feel right at home. If the room is intended for day-to-day activity, opt for ample lighting to allow work and school-related tasks to be easily completed. A softer ambiance can be reached with the help of fixtures equipped with a dimmer.

The type of chandelier or pendants

that shine above the room depends on the shape of the table. A long, rectangular table should be paired with a linear or oval fixture, or perhaps even a pair of large pendants, whereas a round table should relate accordingly, with a circular chandelier.

The setting of the table truly tops off the room. Casual dinnerware creates a laid-back feel that encourages lively conversation. Turn to crystal and china for more formal gatherings, an option many gravitate towards during the holiday season. Centerpieces have made a name for themselves for bringing festivity into rooms. Think outside the box... during autumn months, a hollowed pumpkin filled with pine cones or a display of citrus fruit with rosemary and berry potpourri bring in the cozy feeling the season is known for. Winter ornaments, candles and lights can have the same effect as the new year comes closer. Of course, seashells, used as a natural element, are a mainstay in our coastal setting.

Barb Cacchione is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at barb@coindcedden.com.✴

Red Cross Assists Families On Fort Myers Beach

The Southern Gulf Chapter of the American Red Cross is currently assisting three families affected by a multi-unit fire on Fort Myers Beach. Local Red Cross volunteers on a disaster action team were on site to help coordinate emergency aid to those affected.

Fire officials say five people were impacted by the blaze. The Red Cross provided individual client assistance to the affected families in order to meet their immediate needs such as shelter, clothing and food.

Nearly 180 times a day, the Red Cross helps a family affected by a home fire or other disaster. That's why the American Red Cross launched the nationwide Home Fire Campaign in 2014 which aims to reduce home fire deaths and injuries by 25 percent.

To support the campaign:

Make a financial donation to the local Red Cross. Visit www.redcross.org/donate.

Visit www.redcross.org/homefires to find out how to protect themselves and their homes from fire.

Become a Red Cross volunteer by applying at www.redcross.org/sflvolunteer.

Download the Red Cross Emergency App by visiting www.redcross.org/apps or texting 'getemergency' to 90999. This all-inclusive app combines more than 35 emergency alerts to help keep the user

safe. And the Monster Guard mobile app is specially designed for kids, teaching them to prepare for emergencies at home by playing an engaging game.

For more information, visit www.redcross.org/southflorida or visit us on Facebook or Twitter at @sflredcross.✴

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Garden Festival

native and heritage plants that have been proven to thrive in Southwest Florida. Ceramic flower pots, vegetable and flower seeds, garden art and gardening gift items will also be available.

Vendors will be on site with palms, fruit trees, vegetables, bromeliads, hibiscus, butterfly plants, African violets, orchids, air plants, herbs, succulents, cacti and many hard-to-find species. Vendors will also offer garden supplies and gift items, such as mulch, trellises, pottery, cut flowers, hats, jewelry and artwork.

There will be live music, Millennial Brewing Company will have a special brew made from Edison Ford citrus, and several food trucks will be on site. There will also be a children's gardening activity.

A limited number of carts will be available, so guests are encouraged to bring a cart or wagon for transporting plants. A designated plant holding tent and loading spot will be offered for anyone needing assistance. There is no charge for admission or parking.

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

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Female Pioneers of Fort Myers

Women Who Made a Difference in the City's Development

By Robin C. Tuthill and Thomas P. Hall

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

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

Inauguration Event Set For Commissioners

An inauguration ceremony for two members re-elected to the Lee Board of County Commissioners will be held in the Commission Chambers of the Old Lee County Courthouse on Tuesday, November 20 at 8:30 a.m. A reception will follow at 9 a.m. and the regularly scheduled board meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

Taking the Oath of Office is:

District 2 Commissioner Cecil L. Pendergrass, who will be accompanied by Jodi Pendergrass and Andrea Pendergrass. The oath will be administered by Brandan Pendergrass. Commissioner Pendergrass has served since 2012.

District 4 Commissioner Brian Hamman, who will be accompanied by Rebecca Hamman. The oath will be administered by David J. Hamman. Commissioner Hamman has served since 2013.

District 1 Commissioner John Manning will serve as master of ceremonies with additional comments from District 3 Commissioner Larry Kiker and District 5 Commissioner Frank Mann.

Maj. Timothy Gilliam, commander of Salvation Army of Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties, will provide the invocation. The A Cappella Group from Cypress Lake High School for the Arts, directed by Gary Stroh, will perform the

national anthem and other selections.

At the 9:30 a.m. meeting, commissioners will select their new chair and vice chair for the coming year.

The Old Lee County Courthouse is located at 2120 Main Street in Fort Myers. For more information, call 533-2221 or email mcoon@leegov.com.✱

Tax Referendum Good For Schools

Revenue from the approved half-cent sales tax is expected to help pay for new schools, renovation and maintenance projects, technology upgrades, and enhancements to campus safety and security. The sales tax is expected to generate \$754 million over the next 10 years. Collection will start in January of 2019.

Calling it a "huge vote of confidence," Superintendent Dr. Greg Adkins and Board Chair Cathleen Morgan understand the support and trust the community has placed in the district.

"Thank you for helping us continue the long tradition of providing a quality education for our students, and for helping them reach their highest personal potential," said Morgan. "Without your support, we truly don't know how or if we would be able to fund the world-class school system outlined in Envision 2030."

