



Estates To Celebrate Kid Inventors' Day

Children and their parents are invited to be inventors in the Smithsonian Spark!Lab at Edison and Ford Winter Estates for National Kid Inventors' Day on Thursday, January 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The event offers free admission to the museum and Edison's laboratory.

Interactive and hands-on activities will be available throughout the 15,000-square-foot inventions museum. Visitors will learn about how Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone tested rubber; hear about the science of sound; animate a moving picture; observe a LEGO Robotics demonstration; learn about inventions kids have created; and test inventive skills in the Smithsonian Spark!Lab.

The Spark!Lab offers families and children six different invention stations. Groups and individuals can have fun inventing at each station. Activities include:

The Towering Teeter Table, a new balancing challenge suited for all ages, where inventors build structures and learn to balance them.

High Wire Driver, an activity where visitors use a variety of building supplies and simple motors to invent devices that can roll along a cable, suspended above a table or work surface. This station allows participants to create imaginative high wire-driving cameras, cable cars or even an



A family inventing in the Smithsonian Spark!Lab at the estates photo provided

overhead cash carrier. The Snap Circuits station, where inventors will create and test electric circuits and devices such as LEDs, light bulbs, fan motors, flying disc launchers, and even a radio.

Gearheads, another new activity where users make inventions with gears and then test them in real time.

The Vertical Wind Tunnel, a favorite among visitors which allows inventors to experiment with a wind tunnel, a playful

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Brewing Company To Hold Benefit For Water Quality Efforts

Point Ybel Brewing will hold a celebration with Jon Stickley Trio to benefit the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's (SCCF) water quality efforts on Sunday, January 13 from 3 to 5 p.m. SCCF staff will be on hand to answer questions and discuss ongoing water quality issues affecting Southwest Florida.

Proceeds from Point Ybel's new Sanibelian Local Lager will benefit the SCCF Marine Laboratory water quality efforts. The brewing company will donate \$2 for every pint sold. A suggested donation of \$10 at the door comes with a pint of Sanibelian Local Lager.

Jon Stickley Trio is a three-piece acoustic band that combines flatpicking guitar with violin melodies and classical, jazz-influenced drumming to create textural soundscapes.

SCCF is dedicated to the conservation of coastal habitats and aquatic resources on Sanibel and Captiva and in the surrounding watershed through environmental education, land acquisition and stewardship, native landscapes and garden center, marine laboratory, natural resource policy, sea turtle and shorebird conservation, and wildlife and habitat management. Community support through membership dues and tax-deductible contributions, in addition to grants and staff-generated revenue, makes this work possible.

