



A Holiday Satire At Lab Theater

by Di Saggau

What I really love about Laboratory Theater of Florida is the variety of plays they bring to our area. They are unique, cutting edge, some are timely, and all are enjoyable. Right now, *Every Christmas Story Ever Told* is playing, and it's one of most clever and outrageous Christmas shows I've ever seen. A trio of rambunctious performers move about the stage at a rapid pace trying to cover all bases, and lovingly satirizing them. It makes for a slightly irreverent and quite enjoyable evening. The cast, consisting of Dave Matthew Chesebro, Heather Johnson and Kayleigh O'Connell, act out parodies from TV specials as well as classic tales like *The Gift of the Magi*. O'Connell calls it *The Gift of the Maggie*, a little mispronunciation on purpose. That's what makes this show so much fun; you have to listen carefully or you'll miss some of the nuances.

The show begins with Heather



From left, Dave Matthew Chesebro, Heather Johnson and Kayleigh O'Connell

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standing center stage saying, "Marley was dead." She very much wants to perform *A Christmas Carol*. But instead of performing Dickens' beloved holiday classic

for the umpteenth time, Dave and Kayleigh convince her that it'll be more fun to run through every other Christmas story. Dave says, "Everybody's seen it... God bless

us, everyone... Bah Humbug. I've done a gazillion Christmas Carols... I just can't do it again."

The first act is about 75 minutes and, during that time, lyrics from some of the most famous Christmas carols and lines from plays and TV shows find the talented cast putting on a high energy production with lots of routines. This includes *The Grinch*, *A Charlie Brown Christmas* and *Frosty the Snowman*, among many others. There is also audience participation where a few members join the cast on stage.

The second act runs about 20 minutes, and it is a total hoot. The actors perform a riotous mix-up of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*, which somehow have more in common that you might imagine.

Every Christmas Story Ever Told runs through December 22 at Laboratory Theater of Florida, located at 1634 Woodford Avenue in downtown Fort Myers. For tickets, go to www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com or call 218-0481. Directed by Lauren Miller, the show is full of high spirits, and it's got intelligent satire to help make the season merry and bright.✴



Pom-pom Santas, string art ornaments and pine cone owls

photos provided

Free Family Art Activities At The Alliance

The Alliance for the Arts is offering a program on select Saturday mornings that invites children and families to participate in free visual arts projects, games and creative activities inspired by current gallery exhibitions. The Alliance ARTCade will be held from 10 a.m. to noon.

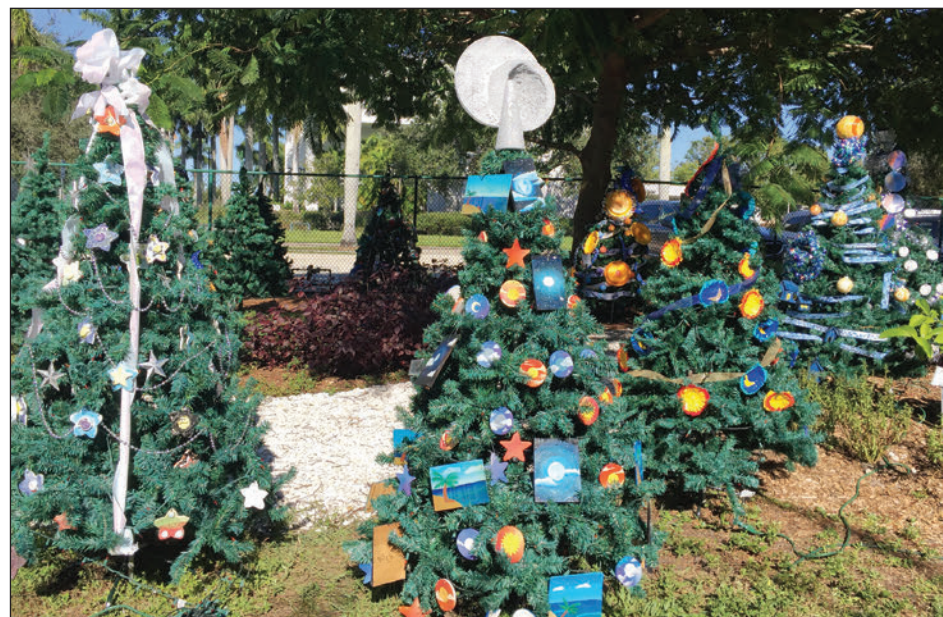
The next project is Small Works from

Small Hands on December 15, presented by Samantha Howard and inspired by the current Small Works Exhibit: Off the Wall. Students will create string art ornaments, mini wreaths, pine cone owls or pom-pom Santas. Additional dates include February 16 and April 20. Details for each program will be posted as soon as they are available.

This project is made possible thanks to grants from Publix Super Market Charities and the Cape Coral Kiwanis Foundation.

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

Children's Tree Trail At The Estates



Students' handmade ornaments adorn more than 60 trees along the trail photo provided

Edison and Ford Winter Estates is offering a free walk among the pines through December 30 as part of its annual Holiday Nights celebration.

The Children's Tree Trail, now in its 12th year, includes more than 60 trees that estates' officials provide for area school children to decorate with their handmade ornaments. Each year, a different theme is selected. This year, the theme is Moonlight and Sunshine and all of the trees are decorated accordingly.

This year, the Children's Tree Trail is made possible from a \$3,000 sponsorship

from Storm Smart. The sponsorship provides stipends to local schools for art supplies that children use to make ornaments.

"Storm Smart is honored to partner with the estates and help make the Children's Tree Trail possible," said Brian Rist, Storm Smart executive chairman. "I am happy to support the teachers and art students from the participating Lee County schools and am looking forward to seeing all of the handmade ornaments that the kids made."

Visitors can walk through the Children's continued on page 18

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Water Tower At Lee And Peck



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

Little progress was made on building a public water system in the first two decades after Fort Myers incorporated in 1885. An anti-tax mindset prevailed, so it wasn't until 1904 that even rudimentary progress was made. Two wells were drilled on First Street, one at what would later become Dean Street and one at Hendry Street. Both were connected to Harvie E. Heitman's private well at Jackson and a series of hydrants put in, thus creating the first fire-protection system. In 1908, a very productive artesian well was dug at Second

Street and Park Avenue. In 1910, major changes came with the approval of a bond issue that included funds to greatly expand the town's water infrastructure. The "Sandspur Patch" at Lee Street and Peck Avenue (later Street) became the site of the town's first water plant. The 120-foot tower is pictured in 1911, the year it was completed.

The new tower was run by two Fairbanks-Morse rotary pumps and supplied by three newly drilled artesian wells. A 50-thousand gallon tank was also installed.

The catchy nickname Sandspur Patch was probably given to the area by barefoot boys who suffered the stings of sandspurs as they explored downtown's more industrial areas. "Old timers" occasionally use the nickname to this day.

Even after the tower was built, the area was still known as "the sand-spur lot."

Before the 1924 railroad passenger depot was built on Peck, there was plenty of open space.

Big-tent touring entertainment set up there, and nearby railroad tracks allowed circuses to unload animals like elephants.

In his unpublished reminiscences about his boyhood, W. Stanley Hanson, Jr., born in 1914, recalls exploring that part of town as a boy with his







The city's first water tower, pictured in 1911, the year it was completed, was 120 feet high and stood at Lee Street and Peck Avenue. Peck is now named Widman Way. photo courtesy IMAG History & Science Center



The "sandspur patch" where boys explored hasn't been one for a long time. On the right is the rear of the former Central Fire Station. In the center distance is Campo Felice. photo by Gerri Reaves

friends. After checking out the fire station just north of the city water tower to have an exciting slide down the brass pole, he and his friends would then inspect the tower and pumping station. At that time, the two pumps were powered by one-cylinder diesel engines. By the 1920s, the plant had doubled tank capacity and installed three more powerful motors. Visit the site of the town's first water tower and plant at Lee and Peck. Consider its significance in the town's prosperity – and see if you can find any of those sandspurs the adventurous boys complained about. Then visit the following two research centers to learn more about how Fort Myers got modern infrastructure. 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 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; *Fort Myers Press*; *My Early Days in Fort Myers, As I Remember Them* by W. Stanley Hanson, Jr.; and *The Story of Fort Myers* by Karl H. Grismer.✱

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'Ding' Darling High School Photo Contest Open

The 7th annual "Ding" Darling-Theodore Cross High School Photography Contest kicked off on October 1, with a deadline of January 15. High school students in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties are invited to compete for prizes that include a Canon digital SLR camera package, chartered class trips to the refuge, and copies of *Waterbirds: Portraits and Anecdotes from Birding Adventures* by contest namesake, the late Theodore Cross.

Cross, who lived part-time on Sanibel and has family still living here, marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; advised the Johnson and Nixon administrations on anti-poverty programs; wrote the influential book *Black Capitalism*, among others; played a prominent role in President Obama's election; and created Birders United, a birding website that ranked legislators according to their record of bird protection support.

Late in life, Cross decided to indulge his love for birds and photography and traveled the world to collect stunning portraits and stories to chronicle his adventures. He shot often at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel, and a number of the images in his book reflect his love for the refuge. Cross published *Waterbirds* in 2009 at age 85; he passed away shortly after that in February 2010.



Last year's first-place winner was Cape Coral High student Hankyeol Yang, who submitted his photograph, entitled *Dead Butterfly* photo provided

NPR's *All Things Considered* called Cross' collection of 179 images and countless anecdotes "spectacular." *The New York Times* described it as "part visual encyclopedia, part memoir."

"The Theodore Cross Family Charitable Foundation has made possible this contest with a generous grant to the 'Ding' Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS)," said Birgie Miller, DDWS executive director. "We couldn't be more thrilled that they wanted their donation used in this way for a seventh year."

"We are so happy to be supporting a contest in my father's name, a contest that will get our youth involved with nature by looking at it – as my father so loved doing – through a camera lens," said daughter Amanda Cross.

Digital image entries can be shot from any outdoor venue in the state of Florida. A writing component to the contest requires entrants grades 9 through 12 to submit a 100-word description of the "moment" captured and how it reflects what nature and wildlife mean to the photographer.

Entry rules and guidelines follow. Guidelines and prize information are also posted online at www.dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/photo-contests. Call DDWS at 472-1100 ext. 4 for more information.

All entries and personal information must be submitted in digital format to the email address ddhsphotocontest@gmail.com. Submit your full name, high school, grade, and an original photograph that you took of nature and/or wildlife in the open outdoors. Include a title for the photograph and a written description (minimum 100 words) of the "moment" captured and how it reflects what nature and wildlife mean to you. You and your entry must comply with the following requirements:

High school students attending schools in Lee, Collier, Hendry, Glades and Charlotte (Florida) counties in grades 9 through 12 may enter the contest.

Only digital images are accepted and may be taken with any camera, including smartphones.

Images must be submitted in JPEG format and must have a size of at least 2000 x 1500 pixels or resolution of 2 megabytes.

The photograph must be taken of nature and/or wildlife in the open outdoors in the state of Florida, which may include parks, refuges, backyards, and other open spaces.

Panoramic photos are not allowed.

Filters, cropping, enhancements and borders are permitted. However, adding any elements not existing in the original scene will not be allowed. Judges, at their discretion, will disqualify any photos that

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From left, Zachary Forbes of North Fort Myers High, Elena Dent of Fort Myers High and Brianna Harris of Dunbar High photo provided

Local Students Awarded For Good Citizenship

The Caloosahatchee Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

recently awarded three students from high schools in the Fort Myers area with DAR Good Citizen awards.

Zachary Forbes of North Fort Myers High, Elena Dent of Fort Myers High, and Brianna Harris of Dunbar High each received \$100 from the chapter in addition to a certificate and a DAR Good Citizen Pin. The students can now enter the DAR Good Citizens

Scholarship Contest, a national DAR scholarship contest.

In celebration of Veteran's Day at the same luncheon, the DAR chapter also welcomed two veterans. Fort Myers resident and World War II vet Paul Herring shared his story of being shot down over Belgium in the last days of the war and being hidden by Belgium families until the war was over. The Rev. Dr. John Adler, now an Episcopal priest, spoke about flying military chaplains during the war and what they did for the troops. He was a pilot in the Vietnam War before joining the priesthood.

Each year, the Fort Myers DAR honors male and female high school seniors who exemplify the qualities of good citizenship. The students are

recommended by the high school senior class faculty.

The Good Citizen Award program was launched by the national DAR chapter in 1934 and has been continued by the Fort Myers chapter ever since. The Caloosahatchee Chapter of the DAR was organized in 1927 with 21 members. Mrs. Thomas Alva Edison was an associate member. The chapter, which now has 120 members, celebrated its 90-year anniversary in 2017.