The school district will now form an independent oversight committee that will track district's expenditures and use of this tax. If interested in joining the committee, apply at www.leeschools.net.✱

Building Industry Honors Excellence



From left, Florida Home Builders Association past president Al Zichella, Dan Adams of Stevens Construction, Lerin Byrd of GCG Construction, George Mato of Miromar Development and National Association of Home Builders third vice chairman Chuck Fowke photo courtesy Michaela Meets World Photography

The Lee Building Industry Association (Lee BIA) recently held its annual Industry Awards at the Southwest Florida Event Center to recognize members for industry excellence.

The Pinnacle Grand Award for Residential Developer of the Year was awarded to Miromar Development and the Summit Grand Award for Commercial Contractor of the Year was a tie, awarded to GCG Construction and Stevens Construction. Other winners include: Holiday Builders, Norris Furniture & Interiors, Royal Shell Real Estate, Miromar Development Corp., Beattie Development Corp., Clive Daniel Home, Stock Development, Robb & Stucky, Vogue Interiors, Waterside Interiors,

Collins & DuPont, PulteGroup, Aubuchon Homes, Harbourside Custom Homes, PDS Architecture, Advance Solar & Energy, Frank R. Jenkins Custom Homes, D.R. Horton, Barraco and Associates, Inc., Kuhlman Concrete, DEC Contracting Group, Envirostruct, GCG Construction, Wright Construction Group, Gulfpoint Construction Company, Chris-Tel Construction, Castellanos + Tramonte Architects, GMA Architects & Planners, Studio A.D., Wegman Design Group Inc. and Juniper Landscaping.

"We look forward to this event every year as it allows us to recognize and celebrate the hard work and creativity of our members," said Phillip Ford, executive vice president of the Lee BIA.✱

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Retiring Twins Player Was A Credit To Baseball And Will Be Missed



by Ed Frank

Allow me to indulge in lingering memories this week – memories of the baseball career of the Minnesota Twins’ Joe Mauer, who announced his retirement last week.

As has been chronicled previously, Mauer, a St. Paul native, was the No. 1 overall pick in the 2001 Major League Draft, signing a \$5 million bonus right out of high school.

I first met the teenage Mauer in 2002 on a family trip north when he was playing for the Twins Low A Quad City. Quiet and shy, Mauer hesitated to answer my question of what it was like as a millionaire playing alongside other minor leaguers who were making probably \$900 a month.”

His manager quickly interceded saying something like: Joe is a hard worker and the money doesn’t make a difference.

Mauer advanced rapidly through the Twins Minor League system playing here for the Fort Myers Miracle in 2003 where he bought a home. By 2004, just three years out of high school, he was promoted to the Major League Twins where he began a record-setting, 15-year career.

Just look at his highlights – many of which remain records today: Three American League batting titles as a catcher, the 2009 American League MVP; six All-Star selections; more than 2,000 hits; Minnesota’s all-time leader in doubles;

five Silver Slugger Awards; three Gold Glove Awards. Combined, these records should make him Hall of Fame bound.

This reporter remembers attending an evening press conference in 2010 where he signed an eight year \$184-million contract – the highest ever awarded a catcher then and still today.

In 2013, Mauer suffered a serious concussion when a foul ball caromed off his mask. This required extended rehabilitation, after which the Twins moved him to first base. By 2017, he was a Gold Glove first baseman while hitting .305 in 141 games played.

And even this past season in his farewell season, he had a .282 average in 127 games.

With his contract ending, he bid farewell to his team and Twins fans in an emotional ceremony at Target Field on the last day of the season where his twin daughters, adorned in Twins shirts, rushed onto the field for a loving hug from their dad.

And then, Mauer put on his catching equipment one last time to receive one final pitch as the Target Field fans gave him a standing ovation.

Following that final game, Mauer released a beautiful letter to teammates and Twin fans in part of which read:

“The decision to retire did not come easily as baseball always has been and always will be one of my greatest passions. The last few months of this season were very emotional for me, and I wanted to take time to separate some of those emotions and think with a clear frame of mind.

“The decision to retire came down to my health and my family.”

Those of us that have charted his wonderful career along with tens of thousands of Twins fans will miss Joe Mauer.

He was a credit to the Twins and a credit to baseball.✧



From left, Beth Prather, William Bruce with Pam and Rick Moulton photos provided

Golfers Benefit For Parkinson’s

More than 100 golfers raised nearly \$7,500 at Golf Fore Hope, a golf tournament to benefit Hope Healthcare’s Parkinson Program at The Golf Club at Magnolia Landing in North Fort Myers.

Led by the tournament committee of Martin Haas, Dino and Ann DeGrande, Alita Parody and Aaron Sustad, the scramble format tournament included a 50/50 auction, mulligan sales and an awards luncheon.

Golf Fore Hope was sponsored by Entech Business IT Solutions.

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 ✧

Team Store Open Until December 7

Due to overwhelming demand, the Boston Red Sox Team Store located at JetBlue Park will remain open for special hours through Friday, December 7. Store hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

According to store manager Doreen Arsenault, merchandise for the 2018 World Series Champions Boston Red Sox will be available while supplies last and additional merchandise is arriving each day.