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Jon Stickley Trio

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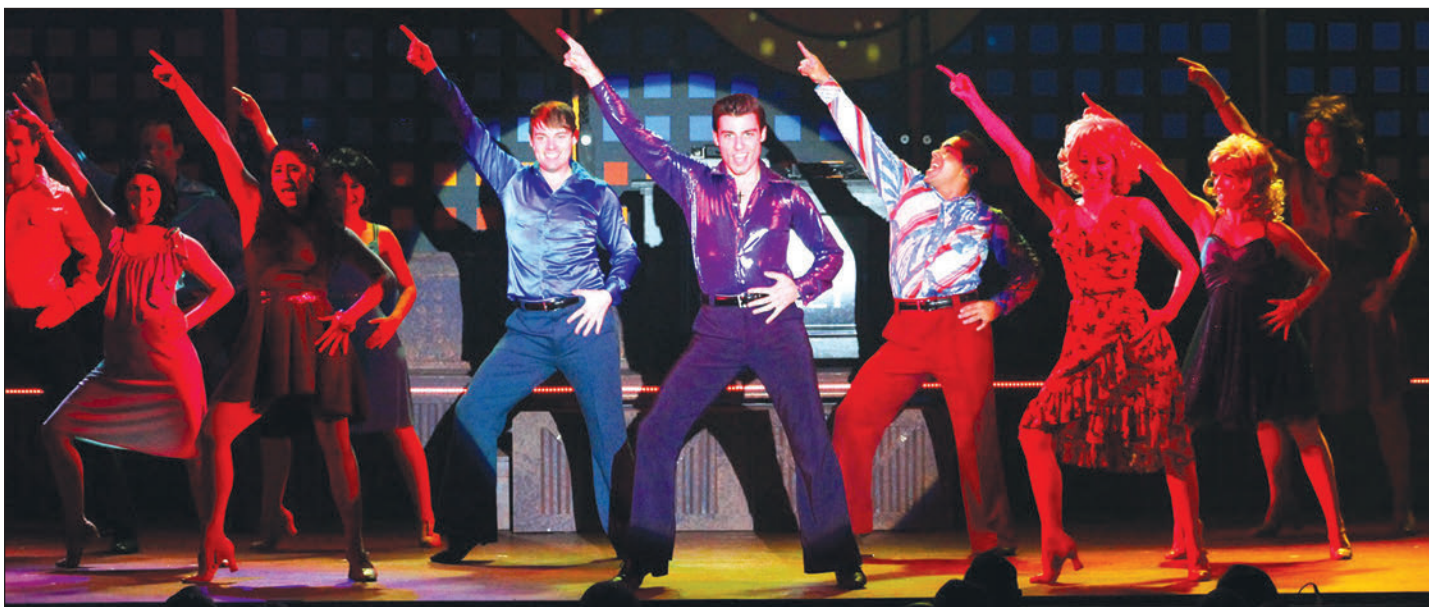
Disco Fever At Broadway Palm

by Di Saggau

Who can forget the movie *Saturday Night Fever*? And, I'll bet what you remember most is John Travolta in that stunning white suit, and the throbbing disco beat and harmonies of the Bee Gees. Broadway Palm's production of *Saturday Night Fever* brings it all back including that energetic dancing and athleticism.

The year is 1979 in Brooklyn and Tony Manero (Michael Notardonato), a young man with a dead-end job in a paint store and an extraordinary ability to dance, has one ambition in life; to become the disco king. He meets Stephanie (Collier Cobb) who also dreams of a world beyond Brooklyn. Tony has to decide whether his partner will be Stephanie or his former partner, Annette (Jennie Nasser). To Annette's disappointment, he trains for the dance competition with Stephanie. All three of the leads not only dance up a storm, they wow us with their beautiful singing.

Notardonato is a tour de force, immediately setting the tone of his character the moment he comes on stage. In fact, he is rarely offstage and he



A scene from *Saturday Night Fever*

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exudes the same leadership and charm that captured feminine hearts in the iconic film. He has played Tony Manero three times before, both in the states and internationally, and plays the role to perfection with all the strutting, suavity and egotism that his character deserves. We

also see his sensitivity. And no one messes with his hair. When his father touches his head, Tony yells, "Whoa. I work a long time on my hair."

There is so much to like about this show. It features the greatest hits from the Bee Gees, including *Stayin' Alive*,

How Deep is Your Love, *More Than a Woman* and *Night Fever*. Everyone does a superb job, and all the characters are there that we saw in the film. They all shine in their singing and dancing. The show is an homage to the movie, with even more

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Famed TV Marshal Rides Into Fort Myers



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

If you're a baby boomer or older, that man on the left in this 1958 photo should look familiar. That's Marshal Matt Dillon of the long-running television western *Gunsmoke*.

The Marshal, played by actor James Arness, was the big-name celebrity heading up a fundraising event in March 1958. The Lions Club of Fort Myers sponsored the Egypt Shrine Circus to raise money for the Sight Savings Fund.

"Matt Dillon" joined an exciting and varied roster of performers booked from Ringling Bros., among them the Great Wallenda Troupe, "the greatest high wire act of all times;" the Valencianos, "the jumping somersaulting wizards of the bounding trampoline;"

the Olympic Elephants; and the Human Cannonball as the closing act.