"The DAR Good Citizens program is a wonderful way to recognize outstanding young people who exhibit the qualities of good citizenship in their homes, schools, and communities," said Mary Lee Mann, current regent.✪

Mistletoe Magic At Historic Homes Begins This Friday

The Fort Myers Woman's Community Club will offer nightly tours as part of the 62nd annual Holiday House from Friday, December 7 through Saturday, December 22 from 5 to 9 p.m. The last tour begins at 8:30 p.m.

Admission is \$5 for adults. Children under age 10 are free. Veterans and active military service members are admitted free with identification. Advance tickets may be purchased through the Fort Myers Woman's Community Club website: www.fmwcc.net.

Mistletoe Magic is the theme of Holiday House 2018. Every year since 1956, members and volunteers of the Fort Myers Woman's Community Club spend hours planning creative designs to transform the elegant Langford-Kingston Home and Burroughs Home – including the lawns, gardens and grounds – into magical displays of holiday design and décor.

"Holiday House is a wonderful tradition our members take great delight in sharing with our community every year," said Paige Anne LeBoutillier, 2018 Holiday House chair. "Every detail of the elaborate and beautiful decorations are carefully planned to ensure our guests are filled to brimming with the holiday spirit. Mistletoe Magic

promises to be every bit as sparkly, cheery and joyful as the holiday season itself."

In addition to touring both festively decorated historic homes, children may visit with Santa Claus at the Langford-Kingston home during each night of Holiday House. A variety of local musical performers will provide entertainment during the run of the event.

The Historic Langford-Kingston Home and Burroughs Home are located in downtown Fort Myers at the corner of First Street and Fowler Street.✪

FMBAA Art Divine Sale

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association (FMBAA) will hold its annual Art Divine sale of original art priced at or below \$150. The sale begins on Saturday, December 8 and runs through Thursday, January 10. The FMBAA Gallery will host a public reception on Wednesday, December 12 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

For more information, call 463-3909, visit www.fortmyersbeachart.com, email publicity chair Pam Flaherty at fmbaapublicity@gmail.com or stop by the Fort Myers Beach Arts Association, located at 3030 Shell Mound Boulevard on Fort Myers Beach. The gallery is open daily through mid-April on Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.✪

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Fort Myers Art:

Creatives Sought For Upcoming Exhibits/Shows



by Tom Hall

Alliance Youth Theatre officials have announced casting calls for *Once on this Island Jr.* and *Into the Woods*. Auditions will take place between 5 and 9 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18 at the Alliance for the Arts.

Auditioners should prepare to sing 32 bars or one minute of a musical theater song (no pop songs please), and bring an instrumental track of your audition song. A CD player with aux cord and bluetooth capabilities will be available at auditions. Auditioners should dress comfortably and be prepared to dance. Choreography will be taught and performed during your audition time. Also bring an updated performance resume and a headshot.

Callbacks will be held on Saturday, December 22 from 10 a.m. to noon for *Once on this Island Jr.*; and noon to 2 p.m. for *Into the Woods*.

Rehearsals will be most Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Mondays from 6 to 9 p.m. Additional days may be added at the discretion of the director and according to the availability of the



Alliance Youth Theatre casting for two plays cast.

The suggested age for *Once on this Island Jr.* is fourth through eighth grade. The suggested age for *Into the Woods* is ninth through 12th grade. There is a \$250 fee for the program if auditioners are cast, although there are a limited number of scholarships available for those who qualify.

For more information, email carmen@artinlee.org or telephone 849-2297.

Submissions Sought For All Florida Juried Exhibit

The annual All Florida Juried

photo courtesy www.artswfl.com

Exhibition at the Alliance for the Arts features pieces created by artists working in a wide variety of media from all over the state. The juried entries come together for an award-winning and exciting exhibition representing today's contemporary Florida artists. The Alliance is accepting submissions online now through January 28. The show will exhibit March 8 to 29, with an opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, March 8. A conversational walk and talk through the gallery with the artists and juror will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 9.

Visit www.artinlee.org for a prospectus or call 939-2787 for more information.

Submissions For Stage It! 3 Open Through January 20

The Center for Performing Arts Bonita Springs is now accepting submissions for its next Stage It! 10-Minute Plays challenge. The deadline for submissions is January 20. Interested playwrights may submit up to three 10-minute plays. The submission fee for the first entry is \$15 and \$10 for each additional entry up to three. Plays should be in generally-accepted script format and must be emailed to stageit@artsbonita.org or mailed to the Center for Performing Arts, c/o STAGE IT, 10150 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

Submissions will be reviewed by at least two theater professionals on a blind jury basis (so do not place your name on the script itself). The judges' critique forms will be available to the playwrights after the competition, by request.

Ten plays will be selected for live performances at the Moe Auditorium and Film Center on the campus of the Center for the Performing Arts, and will be published by the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs in their third collection of Stage It! 10-Minute Plays. The Center will most likely invite more plays for publication in the book as well as future performances in its Funny Shorts Live! shows that are featured three times a year. Set, lighting and sound requirements should be minimal as the Center for Performing Arts does not have a limitless production budget and will cut for cost.

An "Audience Favorite" will be named following the performances, with the winner receiving a \$100 cash prize.

For more information, email stageit@artsbonita.org or call 495-8989.

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.*

Community Conversations

Lee County Human & Veteran Services is organizing Community Conversations to gather input from Lee County residents on how to address community issues such as homelessness, affordable housing, poverty, housing discrimination and more.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 10 at Pine Manor Community Center, 5547 Tenth Avenue, in Fort Myers. All meetings are open to the public, and all input will be considered in the development of the 2019-23 Consolidated Plan, the 2019 Annual Action Plan, the 2019 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and the 2019-21 Community Services Block Grant Strategic Plan.

To view current plans and for more information, contact Grants Analyst Jeannie Sutton at jsutton@leegov.com or visit www.leegov.com/dhs/funding.*

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Along The River

The **River District Alliance** will host **Art Walk** in downtown Fort Myers this Friday, December 7 from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, December 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fourteen galleries invite visitors and residents to meet the artists and enjoy live art demonstrations and exhibitions along the river district.

For more information, visit www.fortmyersriverdistrictalliance.com.

During Art Walk, **Arts for ACT Gallery** will host an **opening reception** and meet-the-artists session this Friday, December 7 from 6 to 10 p.m.

The downtown gallery will feature Gary Alan Hall's artwork in the main gallery and Yvonne Krystman's art will hang in the White Gallery. New works from the 25 co-op artists will also be showing.

Hall has worked with various mediums over the years and currently favors acrylic painting. Drawing inspiration from illustrators, Hall's work features bold human and animal figures on simple or abstract backgrounds, often reflecting a unique poster-like quality. He has shown his work in galleries and has also participated in several juried exhibits such as Dark Arts 2018, 2D/3D and Art in Public Places at RSW airport.

Krystman brings a multi-disciplinary collection of works inspired by Floridian elements: wind, ocean waves, sunshine and hurricanes. Titled *Wind and Waves*, the exhibit will feature new, mixed media



George Torres and Renae Kosecki collect canned goods for a Christmas Carol Sing

photo provided

pieces along with raku and traditional pottery.

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

The **Lee County Community Band** will present A Christmas Festival at **Cape Coral High School** this Sunday, December 9. The free performance is set for 3 p.m.

Selections include *'Twas the Night Before...*, *Sleigh Ride*, *Christmas Swings* and *Caribbean Christmas* as well as focusing on the sacred nature

of Christmas with classic carols and the overture to *The Messiah*.

Directed by Richard Bradstreet, the 50-member group is comprised of musicians from all walks of life – career musicians, amateurs and folks renewing skills from years past – who reside in Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties. The band welcomes new members every year. Persons interested in joining may call John Fenn at 454-6430.

Cape Coral High School is located at 2300 Santa Barbara Boulevard in Cape

Coral. For more information, visit www.leecountyband.org.

The 28th annual **Christmas Carol Sing** at **First Presbyterian Church** will offer three chances to sing along this Tuesday, December 11. The doors will open 30 minutes prior to each show time at 1, 4 and 7 p.m.

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.

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.✽

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your curiosity and love of nature.

For more information, call 707-3015 or visit www.birdpatrol.org.✽

Mound House Lecture Series

On Tuesday, December 11, the Mound House lecture series features Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission biologist Amy Clifton speaking on Florida's Imperiled Species Management Plan which, with citizen involvement, will conserve 57 wildlife species in Florida over the next 10 years. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with refreshments, followed by the lecture at 6 p.m. Cost is \$5. Reservations required because seating is limited.

The Mound House is located at 451 Connecticut Street on Fort Myers Beach. For more information, call 765-0865 or visit www.moundhouse.org.✽

Estates Collecting Items For Soldiers

Edison and Ford Winter Estates is partnering with volunteers from the Cape Coral organization, Holiday 4 Heroes, to collect needed items and mail holiday postcards to soldiers stationed overseas.

Volunteers will be in Santa's Workshop in the Edison Caretaker's House on two Tuesdays, December 11 and 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. The group will offer different activities for children and

families, including postcard art. Children and adults visiting the estates can create postcards, and Holiday 4 Heroes will mail them to active duty soldiers. Santa will be visiting on select nights. The nightly schedule is available on the website at www.edisonfordwinterestates.org.

The group is also collecting items soldiers are in need of, including sunscreen, lip balm, eye drops, hand and foot warmers, travel games, jerky, dried fruit and gallon zip lock bags. Bring donated items to a donation bin that is located at the information booth through December 30.✽



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class and \$20 for materials. The fiber art workshops are part of SBDAC’s arts education programming. Each season, SBDAC develops new and interesting arts education programming in visual art, writing and music. Education programming also includes the Davis School of Music that provides lessons in violin, harp, voice, piano and voice. Two writing workshops will also be offered this season. The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in the historic downtown Fort Myers River District. For more information about SBDAC’s arts education programming, call 333-1933 or visit www.sbdac.com.

Fire Is The Main Character In New History Book

Author Tom Hall’s *Epic Fires of Fort Myers: How a Series of Early Fires Influenced the Town’s Development, Volume I* is now available for ordering at local bookstores and on www.amazon.com. Fire gave impetus to the formation of Lee County, fire cost Fort Myers bragging rights as Tarpon Capital of the World and, between 1903 and 1907, fire threatened to reduce the entire business district to smoldering rubble, not once, but twice. Volume 1 of *Epic Fires* is a compelling chronology covering five fires, with stories of total loss and devastation, gritty courage, larger-than-life heroics and, above all, pioneer perseverance. But as fascinating as these vignettes are on their own merits, the real charm of *Epic Fires* is its ability to transport readers back in time to experience what life was like in Fort Myers between 1886 and 1913. *Epic Fires of Fort Myers’* unique features include: Chapter notes accompanying each fire that provide hundreds of new facts, figures and observations based upon in-depth research into the annals of Fort Myers’ history. Expert analysis of each fire

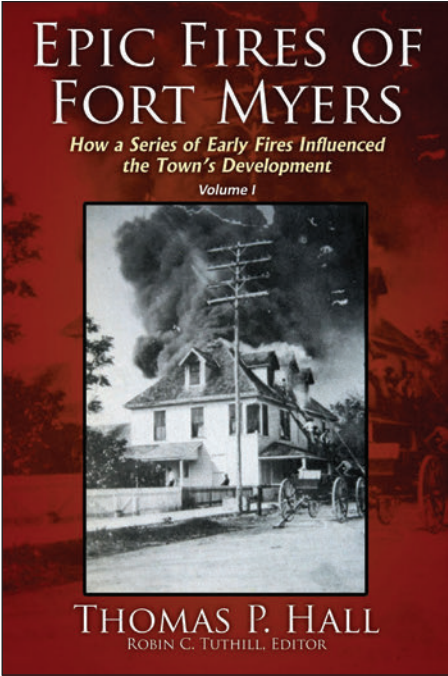


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combined with important present-day fire prevention and life safety tips that are informed by the extensive education, training and experience of the current and past chiefs of the Fort Myers Fire Department. Endorsements by Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson, Southwest Florida Historical Society President Glenn Miller and *The News-Press* senior writer Amy Bennett Williams.

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CROW Case Of The Week:

American Bald Eagle



by Bob Petcher

The American bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) has been this country's national emblem since 1782 and a spiritual symbol for Native Americans for a greater period of time before that.

Bald eagles are the largest of the raptor family. The white-headed, heavy-bodied bird of prey is a very intimidating creature to the rest of the animal world. In fact, bald eagles are known as bullies when it comes to fishing. They would rather wait until a smaller raptor catches a fish, harass the bird until the fish is dropped, then catch the fish in midair and fly away with the meal.

In fact, for this reason, if Benjamin Franklin had his way, the wild turkey would be the U.S. national emblem, not the bald eagle. Interestingly, history reveals that Franklin called the bald eagle a "bird of bad moral character" for its thieving ways and disturbing tactics.

At CROW, an adult bald eagle was admitted from Cape Coral after it was observed on the ground and dragging its wing. Veterinarians were able to feel, or palpate, that the eagle had a fractured

right coracoid bone. The coracoid bone is comparable to a collarbone in humans.