JetBlue Park is located at 11500 Fenway South Drive in Fort Myers. Call 226-4732 for more information.✧

SPORTS QUIZ

1. In 2017, three Oakland A’s hit their first major-league home run in the same game. Name two of the three players.
2. Which two teams played in the first World Series?
3. Five NFL players have scored three touchdowns in a Super Bowl. Name three of them.
4. When was the last time before 2018 that the University of Virginia men’s basketball team was ranked No. 1 in The Associated Press poll?
5. Winnipeg Jets forward Mark Scheifele set an NHL single-year playoff record in 2018 for most goals as a visitor (11). Who had held the mark?
6. When was the last time before 2018 (Brad Keselowski) that a Ford driver won NASCAR’s Brickyard 400?
7. Rafael Nadal set a men’s tennis record in 2018 for most consecutive sets won (50) on the same surface (clay). Who had held the record?

ANSWERS

1. Matt Olson, Jaycob Brugman and Franklin Barreto. 2. The Boston Americans and the Pittsburgh Pirates. 3. Roger Craig, Jerry Rice (twice), Ricky Walters, Terrell Davis and James White. 4. It was December of 1982. 5. Pittsburgh’s Sidney Crosby (2009) and Calgary’s Joe Mullen (1989), with 10 each. 6. It was Dale Jarrett, in 1999. 7. John McEnroe won 49 straight sets on carpet in 1984.

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Coalition Dinner And Silent Auction

The Lee County Homeless Coalition invites the community to its 14th annual Dinner and Silent Auction at the Colonial Country Club on December 1 at 6 p.m. The auction serves as a fundraiser to help raise funds and awareness to end homelessness. This year in Lee County, there are approximately 2,957 people without a place to call a home.

Tickets are \$75 for coalition members and \$85 for non-members. Sponsorship opportunities ranging from \$350 to \$2,500 include tickets and recognition at the event. In addition, members of the community can help the Lee County Homeless Coalition by donating items for the silent auction. Proceeds from the dinner support the coalition and their mission.

Lee County Department of Human & Veteran Services Roger Mercado will be the master of ceremonies. Special guest speaker will be Michael V. Martin, PhD, president of Florida Gulf Coast University. Music will be performed by Galaxy and this year's dress theme is Come as Your Favorite Character.

"The annual dinner and auction is one of the few times that the Southwest Florida community can pull together to help our fellow residents who are faced with homelessness," said Janet Bartos, executive director of the Lee County Homeless Coalition. "We appreciate the tremendous effort and support from partner agencies."

Colonial Country Club is located at 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers. For tickets, sponsorship information, or to donate to the Lee County Homeless Coalition, visit www.leehomeless.org or call 322-6600.*

Bingo Fundraiser For Children's Advocacy

The Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida (CAC) is holding its 3rd annual Bling & Bags Bingo fundraiser at the Crowne Plaza Fort Myers on April 3 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 per person, which includes 16 bingo game cards for a chance to win fine jewelry and designer handbags, dinner of heavy hors d'oeuvres, silent auction items and lavish raffle baskets. For tickets, visit www.eventbrite.com.

Sponsorship is crucial to the success of the event. Sponsors will reach an audience of 300 college-educated professional and executive-level women from Lee County, average age 35 to 50, household decision-makers and influencers. The larger your sponsor commitment, the more opportunity to put your products and services in front of this desirable audience. Sponsor levels range from \$500 to \$5,000.

Crowne Plaza Fort Myers is located within Bell Tower Shops at 13051 Bell Tower Drive in Fort Myers. For details, call contact Lisa Rizzio at 939-2808 or lrizzio@cac-swfl.org.*



Trinity Auto Body Solutions owner Angel Rodriguez and Legendary Automotive And Truck Service owner Jason Stretch hold up the give-away sign photo provided

Legendary Auto Car Giveaway

Legendary Automotive And Truck Service officials will again be giving away a vehicle to a nominee of the community. The giveaway will occur at their facility on December 1 at 1 p.m.

Owner Jason Stretch believes that this is an amazing way to give back to the local community. "At Legendary, we service and repair vehicles, it is what we do. What better way to help someone than with reliable transportation, that helps them help others."

Stretch said his fellow shop owners have done similar car giveaways through a program called Wheels to Prosper and believes he has a responsibility to help improve the auto repair industry.

The vehicle for the giveaway is a 2006

Subaru Forester.

Last year, a Honda Odyssey minivan was awarded to a woman that helps foster children. She was able to help many foster children with the vehicle.

A team effort had gotten this vehicle back into shape: O'Reilly Auto Parts has donated many of the parts needed; Trinity Auto Body Solutions has repainted the vehicle; and Jasper Engines And Transmissions have helped to provide a newly remanufactured engine.

Legendary Automotive is seeking nominations of community residents that give back to others, but are struggling with reliable transportation. To nominate someone, visit www.legendaryfl.com and click on the nomination link.