Arness was to reproduce some of his *Gunsmoke* scenes in a 20-minute segment in both the afternoon and evening performances at the Fort Myers High School Stadium.

The circus extravaganza would replace the Lions Club annual minstrel show.

What justified Arness's headline status in the 18-act circus of intriguing performers?

Gunsmoke was immensely popular across all age groups and had one of the longest runs in television prime-time history – from 1955 to 1975, after having begun as a radio series in 1952.

Arness appeared in 635 episodes. (The television series still airs in reruns.)

A measure of its popularity is that, at Christmastime 1958, a department store at First and Hendry was selling a three-piece Marshall Dillon cowboy suit.

This "gunfight" photo might have been taken upon the actor's arrival at the airport, most likely Page Field. Note the suitcases lower right.

The man in the showdown with the Marshal is a real-life law man, the legendary Flanders "Snag" Thompson (far right). He was elected Lee County sheriff for six consecutive terms, a total of 24 years, starting in 1948.

Also in the photo are (left to right) Win Ellis, an unidentified man, and Fort Myers Mayor Heard Edwards.

Ellis was a member of the Lions Club and a downtown booster and civic activist. Bringing the circus to town was his idea, and he worked with the club's president, Dave Washburn, to make it happen. Lions Joe McClure and Sam Fleishman co-chaired the event.

Ellis was also the owner of the beloved Snack House Restaurant, so it's understandable that a few days before the event, a Snack House ad in *The News-Press* announced -- along with the daily menu -- "VILLAINS BEWARE!!! MARSHALL MATT DILLON Is Riding Into Fort Myers!"

Ellis optimistically predicted that the event could attract up to 10,000 people.

The following year, for whatever reason, the Lions returned to the annual Suwannee Minstrels as a fundraiser.

Visit the following two research centers to learn more about the celebrities who have visited Fort Myers. You might be surprised.

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, *The News-Press* and www.imdb.com.✧



In 1958, "Marshal Matt Dillon," actor James Arness (far left), of television's *Gunsmoke* headlined the Lions Club's fundraising event for the Sight Savings Fund. Also pictured are (from left) Win Ellis, unidentified man, Fort Myers Mayor Heard Edwards and Flanders "Snag" Thompson.
photo courtesy IMAG History & Science Center

The IMAG Grant Award

The IMAG History and Science Center (IMAG) recently announced a generous grant award from the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation, which will, in part, support scholarships to underserved youth to attend Camp IMAG. The camp program employs interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary instruction methods to advance campers' comprehension of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and history. The grant will also provide technology-based supplies to be used in Camp IMAG.

The scholarship support generously provided by the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation will enable recipients to experience innovative teaching methods that allow for exploration, inquiry and, most importantly, application

of concepts being taught. Furthermore, the foundation's support will allow the IMAG to keep pace with technological advancements, providing leading-edge tools and materials to enable hands-on learning and interactive experiences such as tablets, associated software, robotic kits, mini-engineering models and 3D printers.

"The benefits of the pedagogical frameworks we employ in Camp IMAG include developing problem-solving and critical thinking skills, teaching the ability to integrate multiple perspectives, and empowering students to apply what is learned in a constructive manner," said executive director Matt Johnson. "We are immensely grateful to the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation for helping us reach those students who otherwise might not be able to attend, and for ensuring we are equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and tools to impart our curriculum."✧

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Spectacular Lineup Coming To BIG ARTS

Blair Tindall plays with Oboe Fusion, a band that appears in the BIG ARTS classical lineup on January 13. She is not only a musician but also a journalist who has played with renowned symphonies, orchestras for Broadway musicals and wrote music stories for 12 years for *The New York Times*.

Tindall is also the author of the 2005 book *Mozart in the Jungle: Sex, Drugs and Classical Music*, a roman-a-clef of the classical music scene in New York in the 1980s that was produced as a critically acclaimed four-season Amazon Prime video series by Roman Coppola and others.