"It was noted on physical examination that the eagle drooped the wing on the side of the fracture. The shoulder palpated slightly unstable and "crunchy" when put through its range of motion," said Dr. Malka Spektor, CROW veterinary intern. "A coracoid fracture is a serious injury for any bird. The shoulder girdle needs to be stable to allow flight, and a bird of that size needs to be able to fly to hunt, nest and defend itself."

The patient also had abrasions on its feet, leading veterinarians to believe it had been in a fight with another eagle recently, but they were unable to conclude if that is what caused its fractured bone. The eagle was given pain medication and its right wing was placed in a body wrap to immobilize it.

"The body wrap will remain in place for approximately three weeks, depending on the bone's progression," said Dr. Spektor. "Then, the eagle will have another week of strict cage rest, and then will start to rebuild its flight muscles in the outdoor enclosures. It could take a few months for the bone to heal completely."

The eagle was started on a re-feeding plan and scheduled for physical therapy, to prevent muscle contracture, every few days while the bone heals.

"A re-feeding plan is started to prevent re-feeding syndrome," said Dr. Spektor. "Re-feeding syndrome is comprised of metabolic disturbances that happen when a starved patient is given nutrition too



Patient #18-4339 will be spending the holidays with CROW medical staff

photo by Brian Bohlman

quickly for their body to handle. It can cause the electrolytes in the body to go out of whack and, in some cases, it can be fatal."

After the strict cage rest, the bald eagle will be moved to a larger enclosure to start rebuilding flight muscles, said Dr. Spektor. After arriving on Thanksgiving, it is expected that the patient will be at the clinic through the holidays and into the new year.

"It is still early in the healing process for this eagle, but its physical therapy is going well. For now, the eagle is getting

physical therapy every three days to prevent the wing from contracting," said Dr. Spektor. "Hopefully, in a few weeks, we will be able to remove the body wrap and increase activity."

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Temperature Ups And Downs Of Winter Fishing



by Capt.
Matt Mitchell

We are now on what is called a seasonal roller coaster of winter fishing. Cold fronts push through almost weekly bringing us either rising or falling temperatures. Knowing what species to target depends on which side

of the cold front you are fishing and makes all the difference to your success. A general rule of thumb is the colder it is, the smaller and slower the presentation needs to be.

This was extremely noticeable this week during a few mornings that temperatures fell into the high 40s, then in just a few days temperatures began to rebound. Since the sound is so shallow, a few cold days is all it takes for our water temperature to plummet into the mid 60s, which was a major 10 degree drop almost overnight. As expected, the snook bite before this front was crazy good. After the front, it was nonexistent for a few days.

The first day after the front, the winds laid down just enough to get out for an afternoon charter. We headed up to the passes with a livewell full of shrimp, and action on sheepshead and rat redfish was really good with my clients bringing home lots of keeper-sized sheepshead. Chunks of shrimp fished down on the bottom around docks and pilings in the deeper fast-moving water is always a sure fire method to

catch fish, even during the coldest temperatures.

During this cold water fishing, I switch up to my smaller winter size rod. It makes catching these fish fun. A 2500 or 3000 series spinning reel on a light rod rigged with 10-pound braid and a 20-pound fluorocarbon leader makes casting shrimp easy and a three- to five-pound fish a battle. Many of the sheepshead and rat redfish we caught where on the small side and, at times, the bite was nonstop. While fishing with long-time client Mike Bennet from Captiva, we had a 100-plus fish trip that included 10 bigger sheepshead in the cooler to go home for dinner. Sheepshead regulations have changed for this year with the size remaining at 12 inches minimum but the bag limit now at 8 per harvester, which is reduced from what was 15 per harvester.

As cold front after cold front rolls through, snook are making that move into the warm water hangouts of winter. Although action in my favorite 'Ding' Darling creeks have not fired up quite yet, it is getting close to that time. Getting to go fishing with live shrimp and not having to throw the cast net is always a nice break. As conditions warm back up, the snook bite on shiners will go off and it will be well worth catching shiners again. Usually, this wide open snook bite happens within a few days of the next approaching cold front.

No matter how badly you want to fish for a specific species of fish, it's more productive to let the day's conditions make that decision for you. Mother Nature is in charge, and learning what species and method to fish according to the day is never more important than during our winter pattern of cold fronts.

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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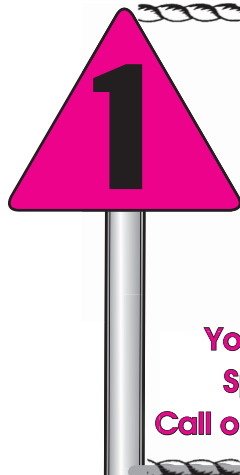
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Plant Smart

Narrowleaf Yellowtops

by Gerri Reaves

Narrowleaf yellowtops (*Flaveria linearis*) is a native wildflower and member of the aster family.

In the wild, it's found in pinelands, marshes, wet prairies, coastal hammocks, disturbed areas and along roadsides. A moderate to fast grower, it can form large colonies.

It grows up to three feet tall, erect or sprawling in form, and is usually wider than it is tall.

The flat flower heads consist of a dense mass of deep yellow flowers that bloom throughout the year, mostly in fall and winter.

They are usually comprised of numerous tubular disk flowers and lack ray flowers, although sometimes there is one ray flower per cluster.

A resemblance to goldenrod gives it another common name, false goldenrod.

The opposite very narrow leaves are



Native narrowleaf yellowtops is easy to grow, blooms year 'round and attracts many species of butterflies
photo by Gerri Reaves

about four inches long, single-veined and sessile, or stalkless. The species name is apt: *Flaveria* means yellow and *linearis* means narrow.

The smooth branched stems are often reddish.

This wildflower prefers full sun and some moisture, although it can also grow

well in sandy or somewhat dry sites.

Drought, salt and pest resistance make it easy to grow, even grow in nutrient-poor soil.

Plant it in a wildflower garden or as a groundcover. It is a nectar source for a wide range of butterflies and attracts bees and other pollinators too.

The only maintenance is the optional removal of spent flowers and stalks.

Propagate it with seeds or cuttings.

Take care when cutting the plant.

The sap makes some people's skin sun-sensitive and causes blisters.

Sources: *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer, *Florida Wild Flowers and Roadside Plants* by C. Ritchie Bell and Bryan J. Taylor, *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio, *The Guide to Florida's Wildflowers* by Walter Kingsley Taylor, *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell, *Wildflowers of Florida Field Guide* by Jaret C. Daniels and Stan Tekiela; www.fnps.org, and www.regionalconservation.org.

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Iconic Everglades Movie To Screen December 10

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre will hold a benefit screening of *Wind Across The Everglades*, America's first environmental studio picture, on Monday, December 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. Dinner will be from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by three speakers and a live auction from 7 to 7:30 p.m. and the movie from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Warner Brothers 1958 technicolor movie is well known to film historians and Florida cinephiles for a number of reasons: It was Oscar-winner Christopher Plummer's first leading role; it was Peter Falk's screen debut; and it featured an iconoclastic cast including Burl Ives, Gypsy

Rose Lee, heavy-weight boxer "Two-Ton" Tony Galento, champion jockey Sammy Renick, Chief of the Seminole Tribe Cory Osceola, Ringling Brothers clown Emmett Kelley, Pulitzer Prize-winning author MacKinley Kantor and rugged local legend Totch Brown, who sings and plays *One Note* in the movie.

The film is also notable – and controversial – for having been directed by the idiosyncratic Nicholas Ray (*Rebel Without A Cause*), who was fired midway through the production and replaced by the movie's screenwriter, Budd Schulberg. *Wind Across The Everglades* was produced by Stuart Schulberg, Budd's brother, and shot entirely on location in Everglades City and Chockolokee.

Now, exactly 60 years after the film's initial release, local historians Gerri Reaves and Cesar Alejandro Becerra, along with Seminole Tribal official, artist and great-grandson of Cory Osceola who played

Billy One-Arm, will help KC Schulberg put the film in historical context.

Reaves, PHD, author, local historian, secretary of the Audubon Society of Southwest Florida and expert on the plume trade of the last century, will talk about the earliest days of the Audubon Society when intrepid wardens, like Guy Bradley, upon whose life story the film is loosely based, sought to stem the poaching of endangered birds by bands of outlaws living rough in the Florida Everglades.

Becerra, noted Florida historian and film aficionado, was tagged the "Everglades Evangelist" by the *Miami Herald* and appointed to write the official obituary for Marjory Stoneman Douglas. He knew Budd Schulberg and hosted him in Miami for the film's 50th anniversary screening in 2008. Cesar will help place the movie in the pantheon of Olde Florida cult films.

KC Schulberg, son of the film's producer and nephew of the screenwriter, was a towhead boy of five and an extra on the set of the movie. He will share little-known family anecdotes from the production that transformed 1958 Everglades City into 1908 Miami.

In addition, the evening will include the auction of a limited edition giclee print of *Spoonbill* by noted Sanibel

artist, Myra Roberts, depicting the once gravely endangered roseate spoonbill, and six full-sized movie posters personally autographed for the occasion by Plummer.

The vast majority of plumes to service the millinery trade came from South Florida's Everglades, where, though plume hunting was technically illegal, bands of poachers freely ranged across untamed lands that stretched from modern day Fort Myers all the way to Key West, avoiding capture and massacring endangered birds practically into extinction. Into the fray, came the nascent Audubon Society. Deputized "Audubon Wardens" did their best to stem the illegal poaching. Bradley was shot and killed by poachers in 1905. His much-publicized death galvanized conservationists and helped prompt future legislation to protect Florida's bird populations.

Cost is \$40 per person with net proceeds going to Calusa Waterkeeper. A limited number of speaker and movie "Show only/No dinner" tickets are available for \$20.

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre is located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. For tickets, call 278-4422 or visit www.broadwaypalm.com/shows/wind-across-the-everglades.✱

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Beach Yacht Club Turns 65

by Past Commodore and Club Historian Chris Christensen

The Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club will be celebrating its 65th anniversary on December 8. Another celebration will be held on January 5, 2019 at the PlaMor Tiki Bar at Sunset Grill in Times Square. Yacht Club members will be standing at the exact spot, on the original floor boards, of the PlaMor, where the club held its first meeting on January 5, 1954. Banners, balloons and cake will accompany the celebrations.

This club, with over 80 members and 35 boats, maintains a very active schedule of year-round activities, both on and off the water, for members and guests. Evening meetings and dinners are held once a month – usually on the fourth Wednesday at various locations in or near Fort Myers Beach. Because the club does not have the expense of maintaining their own waterfront facility, dues are only \$150 per year per couple or \$75 for single.

Visit www.fmbyachtClub.org to learn more about the club. Potential new members wishing to attend meetings or activities can call Membership Chairperson Pete Oiderma for reservations and more information at 463-6240.✱



Matter Brothers warehouse employees with donated rugs

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Furniture Business Donates To Agencies

Since June of 2018, Matter Brothers Furniture has donated over \$78,000 worth of furniture, rugs and bedding to United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee's Gifts In Kind program. Businesses give new and used furniture, household items and office supplies to United Way, and United Way distributes these items to local non-profit agencies. Non-profit agencies then distribute them to families who have been devastated by

disasters, or in the case of office furniture, keep them to replace badly worn-out desks and chairs.

Non-profit agencies like Child Care of Southwest Florida (CCSWFL), a United Way Partner Agency, typically forgo purchasing office furniture in favor of spending money on their client programs.

Chris Hansen, chief executive officer of CCSWFL, said of a recent donation of office furniture from Matter Brothers, "Child Care of Southwest Florida is beyond thrilled to receive such beautiful office furniture from the United Way. As a nonprofit childcare provider, we focus on spending our dollars on quality programming for the students, so donated furniture and items are typically what

our centers use. When our staff received the amazing new office furniture given by Matter Brothers through the United Way, they were so happy. We thank Matter Brothers for their generosity to our community. It's companies like theirs that indeed bless organizations like ours."

Matter Brothers began donating furniture because many people in the area were without basic furniture and bedding after Hurricane Irma. "It's been a true pleasure partnering with the local United Way and supporting the fine efforts of the organization while realizing the positive impact our donations have made on our community," said Gary Matter.

Companies or individuals who wish to donate to United Way Gifts-In-Kind program should contact Asia Johnson at 433-7556 or email her at Asia@UnitedWayLee.org.*

Local Companies Play Big Part In Shelter Addition

The need for a backup power generator to keep the lights and air conditioning on in all of Gulf Coast Humane Society's facilities was no more prevalent than the immediate days following Hurricane Irma in September of 2017.

On Sunday, September 10, 2017, all power was knocked out at GCHS, as Hurricane Irma bulled her way through Fort Myers. The power returned on September 12, which was just in time, as

no animals succumbed to the heat of the Florida sun.