Legendary Automotive And Truck is located at 1921 Courtney Drive in Fort Myers. For anyone that would like to contribute a vehicle or other support email service@legendaryfl.com.*

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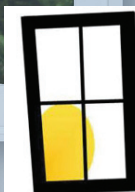
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Record Amount Raised At Mental Health Luncheon



From left, Kappy King, Kelly Fayer and Shirley Ferrell

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Hope Clubhouse of Southwest Florida has set a new fundraising mark, collecting \$133,000 at its recent annual Mental Health luncheon, which brought more than 300 people to the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers. The theme for this year's luncheon, Faces of Hope at Work, was designed to spotlight the organization's job placement efforts through the new Hope Works LLC, which connects employers to Hope Clubhouse members, who in turn provide



From left, George and Dottie Pacharis with Kelly Fayer

dedicated, reliable and immediate work. Fort Myers attorney Sawyer Smith delivered a stirring keynote address after revealing his own struggles with mental illness in an emotional talk at last year's event. Smith, along with event chair Kelly L. Fayer of the Law Offices of Kelly L. Fayer, PA, and state Rep. Heather Fitzenhagen, the honorary chair, continued the dialogue on mental health and the need for more help in the community.✱



Al Kinkle and James Wineinger



Christin Collins and Sawyer Smith



From left, James Wineinger, Karen Reynolds Scott and Jeanne Sweeney



From left, Scott Kashman, Armando Liechu and David Collins



Rep. Heather Fitzenhagen and Kelly Fayer



Teri and Chris Hansen

Doctor and Dietician

Weak Ankles Due To A Ligament Problem



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

Most chronic musculoskeletal pain is due to weakness, specifically weakness in the ligaments and tendons. Weak ankles are due to weak and injured ligaments. But what does that all mean? Let's take a common ankle sprain. Most people have "rolled" or "twisted" an ankle at some time point. When this happens, the ligaments on the side of the ankle can get overstretched. The injured ankle usually recovers to a certain degree but the ligaments may remain overstretched and lax. Left untreated, this ligament damage weakens the whole joint. How does it do that? A ligament's primary function is to stabilize the joint and

maintain smooth joint motion. Ligaments connect bone to bone, and they must be strong in order to sustain force while walking, running, etc. When injured, the ligaments are like a stretched-out rubber band. Stretched-out ligaments fail to stabilize joint movement as they should, and you end up with a wobbly joint! That's why, when left untreated, the ankle is prone to re-injury. The ankle will often swell as a defense but, eventually, unstable joint motion wears down cartilage and leads to degenerative arthritis.

Do you have a weak, unstable ankle that "gives way," swells easily, or causes pain? It could be an undiagnosed ligament injury. Though not seen with MRI or x-ray, musculoskeletal ultrasound shows lax ligaments and ankle instability when the joint is put through certain stress maneuvers. Specific tender areas where the ligaments attach are also noted on physical exam. If ligament injuries are the determined cause of pain, the treatment is regenerative injection therapy, also known as prolotherapy, at the site of the ankle ligament attachments. It stimulates the body to rebuild and strengthen the ligament tissue, thereby improving ankle stability and alleviating pain.

*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.***

Kidney Transplant Program Comes To Lee County

Lee Health recently announced the health system has been working with Tampa General Hospital to redefine kidney transplant care in this community while expanding the scope of services available to patients.

On December 3, the Tampa General Hospital Advanced Organ Disease and Transplantation Institute at Lee Health will open in the clinic space at Gulf Coast Medical Center currently occupied by Lee Health's Kidney Transplant Institute. Lee Health's program will permanently discontinue services on December 2.

This change means patients will immediately have access to a variety of transplant services, including live donor transplants, paired donor transplants, deceased kidney transplants and simultaneous multi-organ transplants, such as kidney and pancreas.

Patients who are on the Lee Health transplant waitlist have the option to transfer their wait time to Tampa General Hospital, or any other Medicare-approved transplant center, without loss of accrued waiting time. When a kidney becomes available, patients will travel to Tampa or a transplant center of their choice for their surgery. After a post-surgery recuperation period, they can return to their local nephrologist.

Current transplant nephrologists, Dr. Gautham Mogilishetty and Dr. Shalini Saith, will remain at Gulf Coast Medical

Center clinic as part of Tampa General's program to provide pre- and post-operative nephrology care.

"We are excited to provide our transplant patients with access to a world-class, high-volume transplant program. This relationship will bring expanded transplant services to our community, and Tampa General is equipped to make this a seamless transition for current patients," said Scott Nygaard, MD, Lee Health chief operating officer.

Tampa General performs an average of more than 225 adult kidney transplants per year and has performed more than 5,000 adult kidney transplants since opening in 1974. Lee Health's kidney transplant program was temporarily deactivated in August due to a lack of surgical availability. This new relationship will provide stability for Southwest Florida's transplant patients, while also providing access to a nationally ranked transplant program.

Current Lee Health patients have been notified and assistance is available to help navigate the process of transferring to Tampa General's program, or a program of their choosing.

"The changing health care environment has health care leaders across the country looking at new ways to deliver the very best care to our patients", said Larry Antonucci, MD, president and CEO of Lee Health. "Locally, this means implementing an innovative strategy with Tampa General Hospital to expand transplant access in Southwest Florida, an organization with whom we have shared many patients over the years and one that shares our values."**

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Reasons To Eat More Oatmeal



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: People conjure up an image in their mind about eating oatmeal. It's usually the vision of someone over the age of 60, seeking the joys of regularity. But it should not be that cliché. If you're

interested in a good meal that is packed with vitamins and minerals, and even some cancer-fighting phytonutrients, oatmeal is top of the list. Oatmeal can help support you in your quest to fight diabetes, obesity and colon problems. Here are three really convincing reasons to start eating oatmeal.

1. Want protection from germs or cancer? – Oats are a very healthy source of carbs, fat, protein and fiber. The most famous fiber of all is “beta glucan,” a natural immunomodulator. It makes sure that your immune system’s radar detector is on alert, thereby placing your fighter cells on guard in case home-invaders show up. The most common attackers are bacteria, viruses and rogue cells that cause cancer. Scientists have found evidence that it can stimulate the growth of new stem cells too.

2. Feeling Tired or Anemic? – Oats contain many vitamins and minerals, especially iron. Just one cup of dried oats

contains 26 percent of the recommended daily allowance for iron. Obviously, you want to cook the oats. What’s nice about this is that iron supplements can be very hard on your gastrointestinal tract, and can cause stool discoloration, cramps, constipation and severe nausea or vomiting. So to have a delicious meal and know that you’re getting much needed iron can be a blessing.

3. Need to work on blood sugar or cholesterol? – It is the soluble fiber in oatmeal that can slow down the rate at which carbs are broken down and digested. This stabilizes your blood sugar, and prevents crazy peaks and troughs.

Because it keeps blood sugar stable, oatmeal is theoretically great at preventing complications from diabetes or other chronic illnesses. It literally improves insulin resistance. I am definitely an oatmeal fan if you haven’t deduced that by now. I think I make the best too.

Oatmeal lovers rarely go on statins too. Eating oatmeal even twice a week can have an immediate impact on longevity. Researchers have stated that no matter when you begin upping your intake of dietary fiber, the benefits to your health are virtually immediate.

If you’d like my delicious recipe for oatmeal, as well as a longer version of my article, sign up for my free newsletter at www.suzycohen.com and I’ll email it to you. You’ll also get a downloadable copy of my ebook, *Spices That Heal*.

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Beautifulife: Wander



by Kay Casperson

What does it mean to wander? According to the dictionary, it has various meanings, but they all circle back to something that I believe to be an important part of living your most

balanced and beautiful life. In a nutshell, to wander means to move about without a fixed course, aim or goal, to follow a winding course or to meander. It can also mean to go astray either physically or mentally.

The English writer, poet and university professor JRR Tolkien once wrote:

“All that is gold does not glitter, not all those who wander are lost; the old that is strong does not wither, deep roots are not reached by the frost.”

I love this, and if you really think about what it means to wander, you will realize as I did, that there is a desire in all of our hearts to do so. How cool is it to just go somewhere without a plan, a goal or a purpose? When was the last time you just parked your car, put yourself on a path and followed it? Or how about doing something as simple as letting your mind go down a new road to a world that you have not traveled but often think about. Nothing wrong with that, right?

Of course, there are always those responsibilities that bring you back to the reality of your world, but I think there is magic in letting yourself wander once in a while. Some of the ways you can get yourself into wander mode are to:

Carve out a day where you give yourself a couple of hours to take a drive, park your car and explore a new path, whether it be a walk around a lake, park, trail or the beach. Find something you have not done before and wander down the road.

Grab a pen and paper and write down places you would love to visit or experiences you would like to have. Writing things down is the first step in making things happen in your life. The

next step is to visualize yourself there and then make it a reality.

Book your next trip to somewhere that you have not been and make it a point to learn and experience something new and different. There is a big world out there, and it is always fun and exciting to travel and explore a new destination.

Take a “chill” day and lock yourself away from the world, your responsibilities, electronics and people, and just drift off. Only allow beautiful and positive things to enter your thoughts and try to direct them to places and things that bring peace, tranquility and comfort to you.

I can assure you that if you do any of the above, you will enter into wander mode and you will join a huge group of individuals who understand the importance of escaping the reality of everyday life once in a while and embracing the idea of letting yourself wander off just a bit... without getting lost.

My affirmation for you this week is: “I will take time to wander down a road not yet traveled in my journey to a more balanced and beautiful life.”

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

Healthcare For Holiday Grief

If you’ve lost a loved one this year, Hope Healthcare can help you discover the tools and support you need to cope with feelings of grief over the holiday season.

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Southwest Florida features a diverse boating market, so there are a variety of boat types on display including jet skis, skiffs, bay boats, flats boats, center consoles, pontoon boats, deck boats, cruising boats and sport fishers. To accommodate an increasing demand in the market, the show and the Southwest Florida Marine Industries Association have made a substantial investment in floating

docks and equipment, making for more impressive in-water displays at the City Yacht Basin. In addition to boats, you can find the largest display of accessory items and marine services of any boat show on Florida’s west coast including electronic equipment, motors, boat lifts, docks and clothing.

Fishin’ Frank and his crew continue to make a splash with an expanded Fishin’ Frank’s Fishin’ Village. Highlights include tackle displays with factory representatives on hand, a seminar area with local charter captains, show specials with factory pricing, and Frank’s popular fishing simulator giving guests a chance to catch anything from a largemouth bass to a marlin.

For more information, call 656-7083, email info@swfmia.com or visit www.goboatingflorida.com/fort-myers-boat-show.