Fast forward to 2018 and the steps of ensuring the GCHS' shelter animals have progressed dramatically. GCHS will soon have a backup power generator installed thanks to Metro Power Systems Inc. and the many donors who have helped raise the money to pay for generator over the course of the year.

"Helping GCHS get a generator is very important. We feel all animal shelters should have a backup power generator and be considered as the same importance of hospitals," said Metro's Stefania Sane, who helped facilitate the generator project for GCHS.

Metro's top technician, Steve Jamison, worked closely with the company's engineer, Tom Hollis, to determine the size needed for application and site location. Terry Foor of PI Electric, Inc. helped out with the project by determining the best way to run wires and assist on pulling the permits.

All the parties who have worked together to bring the reality of equipping GCHS with a backup power generator excites GCHS executive director Jennifer Galloway. Installation of the generator will start as soon as all the permitting is complete.

"It is overwhelming to see all the support Metro Power Systems and everyone else involved have shown our shelter animals," said Galloway. "Getting the opportunity to add a backup power generator was a priority after Hurricane Irma, and all these people and donors made it happen, and it's due to their love for animals."**



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Document Or Relationship?



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

In today's experience economy, transactions are commoditized. I'm old enough to remember a time when almost every neighborhood strip shopping center had a Blockbuster Video, a travel agency, a video arcade and a bookstore. Today's technology overwhelmed all of those businesses. From our living rooms we call up movies on demand. Instead of printing out the green airline tickets at the travel agency, we book our air, hotel, rental car and other travel necessities from our smartphones, laptops or tablets. Our teenagers play video games, in real time, against others from around the globe from their Xboxes. Any book you desire can be delivered from Amazon tomorrow.

These are all advancements that none of us would want to give up. But they're transactions. Where do transactions end, however? Service industries have become commoditized as well. Why pay your stockbroker when you can invest in a low-cost mutual fund online? How about your CPA? You can prepare your 1040 for free with online tools. As for your friendly estate planning attorney, Legalzoom and RocketLawyer will create your estate plan.

What we give up when we seek transactions, however, is the wisdom of the seasoned professional who can guide you to create legal, tax and financial strategies that endure through tough times. Clients tend to underestimate the knowledge and experience that goes into creating a plan that works.

Consider who you name as your successor trustee, for example. An online program will prompt you on who you want to serve in that capacity. So you put down your oldest son, "Robert." Does Robert have any idea what his responsibilities will be in the event of your disability? In the event of your death? I have a plethora of information on my website, www.sbslaw.com, on these very subjects.

I even wrote a book, *Selecting Your Trustee*. It's available on my website. You can have the best legal documents in the world, but if you haven't actually transferred your assets properly to your trust, or if you have selected the wrong person to act for you in the event of your illness or death, your plan still may fail.

I describe in the preface of my book the time that I had to act as a trustee for my ailing mother. My father and mother were at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, as she needed a bone marrow transplant to save her from AML,

an aggressive and deadly form of leukemia. She only had a 10 percent chance of survival, and the process would take almost a full year. My sister and I set my father up in a furnished apartment in Houston (they resided in Fort Myers) so he could be her caretaker.

At the time, my mother wasn't yet on Medicare, and her health insurance company balked at paying the \$750,000 this procedure would cost. My parents asked me to step in as their trustee during this trying time. Who better to serve than me? I am a board certified wills, trusts and estates attorney and I also hold my license as a CPA. Less than 7 percent of Florida attorneys are board certified, by the way. You can look up which attorneys in your community are board certified on the Florida Bar website (<https://www.floridabar.org/about/cert/cert-ep/>).

I will tell you that the job of serving as my parents' trustee was too much for me. I was busy running my law practice. My daughters were much younger then, and my wife and I had a very busy home life as well. My sister and I took turns flying out to Houston to check on our parents. It was an overwhelming time.

Not to mention that if I missed one of Mom's health insurance payments, or if I didn't transfer enough money from their money market to their checking account, the insurance company would drop her like a hot potato and she would have died. She survived the procedure, by the way, which gave us six years of remission. The disease came back. Back she went to MD Anderson for a stem cell transplant which gave her another four years. Sadly, my mother died two years ago.

I called in a professional trust company to serve alongside me and do some of the everyday lifting that I didn't have the time to do.

I can't describe to you the trials and tribulations I encountered while serving as my parents' trustee. It was a tremendous learning experience for me being on the "other side of the desk" as the doer rather than the advisor. I learned a lot that I now use when counseling the families I serve.

What I ask my clients when we are selecting who will serve in their important roles is this: If an experienced board certified wills, trusts and estates attorney/CPA felt overwhelmed, how will your child feel? What safeguards might we include to make your adult child/trustee's life easier if she has to act for you? Will there be any conflict between her and any siblings after your death with the many decisions that must be made during a probate or trust administration? The questions go on. They take careful thought in order to create a plan that will endure.

You can't get that wisdom on the Internet, nor will you ever be able to. Almost every day in my practice, I'm helping my clients' families deal with everyday life issues that revolve around their legal, tax and financial wellbeing. I truly enjoy doing so. But that's the difference between a relationship and a transaction. You aren't buying a book or an airline ticket. These are real issues that matter. I hope you gather the difference now between something that is okay to treat as a commodity, and something else that might require your collaboration with a wise and experienced professional.

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Tax Collector Adds Manager

Messages that make things simpler, easier and more convenient are coming from new Lee County Tax Collector Communications Manager Chris Bright. The 13-year Fort Myers resident and award-winning film producer and director is starting what he calls his dream job.

"It's exactly where I want to be and exactly what I want to be doing," Bright said. "It's an opportunity for me to be a part of a team and to lead at the same time."

Bright, who started in early November, will oversee both internal and external communications for the tax collector's office, managing content and ensuring it all conveys Tax Collector Larry Hart's core values of public service, kindness and innovation.

"Chris is gifted at making complicated subjects easy to understand," Hart said. "That's why we're so excited to have him as part of the Lee County Tax Collector's Office."

Bright is already hard at work familiarizing himself with the agency and figuring out ways to more efficiently and effectively convey key messages that streamline the taxpaying process. He also wants to help strengthen the bond between the Tax Collector's Office and



Chris Bright photo provided

the communities it serves. "The tax collector is one of the few organizations that touches everybody in the county," Bright said. "Whether it's red tide cleanup, police or firefighting, we ensure there's enough money for all the critical services to take place."

The Chicago native earned a bachelor of arts in communications at Saint Ambrose University in Iowa and has maintained his own video production company for nearly 20 years.✧

Book Review

Bitter Orange

by Di Saggau

Talk about a twisty and haunting page-turner of a book, *Bitter Orange* by Claire Fuller, certainly fits that description. The book begins with the main character, Frances Jellico,

alone and dying in some sort of facility. As the story unfolds, we learn what happened during the summer of 1969, and why everyone has wondered about Frances ever since. Frances reveals all to her friend Victor who visits often. The plot is a seductive nightmare about loneliness and belonging with lots of suspense and odd characters. Frances flashes back to her stay at Lyntons, a decaying English country mansion where she is writing a report on garden architecture in the attic of a dilapidated country house. The estate is owned by an American investor, and is falling victim to overgrowth and decay.

Frances, who is in her 40s and dowdy, is distracted by the glamorous young couple, Peter and Cara, who are staying in the rooms below. She is delighted and surprised when the two invite her to spend time with them and eventually spend every day together, eating lavish dinners and drinking bottles of wine. Frances says, "Cara and Peter would drink until one of them fell asleep at the table. They would



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be drunk but never raucous or angry. The three of us talked and drank and laughed. I have never laughed as much as during the early days of that August." Frances is having the fun she never got to have in her twenties.

Frances is socially maladjusted. She has no friends and no life of her own outside of her dead mother. She quickly becomes involved with the lying and dishonest Cara and Peter. As the summer rolls on, it becomes obvious that not everything is right between Cara and Peter. As

Frances becomes entangled in their lives, she becomes obsessed with them. Cara tells stories that don't quite add up. Every character has hidden secrets which slowly unravel, keeping the reader engaged. *Bitter Orange* is part ghost story, part murder mystery and definitely captivating. It's a seductive psychological portrait of

the dangers of longing and how far a woman might go to escape her past. As the summer rolls on, a small crime leads to a bigger one. Is Frances the witness of a tragedy that summer, or did she cause one? Every chapter is a cliffhanger, keeping the reader hooked. I found it tough to put this well-written book down.✱

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley,

My 9-year-old son has some special needs with social skills. With school and a large family, we have lots of holiday events and

get-togethers. These situations are difficult for him. Please give me some ideas about helping him navigate this social season.

Jenna B, Fort Myers

Jenna,

Holiday events are supposed to be fun but for kids with social skill issues, these events can pose challenges and create stress. Here are some suggestions for you that might make these social times easier and more enjoyable for you and your son.

It's important to practice how to say hello and good bye. The more you practice with your child, the easier it will be for him to call up the right words when he needs them. He doesn't have to

say much: "Hi, it's nice to see you!" and "Thanks for having me - I had a good time" will usually do it. Remind him to look people in the eye, and that when people extend their arm, it means they want to shake hands.

Expectations! Let your child know how the day will unfold. You might say something like, "When we get there, the kids will be playing downstairs. After an hour, we'll have dinner, dessert and then we'll go home." Your child may feel more relaxed if he knows what's going to happen next. You can also brainstorm other ways he can handle certain situations.

Prepare some conversational scripts for your child to use with both children and adults. Develop some general questions to break the ice with other kids and role play them with him. He might ask, "Do you play any sports?" or "What shows do you like to watch?" With older kids, come up with a few news items about sports or celebrities he can talk about.

It's natural for adults at holiday gatherings to ask your child what he's been up to. Kids with social issues may not like talking about school or find it easy to talk about their achievements. Set your

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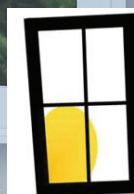
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Financial Focus

How To Respond To Wild Swings In Financial Markets



by Jennifer Basey

What's going on with the financial markets? Specifically, what's behind the price swings of the past several weeks? And, more importantly, how should you, as an individual

investor, respond?

To begin with, the recent volatility was not really all that extraordinary. The daily drops pushed U.S. stocks down about 10 percent from their recent record highs, although they have regained some of that ground. A 10-percent drop represents a "correction" – not a crash – and historically, corrections have occurred about once a year.

So what seems to have caused these market jitters? Here are the key culprits:

Anticipated slowdown in economic growth and corporate earnings – The stock market is forward-looking – investors make decisions based on what they think will happen. And right now, many investors are anticipating a slowdown in economic growth (partially due to higher tariffs and trade disputes) and corporate earnings (as the jolt from the corporate tax cuts begins to fade). We may still see reasonably strong economic growth and corporate profits, but possibly not at the same level as we had for much of 2018.

Rising interest rates – The Federal Reserve raised interest rates in 2018. While higher rates are not bad for all market sectors, they can slow the expansion plans for many businesses, resulting in reduced growth prospects. The Fed may continue its gradual rate increases, but investors are closely watching for any signs that might lead the Fed either to pause or increase rates more rapidly.

Slowing global economy – The

global economy is growing more slowly than expected, resulting in lower returns for international stocks and a particularly sharp decline in emerging markets.

While it's useful to understand the factors causing the recent stock market gyrations, you'll want to focus primarily on what you can control. Consider these suggestions:

Keep realistic expectations – Try to maintain realistic expectations about how your investments are likely to perform over time. After five years in which the S&P 500's returns have averaged almost 14 percent per year, we may well be in for a period of more typical returns, possibly in the 5 percent to 6 percent range. As always, though, there are no guarantees when it comes to anticipating the performance of the financial markets.

Review your mix of investments – From time to time, and sometimes in response to changing market conditions, you may need to change the mix of investments in your portfolio. So, for example, if higher market volatility makes you uncomfortable, you may want to consider adding bonds or other fixed-income vehicles, as these types of investments tend to stabilize stock-heavy portfolios during turbulent times.

Don't get scared away from investing – You may not like seeing multi-hundred-point plunges in the Dow Jones Industrial Average, but don't get scared off from investing. After all, recent stock market history has taught the value of patience: If you had given up on investing in March 2009, at the market's low point in the Great Recession, you would have missed out on the 300 percent gains achieved before the current round of volatility. Of course, the market's past performance can't guarantee what will happen next.

The financial markets will always fluctuate – sometimes violently. But as an investor, you should strive for calmness, patience and discipline – because these attributes can help you look past today's headlines toward the future you envision.

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Superior Interiors

Claim Your Office Space



by Marcia Feeney

The office is a very personal space.

Whether it is a dedicated room or a small desk among a public area, the needs of the owner should be met.

In 2015, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that 51 percent of self-employed workers and 20 percent of wage and salary workers work remotely. With this much time spent at the home office, it is important to make a work space as functional and enjoyable as possible.