PETS OF THE WEEK

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Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Finn And Sheeba

Hello, my name is Finn. I am a 2-year-old male pit bull mix who would be a great addition to your home. I have lots of energy to run around with and help burn off the extra calories from your Thanksgiving meal. And, with ears like this, I am sure to not miss hearing any crumbs hitting the floor... that's for sure.



Finn ID# A757976

My adoption fee is \$40.

Hi, I'm Sheba. I am a 2-year-old domestic shorthair female who doesn't need to know my name to think I am the queen bee around my

home. I am quite the independent spirit. My gorgeous onyx coat will go with everything and is as shiny as my eyes. I get along well with other cats, so take me home with another one of our feline beauties for twice the love.

My adoption fee is free and take home another cat through November 30.



Sheba ID# A756922

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

Haven on Earth Animal League

Trixie And Dylan

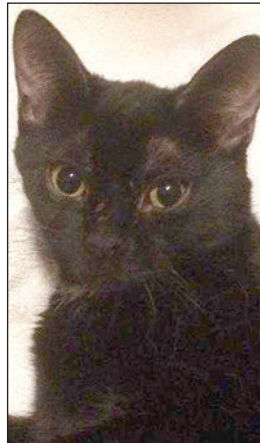
Hello, my name is Trixie. I'm a beautiful 2-year-old female calico with a very sweet personality. I am very mellow and loving and would like a home to call my own. I have been fully vetted and brought up to date on all vaccines. My adoption fee is \$55.

Hi, I'm Dylan. Aren't I just adorable? I'm only 8 months old, so I'm quite the playful kitten. I like other cats and hope I can find a home with another young kitty to play with. I'm neutered and up to date on all vaccines. My adoption fee is \$100.

We are being cared for by Haven on Earth Animal League. For more information, call Diane at 860-833-4472 or email haveneearthanimalleague@yahoo.com.✱



Trixie



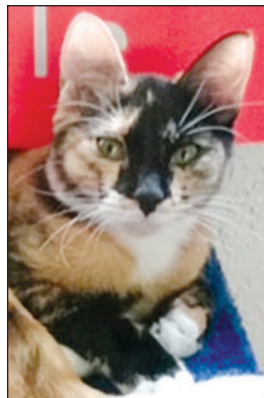
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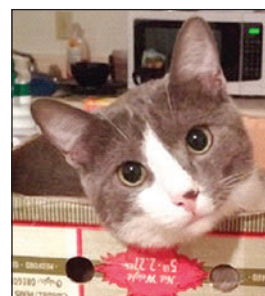


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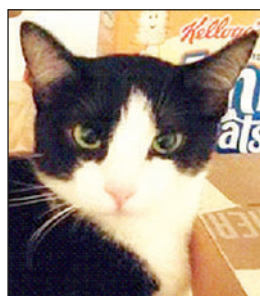
Two very unusual and beautiful sisters are up for adoption. One is tortoiseshell cat with white or calico features, while the other is a dilute tortoiseshell.

These photos do not do them justice, as they are much more adorable in person. Adopt one, or keep them together and adopt both. They are four and five months old. They come with complete vet check-up, all shots, tests, wormed, treated with flea preventative and spayed.

Call Pam at PAWS at 472-4823 to adopt one or both.✱



Sonny



Cher

Sonny And Cher

This is Sonny and Cher. Some of you may remember them. Three years ago, four kitties, the momma and three kittens were trapped between the Sunset Beach Resort and Lantana condominium on West Gulf Drive. All were adopted (Lana, Tanner, Sonny and Cher) to lovely people. However, Sonny and Cher's mom has reached a time in her life when she feels she must move in with family over on Pine Island. Unfortunately, in addition to her granddaughter being allergic, her son operates a business out of his home that is directly on Pine Island Road and the doors are always opening and closing, so it's not safe for kitties. These are very special kitties, and need to be together forever. Call Pam at 472-4823 if you can give these sweethearts a new home.✱

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PUZZLES

Answers on page 29

Super Crossword

HAVING A FLING

- ACROSS**

1 Not rough

7 Small digital images expressing ideas

13 Bus schedule abbr.

16 Bouquet-bringing co.

19 Oahu greetings

20 Extreme eccentricity

21 Ivy — (Yalie, e.g.)

23 Diamond events

25 Any of 13 Catholic leaders

26 Experts at CPR

27 Prefix with gauge

28 On — streak (winning big)

30 Was in need of restocking

31 Strong Italian cheese

34 They're over gables

36 Lakota's language family

38 Lilting syllable

40 Parris Island mil. branch
- 41 Sticky, chewy candy

42 Shelters for backpackers

45 Sash for Cio-San

47 Texter's "As I see it ..."

48 Election day, often: Abbr.

49 Hold fast (to)

52 "Pieces of Me" singer Simpson

57 They often include spiels

60 LuPone who played Evita

63 Bygone autocrat

64 Grimm bully

65 "Dash it all!"

66 The "A" of ACLU: Abbr.

67 Mu — beef

69 Some NFL linemen

71 With 83-Down, like Rudolph Barrett

72 "Behold!," in Latin

73 Dirt-dishing

74 Dear old dad

76 "— dog's life"

78 Super-angry

79 Orchestral array
- 84 Reply to "Am so!"

85 More chancy

86 Mauna —

87 Prefix with angle or fold

90 "Not impressed"

92 Thrown-away items

95 Tricky pool shot

99 Kosovo native

102 Norse god of battle

103 PC-sent holiday greetings

104 Some paved arteries

107 "Phooey!"

109 Capital of Albania

110 New attempt

111 Palmtop device, for short

112 "— yellow ribbon ..."

115 Salon colorant

117 Theme of this puzzle

121 Whole number, e.g.

122 Writer Waugh

123 Tackled energetically

124 Niger-to-Zambia dir.
- 125 Tram rock

126 Beat back

127 Luanda's country
- 34 Desert rodent

35 Cpl. or sgt.

36 Ecol., e.g.

37 Sam- —

39 Gets, as profits

43 "No kiddin'!"

44 Declaration while pointing

46 Bleated

50 Car of the early 1900s

51 Memory trace

53 People in concealment

54 Poet Federico Garcia —

55 Sign into law

56 Lauder of perfume

57 Virus variety

58 Half-witted

59 Half of sei

60 City ENE of 22-Down

61 Love, to Luc

62 Wrought up

67 Sudden rush

68 Actor Sparks

70 Curb locales

75 "Shy" singer DiFranco

77 Ill-tempered

78 Lake — (Mississippi River source)

80 Be sporadic

81 Explore a reef, maybe

82 High RRs

83 See 71-Across

87 Become

88 Rustic mail abbr.

89 What- — (conjectures)

91 '48 electee

93 Tending to wear down

94 Adorning tawdrily, with "up"

95 Singer Johnny

96 Mongolians, e.g.

97 Elfish one

98 Allotment

100 Require a 110-Across, maybe

101 Movie critic Richard

105 Onion part

106 Is a little too fond

108 "I've — it!"

111 — ed (gym)

113 The same, in France

114 "The Thin Man" dog

116 Afore

118 151, to Nero

119 Old rival of Pan Am

120 She cackles

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King Crossword

- ACROSS**

1 "Phooey!"

5 Snapshot, for short

8 Judi Dench, for one

12 Farm implement

13 George's brother

14 1946 song, "— in Calico"

15 Pastor

17 Yuletide beverages

18 Biden, Cheney, et al.

19 Pooch

21 Bewildered

24 Two-wheeler

25 Wail

26 Mosque

30 Historic time

31 Skewered Thai recipe

32 Whopper

33 Troubadour

35 Hay bundle

36 Stir-fry pans

37 Bivouac structures

38 Soldiers

41 Have bills

42 Vagrant

43 Labyrinth beast

48 On

49 Performance
- 50 Existence

51 Golf gadgets

52 Ultramodernist

53 Cupid's alias
- 9 Eager

10 Creche trio

11 Differently

16 Hot tub

20 Fine

21 Throat clearer

22 Actress Spelling

23 Former ugly duckling

24 Chomps

26 Sharpshooter

27 Verve

28 Be at an angle

29 Witnesses

31 Halt
- 34 Descends like an eagle

35 Pvt. Bailey

37 Pair

38 Just one of those things?

39 Memorization method

40 Reed instrument

41 Aware of

44 Lemieux milieu

45 Melody

46 Venusian vessel?

47 In medias —
- DOWN**

1 Spinning abbr.

2 Boxer Muhammad

3 Heavy weight

4 Turn on a pivot

5 Mining areas

6 Rage

7 Red bird

8 Peril

98 Allotment

100 Require a 110-Across, maybe

101 Movie critic Richard

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Q O M K N I H E E N P T S F N

D B R G Z Y W T H K V T N R E

Q O N E L K I N C S H F I E E

D C A Z P X W A T S L I A R T

V U S R R M B L A I P Q O N N

M K O J I H A F M W G A B E A

D G Y R E N E C S S A P M O C

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

- Backpack

Camper

Canteen

Compass
- Gorp

Hiking

Insects

Lantern
- Map

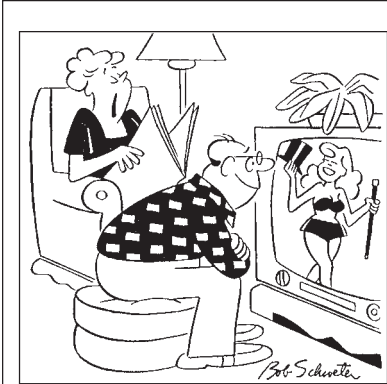
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Scenery

Swiss knife
- Tent

Trail

Wildlife



"Trying out your new
_____?"
answer on page 31

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the CAPITAL letters below to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word to complete the gag!

Smart
STATUE _____

Shout
LOBWEL _____

Focus
ETIFAX _____

Direction
SPAMSOC _____

TODAY'S WORD

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SUDOKU

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

answer on page 29

HOCUS-FOCUS

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FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: Sign is missing. 2. Backpack compartment is missing. 3. Shirt is shorter. 4. Cap is different. 5. Can is missing. 6. Hot dog is missing.



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- Students will be waived from state-mandated insurance licensing exams when the above program is taken at FSW, one of

only 13 Florida colleges designated to offer this option.

According to the Florida Association of Insurance Agents (FAIA), the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity estimates the insurance industry will add more than 6,000 new jobs a year through 2025 and will need to fill more than 8,000 positions opened by retiring workers.