Before designating the space, get a feel for the traffic flow of the household. The office should be in a

place that is quiet and removed. This is in favor of both the occupant of the area and the potential clients that will be visiting, as well as the other occupants of the home.

A home office can still feel professional; it should! It is essential to provide ample seating for visiting clients. Create designated areas for both independent tasks and small group meetings to take place. Storage systems are essential to keep supplies accessible and orderly. Among all of these components, make sure to create a focus area. Unwelcome distractions can be avoided with careful planning and attention to details.

Finally, don't forget to enhance the work space by adding a few personal items to create motivation and encouragement throughout the workday. Try the classic picture frame, a favorite book or a quote of special meaning.

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

Fundraiser Features Free Caribbean Cruise

All Aboard Travel and Angel Wings of SW Florida, Inc. have teamed up to support area homeless women through a fundraiser that will award a free week-long Caribbean cruise.

The cruise raffle features the opportunity to win a six to eight-night Caribbean cruise on Royal Caribbean International, along with a \$300 onboard credit. Tickets are \$25 each and only 1,000 tickets in total will be sold. The winner will be determined via a drawing on March 2, 2019.

Angel Wings of SW Florida is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit launched earlier this year to address the housing needs of homeless single women in Southwest Florida who do not qualify for other programs.

"There are homeless women in our area who are falling through the cracks," said Dr. Helen Gierke, president of Angel Wings of SW Florida. "While there are shelters in place for women with children, those battling addiction and those fleeing domestic abuse, no shelter exists in Lee County to house women who don't fall into one of those categories and whose

life circumstances have rendered them homeless.

"Our aim with Angel Wings is to purchase housing and partner with local support organizations to provide these women with a safe place to live while they get back on their feet. Our fundraising initiative, which is being supported by All Aboard Travel, will help raise valuable funds to further our cause."

All Aboard Travel is a premier cruise and tour package travel agency that has been based in Fort Myers for the past 30 years.

"Fort Myers has been home to All Aboard Travel for more than three decades, and we are thrilled to be supporting Helen and the Angel Wings team in this remarkable initiative that will provide such critically needed support within our community," said Sharon Concepcion, vice president of leisure operations for All Aboard Travel. "Cruising is hugely popular among residents of Southwest Florida, and this is a terrific opportunity to support a truly extraordinary cause. We join with Angel Wings of SW Florida in calling on the local community to participate in this chance to win a fabulous vacation while supporting our neighbors in need."

Tickets may be obtained by visiting the Angel Wings website at www.angelwingsflorida.com, calling 898-0945 or emailing angelwingsswfl@gmail.com.✴

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Tree Trail

Tree Trail for free, or tour the remainder of the site included with general admission. Guided Holiday Tradition Tours are offered at 6 and 7 p.m. every night and Inside-the-Homes Holiday Tours are offered on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and on December 21, 22 and 23 (reservations required for Inside-the-Homes Tours). The museum and the botanic research laboratory are open nightly until 9 p.m. Live music performances include Victorian carolers and a pianist on select nights.

Holiday Nights tickets for adults are \$20, teens (ages 13 to 19) \$10, children (ages 6 to 12) are \$2 and Edison Ford members get in free. Guided Holiday Tradition Tours are \$30 for adults, \$25 for teens, \$18 for children and \$10 for Edison Ford members. Inside-the-Homes Holiday Tours are \$50. Lee County residents with identification will receive \$5 off Holiday Nights admission every Sunday and Monday.

Edison and Ford Winter Estates is located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. To purchase tickets or view the nightly schedule, visit www.edisonfordwinterestates.org.✴

Business Members Offer Tips For Success

Every business owner wants to grow, but few know how to reliably make that happen. Experts who've proven their ability to build thriving businesses will impart their wisdom at an Above Board Chamber of Florida luncheon at the Crowne Plaza Fort Myers on Wednesday, December 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meeting, titled The Keys to Growing your Business, will let attendees in on secrets to making 2019 their most successful year yet.

NBC-2 anchor Rachel Pierce will be the master of ceremonies. She'll lead the following set of panelists to share their unparalleled insight:

Sandra Stilwell Youngquist, CEO and

Leadership NEXT Program Tuesday

Leadership NEXT, a monthly program for advancing business professionals in Southwest Florida, will explore the issue of nonprofit entrepreneurship and community needs at Eva's Closet & Foundation on Tuesday, December 11 at 5 p.m. Jessica Goodall, founder of Eva's Closet & Foundation, will discuss the mission behind her 2-year-old organization and how its services continue expanding to meet the needs of Southwest Florida.

Leadership NEXT is a program of the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce and includes a networking opportunity following each month's presentation. Owen-Ames-Kimball Company is sponsoring the two-hour December program. Light appetizers and refreshments will be provided complimentary.

Eva's Closet provides necessities like clothing, food, baby supplies and toiletries at no cost, along with case management, referral services and transitional housing assistance. Each month, the foundation serves about 1,000 clients, which include children and families living in poverty, domestic violence victims, foster children, children aging out of foster care, homeless individuals, migrant farm workers, victims of natural disasters, mothers who are low income and newborns in need.

Goodall, who earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Framingham State College in Framingham, Massachusetts in 2002, worked in Collier County's child welfare system before completing a master's degree in social work at Florida Gulf Coast



Jessica Goodall photo provided University in 2016. She founded Eva's Closet that same year.

Attendees of the December Leadership NEXT program are asked to help restock Eva's Closet by bringing donations of blankets, nonperishable food items, new children's shoes and new socks and underwear for both adults and children.

Leadership NEXT is free to attend for members of the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce and \$10 for future members.

Eva's Closet & Foundation is located at 16331 Old U.S. 41 suite 101 in south Fort Myers. Register in advance at www.fortmyers.org and follow Leadership NEXT on Facebook for more information.✱

Dress For Success Holiday Brunch

Tickets are now on sale for Small Gifts, Big Impact – Holiday Brunch & Bubbly, Dress for Success SW Florida's inaugural holiday extravaganza. The brunch will be held at Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa on Saturday, December 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are available for \$75 each or tables of 10 for \$700.

Lisa Demmi, an inspirational speaker, coach and social media expert, will be the keynote speaker with a mission to help others "change the world" by changing the communities they live in. Attendees can also expect a gourmet brunch selection, one complimentary mimosa or bloody mary and a silent auction. Holiday music will be provided by DJ Russ Sampson.

All proceeds from the event will benefit Dress for Success SW Florida and its mission to jumpstart a woman's career by providing not only work appropriate attire through its Suits for Self Sufficiency program, but also education and training through its custom Women Empowered Through

Employment Series (WETES). Both programs provide tools necessary to create a balance between work and home life and provide support to overcome life's hardships.

Nickole Hendra, executive director of Dress for Success SW Florida, said, "One of our board members, Cheryl Reynolds, wanted to provide a fun, relaxed way to celebrate the holidays while acknowledging the big impact our supporters make for the women we serve. I know the crowd is going to love Ms. Demmi's remarks, as well. We are hopeful the brunch will be a new holiday tradition for our attendees."

Silent auction items will involve Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa, Jason's Deli, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, beauty packages from Lancôme, Too Faced Cosmetics and Live Love Locks Blow Dry Bar. There will also be luxury holiday home decor, premium wine packages and jewelry items. A cash bar will be available.

Sponsorships are still available for this inaugural event. To purchase tickets, call 689-4992 or visit www.smallgiftsbigimpact2018.eventbrite.com. Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa is located at 5001 Coconut Road in Bonita Springs.✱

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Legendary Football Coach Expounds On Football And Life



by Ed Frank

If you've never heard legendary football coach Lou Holtz speak, you need to put it on your bucket list. This reporter had that opportunity this week, and I've got to tell you he had an audience of about 500 at a town forum roaring with laughter while spellbound with his thoughts on life for 90 minutes.

The 81-year-old Holtz is much more than a former winning football coach. He is a comedian, philosopher, brilliant speaker, author and teacher.

His amazing Hall of Fame coaching record has been well chronicled – the only college coach to lead six different programs to bowl games, and the only coach to guide four different programs to the final top 20 rankings while compiling a 249-132-7 record.

But when you hear him speak, he'll tell you his thoughts on life are much more important than his accomplishments on the football field.

"You're always going to have problems," he said. "We had a house fire in 2015 and lost everything. We gave ourselves 24 hours to cry and then looked forward to the future. You must not look back. You must look forward. You can't live in the past."

His deep thoughts on life were sprinkled with humorous antidotes that kept his audience roaring in laughter. And while he attempted to convey that he doesn't take himself too seriously, his message was anything but that.

Holtz has three measures of life upon which he expounded:

1. Do what's right. Attitude can create positive change. When he became head football coach at Notre Dame in 1986, the team had gone 25-20 the previous four years. In two years, the Irish posted a 12-0 record and won a National Championship. They went 12-1 the next year.
2. Do everything you can to the best of your ability. Stop making excuses. Don't look at what we cannot do. Don't be afraid to make changes. Don't complicate life. When it

Red Sox Swings Golf Tournament Raises Over \$47K

The Red Sox Foundation's seventh annual Swings for the Sox golf tournament held at the Raptor Bay Golf Club in Bonita Springs on November 9 raised \$47,114. All proceeds from this year's tournament will benefit the Lee County Red Sox Scholarship program. Each year, the Red Sox Foundation awards a \$5,000 college scholarship to one deserving student from each of the 13 public high schools in Lee County.

"This year's fundraising efforts for the Red Sox Foundation in Southwest Florida was a great success, and we wouldn't be able to put on these events without the community's support," said Brennan Whitley, manager of Florida Business Operations for the Boston Red Sox. "With their help, we will once again be able to present 13 deserving students with scholarships to attend college."

Last year's tournament was cancelled due to Hurricane Irma, but the Red Sox Foundation still honored its annual commitment to Lee County High School students and awarded \$65,000 in scholarships.

Over the past six years, \$325,000 has been awarded to local nonprofits and scholarships from tournament proceeds. This year's title sponsor was DLD Builders, joining CVS Pharmacy, The Hertz Corporation and Aramark as presenting sponsors.

In addition, the Red Sox Foundation's two-week online silent auction and ultimate Red Sox raffle jointly raised an additional \$37,112.50.

The Red Sox Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the official team charity of the Boston Red Sox. The foundation's primary focus locally is in serving the health, education, recreation and social service needs of children and families across Southwest Florida. The Red Sox Foundation is one of the most successful in all of Major League Baseball.

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comes to football coaching, the important thing is winning and that your players graduate.

3. Have kind words and encouragement. Why do we have to wait to say something nice until a funeral? "Follow these rules – trust, comfort and love," he said.

While Holtz coached at six colleges – College of William and Mary, North Carolina State, Arkansas, Minnesota, South Carolina, Notre Dame and a year as head coach of the New York Jets – you certainly got the feeling that his beloved Notre Dame is atop that list.

During a question and answer session, he was asked whether Notre Dame, which posted a 12-0 regular season record this year, can win the National Championship.

"Notre Dame can beat anyone," he responded.

Answering another question, he said he believes the College Football Playoff National Championship will be expanded from the present four teams to eight teams (including the five power conference champions) once the current television contract ends.

Lou Holtz was one of a kind as a football coach. And his lessons of life are thoughts we can all learn from long after he left the gridiron.✪



Lou Holtz photo by Ed Frank

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Name the two major-league teams that have won 116 games in a regular season.
2. Which two former major-league pitchers won league pennants as managers during the 1970s?
3. When Penn State and Southern Cal's football teams scored the most combined points (101) in a Rose Bowl game on Jan. 2, 2017, whose mark did they shatter?
4. LeBron James holds the record for most times on the All-NBA First Team (12). Who are the players tied at 11?
5. Name the last NHL team to lose the Stanley Cup after having a 3-1 series lead.
6. When Tony Stewart won his last NASCAR season championship in 2011, how many of the final 10 races of the season did he capture?
7. Before she won her first French Open women's singles title in 2018, how many times had Simona Halep lost in the finals of the tournament?

ANSWERS

1. The 1906 Chicago Cubs and the 2001 Seattle Mariners. 2. Bob Lemon of the New York Yankees (1978) and Tommy Lasorda of the Los Angeles Dodgers ('77, '78). 3. Oregon and Wisconsin combined for 83 points on Jan. 2, 2012. Oklahoma and Georgia set a new record with 102 combined points on Jan. 1, 2018. 4. Kobe Bryant and Karl Malone. 5. The Detroit Red Wings, in 1942. 6. Five. 7. Twice -- 2014 and 2017.

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Photo Contest

appear to be manipulated beyond these guidelines.

Each participant may enter up to two photos but is eligible to win only one award.

Judging will be anonymous. Do not put your name or anything that will identify you on your photograph.

There are three judges: A refuge staff person, a professional photographer and a resident of the five-county region.

Judging criteria:
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Tea And Hats Social Fundraiser

Nearly 100 Hope Hospice supporters participated in holiday shopping with Champagne and tea at the Tea and Hats social presented by Friends of Hope Women's Committee.

Hosted by Jane Doddridge, the annual member and guest event at Quail West Golf & Country Club in Naples was the official kickoff of the group's seasonal fundraisers for Hope Hospice, including a February dinner at Bonita Bay Club and a style show at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Estero in April.

The Friends of Hope Women's Committee has promoted fundraising and volunteering at Hope Hospice since 2002.

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Joan Henninger and Roswitha Fey

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From left, Kim Basa, Carmen Griffferty and Sheri Lane

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Beach Art Group Off The Cloud Show Awards



Sue Pink photos provided
The Fort Myers Beach Art Association (FMBAA) recently held its first judged show of the season titled Off the Cloud in the main gallery. The show, sponsored by Red Coconut RV Park, was judged by artist Kathy Durdin, a national award-winning watercolor and mixed media artist with paintings in permanent collections in the U.S. Off the Cloud will remain on display until



Nancy Morgan
December 7.
Sue Pink and her artwork *Clan Mother* captured the Lee Ackert Best of Show Award. Nancy Morgan seized first place with *Afternoon Delight*, Dannica Walker was awarded second for *Bliss* and Neil Walling took third with *Early Splendor*. Michele Barron Buelow received the Maya Bryant Award (outdoor painter) for *Anne*. Judith Miller received

the Gretchen Johnson Memorial Award for *Young at Heart*. Merit Awards went to Dorothy McDowell for *Punta Rossa* and Terry Shattuck for *Times Square*. Honorable mentions went to JoAnn LaPadula for *Razzle Dazzle* and Penny Fox for *Full Harbor*. For more information, visit www.fortmyersbeachart.com.✱



Dannica Walker



Neil Walling



Michele Buelow



Judith Miller

Law Graduate Joins Local Firm

Attorney Kaylee Tuck has joined the law firm of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, PA, as an associate in the real estate and land use & environmental law departments. She returns to the firm after serving as summer associate in 2017. Tuck focuses her practice in commercial and residential sales and



Kaylee Tuck

leases, development, land use and survey matters.

While in law school, Tuck was a member of the Phi Alpha Delta International Law Fraternity, served as an associate editor for the *Journal of International Aging Law and Policy* and worked as an intern for the legal department of the St. Petersburg Police Department.

Tuck was born and raised in Sebring, graduated in 2012 from Sebring High School and currently resides in Fort Myers. She received her undergraduate degree from Florida State University in 2014 and law degree from Stetson University College of Law, cum laude, in 2018.

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

Beautifulife:

Gifts From The Heart



by Kay Casperson

This time of year is when most people are in the giving mode and thinking about what they would give to someone for a present. Regardless of whether you are giving to a friend,

employee, boss or loved one, we can all find ourselves at a loss for ideas now and then, so I decided to give you my thoughts as to how you can be more effective in your giving.

Some people are in their element because they love to give, and there are also those who have a harder time coming up with ideas as easily. Whether you are blessed with hands that freely give without thought or not, I want to express how important it is that you try to incorporate giving into your lives as often as possible. You will find that being a giver is a blessing not only to the recipient but also to yourself. Knowing that what you give will put a smile on someone's face can fill your heart and soul with much love and happiness.

Let's remember, that it's not so much what you give that matters, but that it came from the heart. What does it mean to come from the heart? It means that you have taken the time to put some thought into what you are giving, from who and what is important to the person, to the purpose of the gift and what that might mean to someone. Gifts from the heart will be the most remembered gifts a person will ever get. I have a few suggestions for some heartfelt gifts that you may want to try out this year.

Photo gifts – This one stands out because many of you love to take pictures but because we are always doing so on our phones, they rarely ever land on our desk, wall or shelves and in a frame. Some companies offer the opportunity for you to share photos right from your phone to get them printed or framed. You are also able to create

photo cards, books, mugs, ornaments and apparel easily with just a few clicks. Think about the people you are close to that would appreciate a photo gift that came with much thought and love.

Personalized gift baskets – Most companies like mine will help you sort through your list and customize a gift package for you that is sure to please and excite even the person who has everything. The opportunities to delight are endless including food, wine, coffee, tea, skin and body care products, or even a customized spa day.

Talented gifts – Many of you have a hobby or talent that could be shared with a few people on your list this year and will be sure to excite the lucky recipients. Do you draw, paint, cook, knit, sculpt or sew? How about making something special for someone who does not expect it?

Instructional gifts – What are you good at that can be taught to someone else? Can you show someone how to do something better? Think about a certificate for you to help someone learn more about golf, tennis, pickleball, yoga or windsurfing?

Gift certificates – Of course, there is always a gift certificate that people will love. How about a handmade certificate promising some quality time, a dinner out or a future event? You can also purchase a gift card or certificate from a company for a service or product that your recipient frequents or would like to try.

There are many ways to get creative with your giving and to come up with ideas and gifts that will be sure to please, but the most important thing to remember this holiday season is that when you take a little extra time to put love and thought into your gift, it will most certainly be received with a happy heart.

My affirmation for you this week is: "I will open my heart to become more creative in my giving to bring happiness and fulfillment to myself and to others."

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Charles Idelson



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Hope Healthcare Board Appoints New Officers

Led by President and CEO Samira K. Beckwith, the Hope Healthcare Board of Directors has named officers for the upcoming term, including Chair Charles Idelson; Vice Chair West McCann; Secretary Sandy Stilwell Youngquist; and Treasurer Jerry Nichols.

Idelson is principal founder of Investors' Security Trust Company; McCann is president of The Naples Trust Company; Stilwell Youngquist is owner and CEO of Stilwell Enterprises and Restaurant Group; and Nichols is a specialist for employee benefits planning with Brown & Brown Benefits as well as a Northwestern Mutual financial representative.

Hope Healthcare board members include past chair Bo Turbeville, vice president of Accent Business Products; Lori Shaffer, senior vice president at Chico's FAS; Noreen DiPlacido, a Florida licensed health care risk manager; Joe Gammons, principal at Office Furniture & Design Concepts; Tom Giles, founder, president and CEO of Avalon Engineering; Rev. Dr. Tim Halverson, pastor and head of staff at Faith Presbyterian Church in Cape Coral; Larry Hart, tax collector for the state of Florida; and Trudi K. Williams, CEO of TKW Consulting.

Board members serve three-year terms and contribute their expertise, time, talent and resources to advancing Hope's mission of providing exceptional care and support to every individual and their loved ones as they fulfill life's journey.

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Breathe Easier, Control Pain With Frankincense



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: Frankincense is popular around Christmastime and the resin and oil have been used for ages.

Frankincense resin is extracted out of trees that belong to the genus *Boswellia*,

and that is why you see “Boswellia” on the ingredient list of dietary supplements, essential oils and other commercial products. Like curcumin, the boswellia-derived formulas are extraordinarily popular today, especially to treat joint pain, cancer, asthma and infections.

This sticky sap that’s extracted from the tree dries out and is found in supplements galore. It offers more benefits than first meets the eye. There are many species of boswellia by the way, the most common one in the states is *Boswellia serrata*.

Clinical trials show that “boswellic acids” from boswellia have anti-inflammatory properties so powerful that they rival non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDS). A crucial difference is that the medications have the ability to produce uncomfortable side effects like gastric ulceration and heartburn, but boswellia does not. Here are four compelling reasons to consider adding frankincense to your health regimen in some way, shape or form. It’s kind of amazing:

1. It Reduces Pain – Because it acts as a potent anti-inflammatory agent, it is a powerful painkiller for many physical conditions. There are many scientific papers supporting the use of boswellia for osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis, as

well as knee pain, back pain and more.

2. It Eases Asthma Symptoms – Boswellia extract is excellent at reducing leukotrienes, a class of compounds in your body that trigger annoying allergies and terrifying bronchospasm. It mitigates asthma symptoms by keeping your airways open and reducing your immune reaction to environmental allergens.

3. It Relieves Gastrointestinal Discomfort – For those with ulcerative colitis or Crohn’s, numerous studies are clear and profound. Boswellia absolutely provides soothing relief and reduces flare-ups, pain and possibly even progression of GI conditions. Remember, it’s a very strong natural anti-inflammatory and it pacifies your immune system.

4. Restricts the Growth of Cancer Cells – The natural boswellic acids from frankincense make it practical for slowing down the growth of cancer cells that invade the brain, breast, pancreas and blood (as in leukemia). Furthermore, acetyl-11-keto-beta-boswellic acid (AKBA) found in boswellia, has been shown to slow down the progression of multiple myeloma.

Now that you understand the health benefits of this versatile plant, how can you integrate it into your life? It’s pretty easy, you can do what I do. I have the essential oil (*Boswellia frereana*), and I just put it into my diffuser during the day or sometimes just inhale it from my hands. You can put it in your bath, and some high-quality essential oils can be taken internally (depending on the brand).

You can also take boswellia as a dietary supplement at any health food stores. It’s found all by itself in stand-alone products, as well as in multi-tasking formulas that relieve joint pain. And finally, you can burn frankincense resin as incense, like wise men and women have done for ages during important ceremonies and celebrations.

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

Grants Awarded To Celebrate Giving Tuesday

The Joy in Childhood Foundation, an independent organization powered by Dunkin’ and Baskin-Robbins, is celebrating #GivingTuesday by awarding a total of \$2 million in funding to 150 organizations nationwide, including Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida and Lee Health Foundation in Southwest Florida. It is part of an effort to bring the simple joys of childhood to kids battling hunger or illness.

When children face health and hunger issues, it robs them of the simple joys of childhood. The Joy in Childhood Foundation’s mission is to help kids feel like kids, even on their most difficult days. The grants given in honor of #GivingTuesday align with this mission and have a history of making a lasting impact on kids’ lives.

“We’re excited to celebrate Giving Tuesday with nonprofit organizations in communities like Southwest Florida that share our commitment to bring joy to children who are battling hunger or illness,” said Karen Raskopf, co-chair of the Joy in Childhood Foundation. “We know how critical the services provided by these organizations are to kids in Southwest Florida, which is why we’re so proud to support their work.”

Additionally, through December 24, guests who purchase a Dunkin’ gift card online will also have the opportunity to support kids battling hunger or illness when they make a donation to the Joy in Childhood Foundation through a donate button at checkout. All donations will support the Joy in Childhood Foundation’s efforts to bring joy to children and their families.

To learn more about the Joy in Childhood Foundation, visit www.joyinchildhoodfoundation.org or follow on Facebook at www.facebook.com/JoyInChildhoodFoundation.*

Doctor and Dietician Belly Fat



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

Everyone has some belly fat. But one type of fat, called visceral fat, can build up deep inside and accumulate around the heart, lungs and liver, affecting well-being. We need some visceral fat to protect our organs, but with too much, the regular areas that store fat get used up, and the body then stores it in other areas like around the heart and organs, making us prone to diseases like high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, dementia and cancer. The extra fat also releases unhealthy substances.

The key to keeping belly fat down is staying active. Vigorous exercise is a great way to get rid of all kinds of fat. Walking works too, as long as it’s brisk enough to get your heart rate up. Building muscle is crucial, so make sure

strength training is part of your exercise routine. Those who include strength training have been shown to accumulate less abdominal fat than those who just do aerobic exercise. Research also shows that bursts of high intensity exercise in the midst of any workout, by speeding up or working harder for brief periods, then dropping back to a more mellow pace, and repeating, is effective at belly fat burning. Since jogging and outdoor exercise is not for everyone, workouts on stationary bikes, elliptical and rowing machines are beneficial too. Check with your physician for fitness program suggestions if you are currently sedentary.

We understand this battle becomes more difficult as we age and experience a decreased metabolism. But, by upgrading our physical activity level, choosing more plant foods and fiber, sleeping between six to eight hours a night and decreasing mental stress, we can help to lessen belly fat and keep visceral fat from building. Plus, these changes have the added benefits of making you feel more energetic, alert and youthful overall!

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

Free Autism Screening For Young Children

Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida, in partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, will offer a free monthly autism spectrum disorder screening for toddlers 18 months to age 5 at Miromar Outlets on Friday, December 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

It is estimated that one in every 59 children is diagnosed with some form of Autism Spectrum Disorder, making it more common than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes and pediatric AIDS combined.

Medical consultants for the project stress that an early diagnosis can make a vast difference for toddlers and their families. They say early intensive behavioral intervention can make an immense difference not just in the development of the child, but in their families as well.

The ASD screening is conducted by the Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida. The screenings are administered by an advanced registered nurse practitioner, who has extensive training and experience in typical child development and developmental disorders. A physician referral is not required.

Miromar Outlets is located at 10801 Corkscrew Road in Estero. To schedule a screening, call 343-6838.*

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School Smart

child up to have something positive to say in response to these questions. For example, “Why don’t you tell Uncle Fred about your school’s challenge project or about how you volunteered with your Scout Troop?”