"Risk and insurance management is a continuously-growing field, and in Florida the entry-level salaries often start above the national average," said Dr. Debbie Psihountas, dean, School of Business and Technology. "The FSW School of Business and Technology strives to prepare our students to enter our local workforce, and this combined AS and CCC in Risk Management and Insurance Management is one more opportunity to do so."

These credentials prepare students for employment in a number of different roles in insurance firms, including personal lines agents, claims adjusters, risk analysts, and

more. For more information, call the FSW School of Business and Technology at 489-9270, email sbt@fsw.edu, or visit www.fsw.edu/sobt/programs.

Public Comments

The Lee County Clerk Inspector General's Office, which is accredited by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. (CFLA) every three years, is seeking comments from the general public as part of the on-site assessment.

"A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation will arrive December 12, 2018 to examine all aspects of the Lee County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Inspector General Office's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services," said

Chief Internal Audit Officer/Inspector General Tim Parks. The Lee County Clerk Inspector General's Office is required to comply with 46 standards in order to receive their re-accredited status.

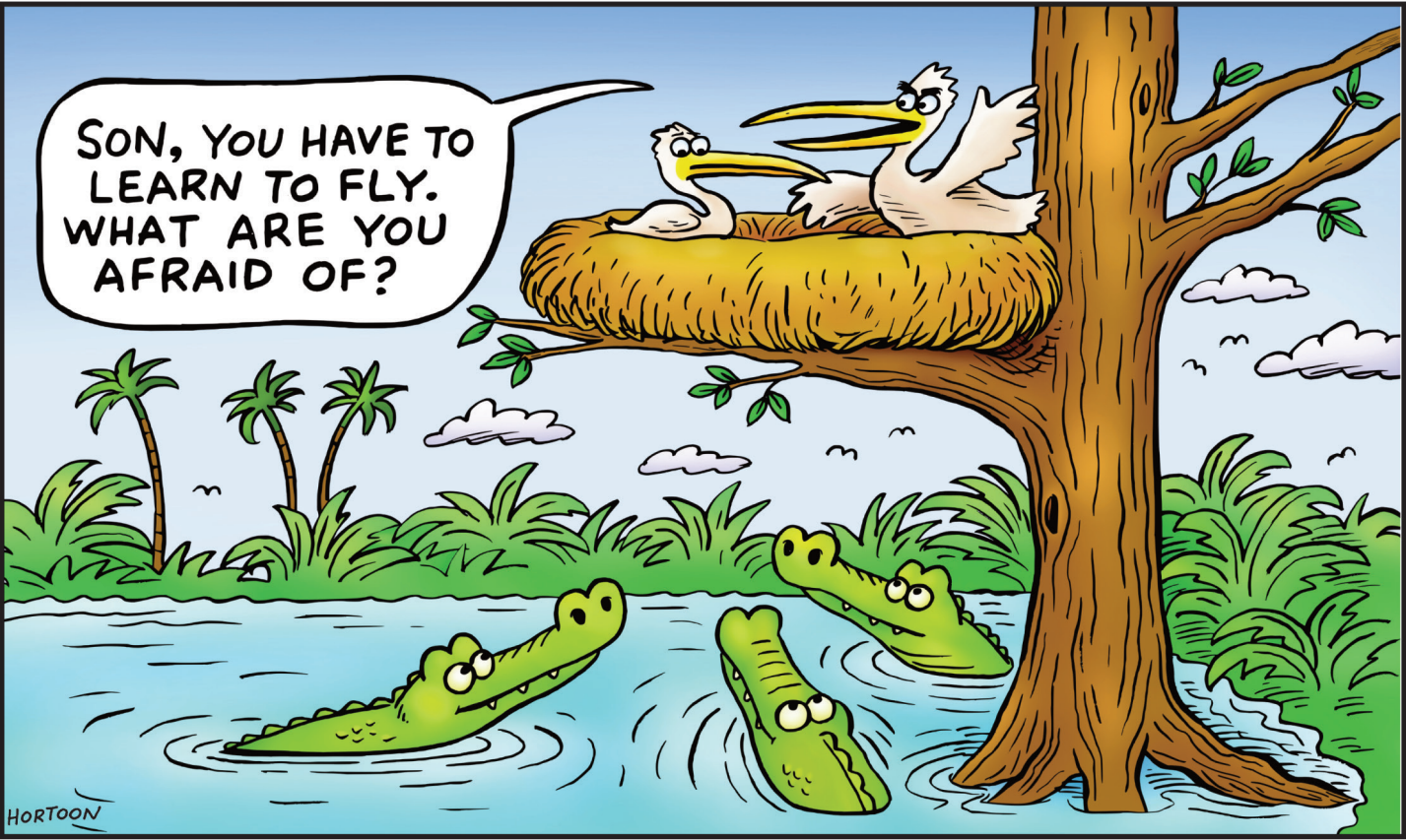
Accreditation programs have long been recognized as a means of maintaining the highest standards of professionalism. This independent reviewing authority ensures that the office has met specific requirements and conforms to professional standards.

The assessors will review written materials; interview individuals; and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed.

Once the commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full commission, which will then decide if the agency is to retain accredited status.

Comments are asked to be sent to CFLA, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302, or email to info@flaccreditation.org.

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