Help your child get settled at the event. Make sure he has found some kids to hang out with before you head off to mingle with the adults. If the kids are playing a game, help him to break in by teaching him to ask something like, “I like this game too. Do you have room for another player?” Teach him to find common interests with others.

Make sure to give your son praise on what he did correctly. If he did a nice job saying thank you, or held his own during a conversation with his cousins, let him know you noticed. Recognition from a parent is very important and means a lot plus it will give your child more confidence going into the next social event.

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PETS OF THE WEEK

photos provided

Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Rocket And Robby

Do you love big dogs but can't have them where you live due to weight restrictions? Look no further. Hello, my name is Rocket, and I am the perfect dog for you. I am a 4-year-old male pit bull mix who is a pocket pittie with a big dog personality. I weigh just 32 pounds and some of that is in the best ears around. I love to play and go for walks, but will snuggle up next to you as soon as you are ready.



Rocket ID# A761460

My adoption fee is between \$15 to \$50. Pick an ornament and see what your price will be.

Hi, I'm Robby. I am a 4-year-old male domestic shorthair who is long-limbed and a beautiful boy that will stretch my way around your leg and into your heart in no time. I am an undeniable flirt that loves attention from both my people and other cats. I would be happy in a home with other cats or being the king. Either way, I will be happy as long as I have someone to love.

My adoption fee is between \$15 to \$50. Pick an ornament and see what your price will be for BOGO kitties.

LCDAS is reducing pet adoption fees for the lucky families that find their perfect match this month. Just pick a door on the Countdown to the Holidays calendar to reveal a reduced adoption fee ranging from \$50 to as low as \$15.

The adoption fee for all pets includes: spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, flea treatment, deworming, heartworm test for dogs six months or older, feline aids and leukemia test for cats, a Lee County license for pets three months or older, microchip pet ID, and a 10-day health guarantee. The total adoption package is valued at more than \$500.

*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.**



Robby ID# A761731

Haven on Earth Animal League

Trixie And Dylan

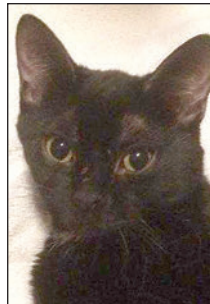
Hello, my name is Trixie. I'm a beautiful 2-year-old female calico with a very sweet personality. I am very mellow and loving and would like a home to call my own. I have been fully vetted and brought up to date on all vaccines. My adoption fee is \$55.

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



Dylan

PAWS Of Sanibel

Brava And Lucy

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 And Cher

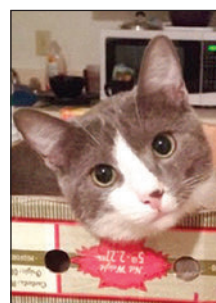
This is Sonny and Cher. Some of you may remember them. Three years ago, four kitties, the momma and three kittens were trapped between the Sunset Beach Resort and Lantana condominium on West Gulf Drive. All were adopted (Lana, Tanner, Sonny and Cher) to lovely people. However, Sonny and Cher's mom has 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.*



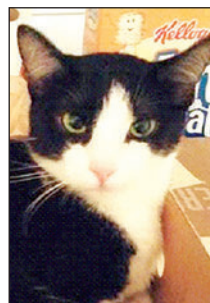
Brava



Lucy



Sonny



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Garden Club of Cape Coral	239-257-2654
Horticulture and Tea Society	472-8334
Horticultural Society	472-6940
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NARFE (National Active & Retired Federal Employees	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL	667-1354
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PUZZLES

Answers on page 29

Super Crossword

NATURALLY
SWEET MELANGE

- ACROSS

1

Temporarily trendy things

5

Huge chasm

10

Nile serpents

14

Navajo neighbors

19

"Oh, gotcha"

20

Flip (out)

21

Mets' old home

22

Blue color of the clear 9-Down

23

Eau de vie applied to a head injury to reduce swelling?

25

Having the same figure as Sheriff Wyatt?

27

Verb suffix in London

28

Vast age

29

Average golf scores

30

Kindhearted

31

Clutch, e.g.

33

Sets of two

37

Gyro holder

39

"Fish Magic" painter Paul

40

Drink you can only get by contacting someone by beeper?

43

See 8-Down

45

Her cow was notorious

46

Bite slightly

47

Q-V linkup

49

Designer Schiaparelli and others

54

Jethro — (rock band)

56

Strong Dutch gin that's inexpensive?

59

"The gloves are off!"

62

Like al fresco events

64

Obedient dogs, maybe

65

Rival of HBO

66

Male bud

67

Bert's bud

69

14th-century Russian ruler

70

Golf club for extremely long shots?

74

Unit for measuring the force of some PC picture files?

77

"I pass," in cards

78

Cantina cooking pots

82

Chast of cartoons

83

The sun, e.g.

84

Negatively charged, as an atom

86

Banned diet-drug combo

88

Major alarm

90

Pie topping that originated in Edison's lab?

92

Base for poi

94

Lung, for one

95

Mail, e.g.

96

Lacerate

98

Taking the middle out of

102

Santa — (some hot winds)

104

Surrounded by a spicy Indian condiment?

107

Grungy sort

111

Fierce whale

113

Tatum with an Oscar

114

Post office gizmo

115

Sushi condiment

117

Like hand-me-downs

119

Altar vow

121

Vitamin no.

122

Gusto shown by a wild Asian ass?

124

Apt alternate title for this puzzle

128

Did a fall yard chore

129

"I concur!"

130

Circus site

131

Concept, in Soissons

132

Clock parts

133

Org. against dogfights

134

Shindig

135

Unhip type

DOWN

1

Painter Fra — Lippi

2

Predictably

3

Split up, as a corporation

4

Summer and fall mo.

5

"Hair" hairdo

6

Marlon of movies

7

Appetite

8

With 43-Across, tear-jerking tune

9

Pilot's milieu

10

Far offshore

11

On the ball

12

Soldiers on

13

Undermine

14

Taunting cry

15

County in Missouri

16

Iris part

17

Dunne of old Hollywood

18

Bog plant

24

Trip during a kegger, say

26

Eye carefully

29

Chi-omega link

32

1954-77 treaty gp.

34

Over there, old-style

35

Wonderland visitor

36

Wife of Niles on "Frasier"

38

Feel

41

1995-2013 Arizona senator Jon

42

Free of fluid

44

Capital of Suisse

48

Bit of parsley

50

Onetime TV legal drama

51

Shelled out for

52

Deduced, not observed

53

Mil. draft inits.

55

British noble

57

Stirrup site

58

Big name in ketchup

59

Suffix with capital

60

Paint diluter

61

Going it alone

63

— stick

66

Obfuscate

68

St. Pat's isle

71

Virus in 2014 news

72

Ryder of "Black Swan"

73

Puckish

75

Courier, e.g.

76

"Grimm" network

79

— helping hand

80

Film director Lee

81

Goat

84

"Ti —" (Italian "I love you")

85

French film award

87

Poet Heinrich

88

Bragging about

89

Vena cava neighbor

91

Cry for help

93

Wilhelm's "Woe is me!"

97

Links org. since 1916

99

Trespass

100

Less well-off

101

Whirled

103

Film genre

105

In vogue, in the '60s

106

Customer

107

Fencing tool

108

Oahu porch

109

Port in Japan

110

Deli nosh

112

Good thing

116

Nap spots

118

Peak in Sicily

120

Attack time in WWII

123

Tase, e.g.

124

Road guide

125

Nest egg inits.

126

Reagan-era teen, e.g.

127

— Tin Tin

King Crossword

- ACROSS

1

Woodsy home

6

Buddy

9

Lawyers' org.

12

Russian pan-cakes

13

"— -la-la!"

14

CSA soldier

15

Big name in porcelain

16

Expression of regret

18

Find

20

Flightless flock

21

E.T.'s transport

23

Previous night

24

Wherewithal

25

Tatters

27

Robin Hood's missile

29

Tiers

31

Big river

35

Helicopter

37

Bygone times

38

Go around the world?

41

Wager

43

Table scrap

44

Gaucha's weapon

45

Antenna

47

Green field?

49

Amorphous masses

52

Reggae-like music

53

Tiny

54

Dutch city, with "The"

55

NYC hrs.

56

"Acid"

57

Secret rendezvous

DOWN

1

"NCIS" ailer

2

Jungfrau, for one

3

High school science course

4

— -European

5

Family girl

6

Straw hat

7

Lasso

8

Discoverer's cry

9

Scent

10

Started

11

Big canyon

17

Maneuvering room

19

Sailor's "Halt!"

21

Cyber-address

22

Air safety org.

24

Mid-May honoree

26

Soap opera, e.g.

28

Harder to find

30

Deteriorate

32

Fauna study

33

Bobby of hockey

34

Trawler need

36

Followed orders

38

Not just chubby

39

Ice cubes, slangily

40

Swell

42

Snug

45

Census data

46

Winged

48

Fly-by-night?

50

Clear the tables

51

Collection

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13		14	15	16	17	18
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S Q N K I F D A X V K T Q O M
J H F C A Y W U R P N A N L J
H L S F D B Z X V T U R E Q O
N O I T P M U S N O C M K T I
H I F I C D A B N Z K H R Y S
W N E V T U Y S R A L Q O O B
N S L M S K D L I H E F A P I
D C A A O N Z O L X W B S V R
U S G R I L Q O R E H C T U B
L E R R A B N M K P B J I H F

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

- Barrel

Belly

Butcher

Chop
- Consumption

Knuckle

Lo mein

Loins
- Pie

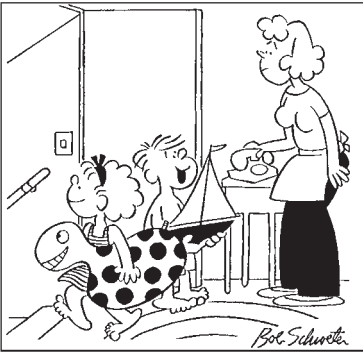
Products

Ribs

Rinds
- Roast

Sausage

Steak



"How much time do we have until the _____ gets here?"

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!

Grade
PRAM

Gaffe
BENDRUL

Sole
NOEL

View
SPACE

TODAY'S WORD

		2			8			7
3			4			5	6	
	8			7			4	
	5	1			9	7		
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		4			1			5
	1			9			3	

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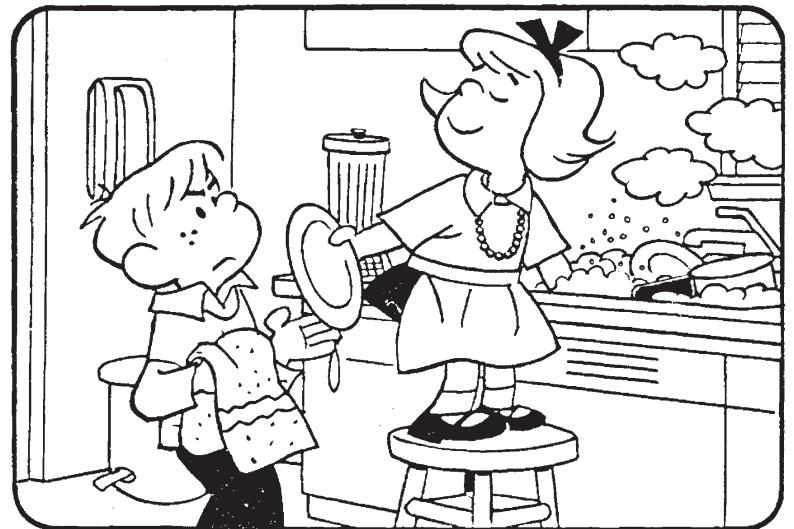
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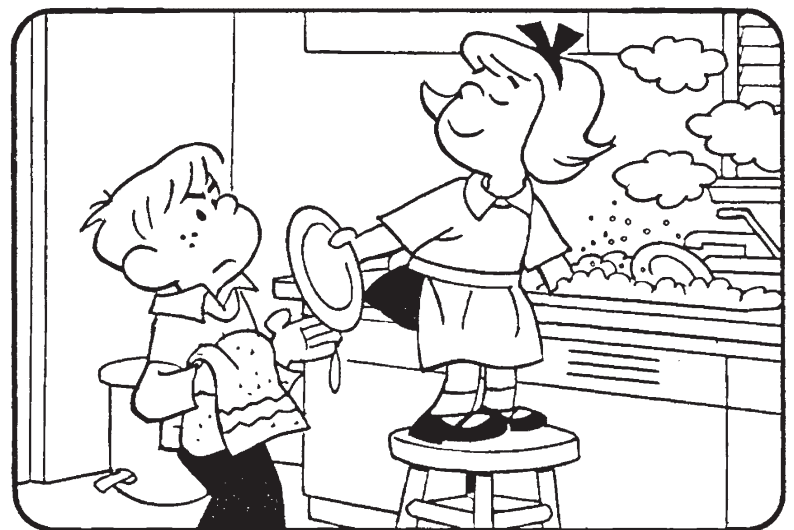
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Phone is missing. 2. Towel is shorter. 3. Blender is missing. 4. Beads are missing. 5. Apron is different. 6. Pan is missing.



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FROM THE BEACHES TO DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS



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FRIDAY
Sunny
High: 65 Low: 59



SATURDAY
Cloudy
High: 72 Low: 66



SUNDAY
Sunny
High: 75 Low: 69



MONDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 71 Low: 65



TUESDAY
Scattered Rain
High: 67 Low: 59



WEDNESDAY
Sunny
High: 66 Low: 60



THURSDAY
Sunny
High: 68 Low: 58

Redfish Pass Tides					Point Ybel Tides					Punta Rassa Tides					Cape Coral Bridge Tides				
Day	High	Low	High	Low	Day	High	Low	High	Low	Day	High	Low	High	Low	Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	2:33 pm	7:03 am	None	5:33 pm	Fri	1:38 pm	7:05 am	11:06 pm	5:35 pm	Fri	1:25 pm	7:07 am	None	6:53 pm	Fri	1:42 am	10:19 am	4:43 pm	8:49 pm
Sat	12:01 am	7:39 am	3:14 pm	6:01 pm	Sat	2:19 pm	7:41 am	11:37 pm	6:03 pm	Sat	12:17 am	7:47 am	2:04 pm	7:27 pm	Sat	2:11 am	10:55 am	5:24 pm	9:17 pm
Sun	12:32 am	8:15 am	3:52 pm	6:34 pm	Sun	2:57 pm	8:17 am	None	6:36 pm	Sun	12:36 am	8:27 am	2:49 pm	7:59 pm	Sun	2:42 am	11:31 am	6:02 pm	9:50 pm
Mon	1:07 am	8:52 am	4:31 pm	7:15 pm	Mon	12:12 am	8:54 am	3:36 pm	7:17 pm	Mon	12:57 am	9:05 am	3:34 pm	8:29 pm	Mon	3:17 am	12:08 pm	6:41 pm	10:31 pm
Tue	1:46 am	9:32 am	5:11 pm	8:09 pm	Tue	12:51 am	9:34 am	4:16 pm	8:11 pm	Tue	1:27 am	9:41 am	4:18 pm	9:00 pm	Tue	3:56 am	12:48 pm	7:21 pm	11:25 pm
Wed	2:31 am	10:15 am	5:53 pm	9:20 pm	Wed	1:36 am	10:17 am	4:58 pm	9:22 pm	Wed	2:07 am	10:16 am	5:02 pm	9:35 pm	Wed	4:41 am	1:31 pm	8:03 pm	None
Thu	3:23 am	11:01 am	6:33 pm	10:48 pm	Thu	2:28 am	11:03 am	5:38 pm	10:50 pm	Thu	3:00 am	10:51 am	5:49 pm	10:23 pm	Thu	5:33 am	12:36 am	8:43 pm	2:17 pm

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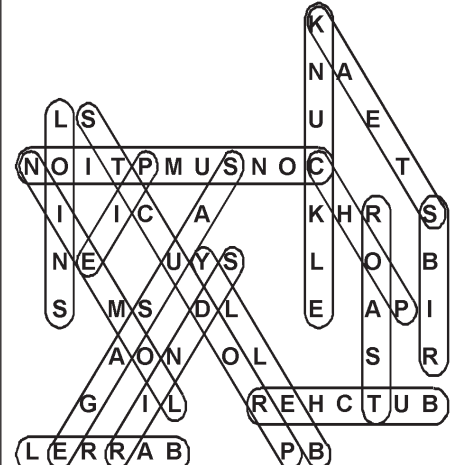
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KING CROSSWORD

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MAGIC MAZE



SUDOKU

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3	7	9	4	1	2	5	6	8
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4	5	1	3	8	9	7	2	6
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7	6	3	1	2	5	4	8	9
8	2	6	5	3	7	9	1	4
9	3	4	2	6	1	8	7	5
5	1	7	8	9	4	6	3	2

My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2018

Aries (March 21 to April 19) Your Arian penchant for impatience shows, as you consider passing a problem-prone project on to someone else. Best advice: Stay with it and work out those snarls yourself.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) Even patient Bovines can be frustrated when carefully made plans go awry. But crank up that “stick-to-it-ivity” you do so well, and you’ll soon find that your schedule is back in sync.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) Your aspect favors using more resourceful means in dealing with a workplace situation. Some discreet checking around could help shed light on the root cause of the problem.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) You show an unusually strong streak of stubbornness in rejecting suggestions from friends and/or family members early in the week. But you become more receptive by the week’s end.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat might find a gentler approach more effective when dealing with those who resist needed changes. Remember, the word “persuasion” starts with the sound “purr.”

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) A disappointing experience with someone you felt you could trust can be painful. But there just might be more to this situation than you’re aware of. Press for an explanation.

Libra (September 23 to October 22) Changing your views about something you believe in isn’t easy. But you might reconsider as the facts come in. Keep your mind open, even if you’re uneasy about what you might learn.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21)

You might have to do some serious shifting of gears to get your project back on track. But cheer up. Your hard work starts to produce some positive results by the week’s end.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) An unsettling mood at the start of the week soon lifts and gives way to a more positive attitude as you find fun and friendship beginning to dominate your aspect.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) A delay in firming up holiday plans could work to your advantage. Use this time to scout out possibilities that might be more in line with what those close to you would prefer.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) Some people might question some of the new friends you’ve welcomed into your life. But your ability to see beyond the obvious helps you recognize how special they are.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20) Financial matters can be especially tricky this week. It’s best to follow a conservative investment path for now, and wait for a more fortuitous time to take a bolder approach.

Born This Week: Your warmth, your humor and your genuine concern for others make you someone people love to keep close to their lives.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was Hungarian psychiatrist Thomas Stephen Szasz who made the following sage observation: “If you talk to God, you are praying. If God talks to you, you have schizophrenia.”
- You might be surprised to learn that

David Duchovny, best known for his role as Agent Fox Mulder in *The X-Files*, was just a dissertation away from being awarded a doctorate in English literature.

- Did you know that the world’s most popular fruit is the banana? It’s true: In the United States, people consume more bananas than apples and oranges put together.

- In 2009, a Saudi couple who had spent their honeymoon in Malaysia encountered difficulty on the return flight home. It seems that the groom felt the bride was taking too long in the airport restroom, so he boarded the flight back to Saudi Arabia before she did. When he allowed the plane to leave without her, she insisted on an immediate divorce.

- Most people don’t realize that in 1938, *Time* magazine featured Adolph Hitler on the cover as its Man of the Year.

- Removing one’s wedding ring is considered to be a no-no by many. However, one superstition holds that doing so is perfectly acceptable – as long as the ring is being used to ward off a witch.

- Ever wonder why magazine publisher Hugh Hefner chose a rabbit as the symbol of his *Playboy* magazine? Evidently, when the mogul was a small boy one of his treasured possessions was a blanket with bunnies all over it.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“I myself have never been able to find out precisely what feminism is: I only know that people call me a feminist whenever I express sentiments that differentiate me from a doormat.” – Rebecca West, author and journalist

TRIVIA TEST

1. **Anatomy:** What are the four lobes of the cerebral cortex?
2. **General Knowledge:** Which month is Black History Month?
3. **Literature:** Which early American author wrote the “The Scarlet Letter”?
4. **Chemistry:** Which element is represented by the designation Cl?
5. **Measurements:** How long is a lunar month?
6. **Science:** What is the most abundant metal in the Earth’s crust?
7. **Music:** Who wrote the 1962 song “The Loco-Motion”?
8. **Geography:** Which country is home of Great Bear Lake?
9. **U.S. States:** Which state claims to be the “birthplace of aviation”?
10. **Business:** What law requires banks to disclose the interest rates on loans?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Frontal lobe, parietal lobe, occipital lobe and temporal lobe
2. February
3. Nathaniel Hawthorne
4. Chlorine
5. 29.5 days
6. Aluminum
7. Gerry Goffin and Carole King
8. Canada
9. Ohio
10. Truth in Lending Act

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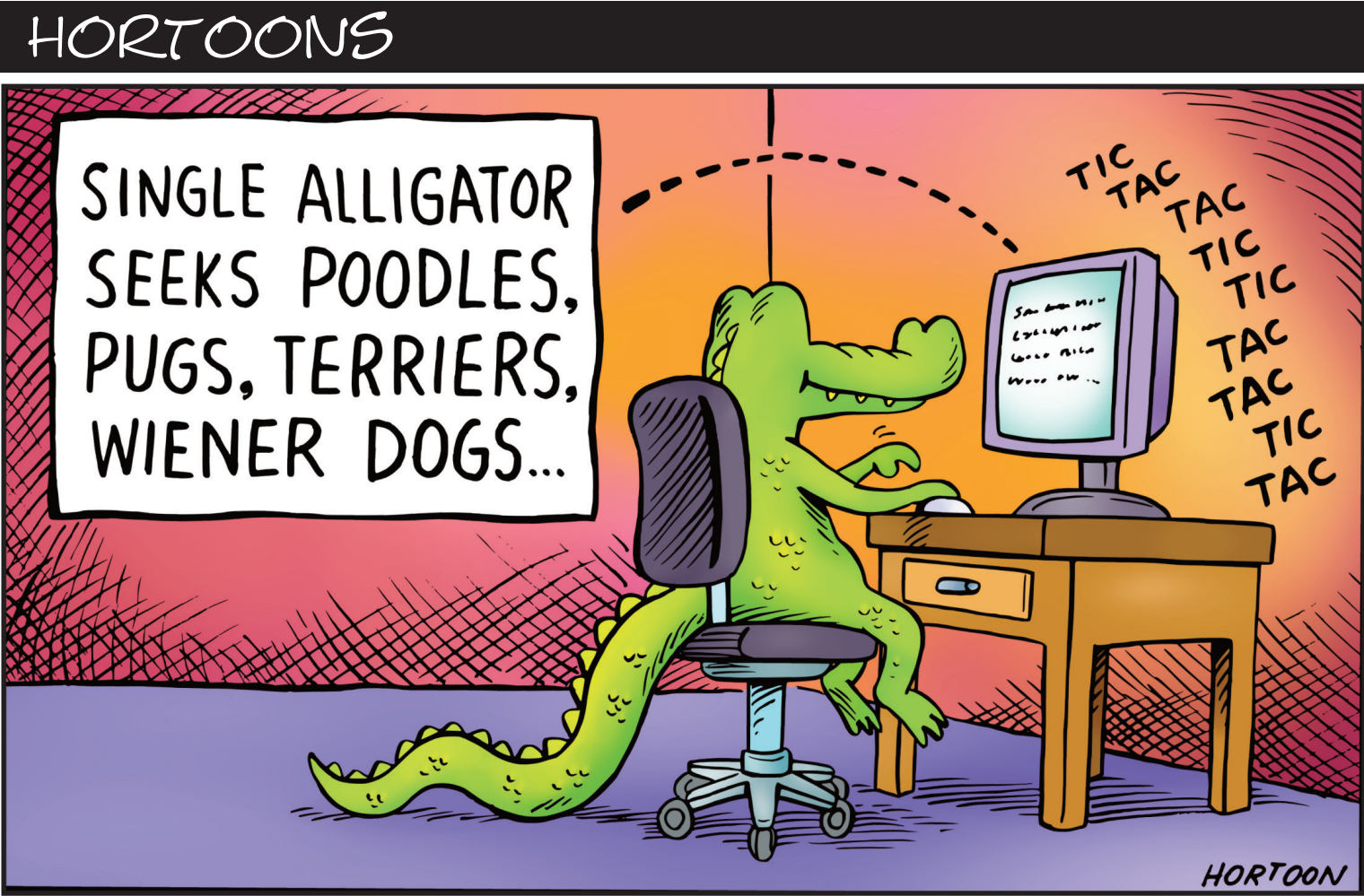
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Sanibel Harbours	Sanibel	1995	5,126	\$2,590,000	\$2,200,000	24
Bay Creek	Bonita Springs	1999	6,016	\$1,939,500	\$1,850,000	43
Rookery Lake	Bonita Springs	2001	4,392	\$1,895,000	\$1,895,000	8
Captiva Beach	Captiva	1997	3,465	\$1,799,000	\$1,610,000	255
Lake Forest At Shadow Wood	Estero	2006	4,641	\$1,695,000	\$1,597,000	157
Devonwood	Fort Myers	2018	3,692	\$1,312,710	\$1,254,455	308
Vittoria	Fort Myers	2011	3,578	\$1,250,000	\$1,200,000	19
Riverside	Fort Myers	1952	3,970	\$1,185,000	\$975,000	204
Sanibel Estates	Sanibel	1979	2,992	\$999,000	\$850,000	457
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