Although plenty of people were aghast at her depiction of musicians playing dignified scores while conducting their private lives with considerably less dignity, Tindall believes it made the music a bit more accessible to the average person.

"Honestly, very few people know anything about music," she said in an interview, "and I think *Mozart in the Jungle* makes that clear. I probably shouldn't have, but I read all the online (comments). People said they were afraid to go to a concert, but now they're going to give it a try."

That some people feel intimidated about going to classical concerts is "distressing to musicians," Tindall added, "because we really want to share this with people."



Oboe Fusion, from left, Blair Tindall, Tom Gallant and Marilyn Coyne

photo provided

Her membership in an oboe combo and writer of a controversial book are just two of the quirky things about Tindall.

She performed on film soundtracks of *Malcolm X*, *Crooklyn* and *Twilight*, and with *Rolling Stones* drummer Charlie Watts at the Blue Note jazz club.

And then there's that book about musicians behaving, well, badly.

"It was really like that. I didn't have to make anything up," Tindall said.

Seeing her book become a TV series was an incomparable experience. "The thing I'll never forget is I live about a mile away from the executive producer's office, and it was the day after my birthday. I remember I was a little hungover. I met this really famous Hollywood director, Paul Weitz, in his office. We chatted a while, and he turned on the pilot. There was this very funny opening sequence with 'Mini-me,' as I called Lola (Kirke, the lead

actress). Then cut to Joshua Bell, and I've known him since he was about 10. And there's Joshua on the screen, and I just burst into tears." She thought the pilot was that good.

One thing you surmise talking with Tindall about *Mozart* is this: Quirk could possibly be a universal factor among freelance musicians – including others on the BIG ARTS classical series.

Officially, Oboe Fusion consists of oboes, vocals and keyboard. They perform their own renditions of music by George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Gilbert and Sullivan; a special arrangement of *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*; music from the Golden Age of television; classical works by Beethoven and Mozart; and Handel's *Water Music*.

But the group, also consisting of Tom Gallant and Marilyn Coyne, has several versions of a show. One of them they call the Oboe Fusion AARP Reunion Tour. Tindall said, laughing, because they play songs such as *I Will Survive* and *Stayin' Alive*. "It's a whole disco thing. I have go-go boots, Marilyn has this whole sparkly outfit, Tom has a bowling shirt."

Tindall ended up playing the oboe by chance. She learned piano at a very young age, but didn't have a choice of instrument when the music education powers-that-be had young students choose what they'd play in alphabetical order by last name. The oboe was the only instrument left.

But she flourished, and in addition to her other credits, can be heard on the soundtrack of *Mozart in the Jungle* and appears in a cameo near the end of the second season. "And now I'm in the

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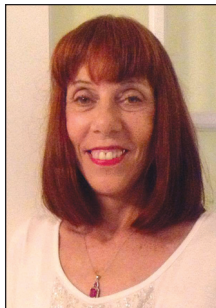
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Storytelling Showcase Returns To The Alliance

The Elephant III, Stories You'll Never Forget, is coming to the Alliance for the Arts on Wednesday, January 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. The 3rd annual storytelling showcase returns with 10 tellers and all new stories.

The Elephant was inspired by The Moth, a storytelling organization based in New York City. The Moth was founded in 1997 by George Dawes Green to recreate the feel of his childhood in Georgia, where stories were told on the front porch. He longed for the feeling of community that came from swapping personal stories. He called the organization The Moth because "People are attracted to a story the way a moth is attracted to a flame." Now, 21 years later, this storytelling

organization produces live shows in nearly 30 cities, including Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, Detroit, Miami, London and Melbourne, Australia. It has had overwhelming success. There are Moths all over the world – in Kazakhstan, Edinboro, Perth – to standing-room-only crowds. It can be heard on NPR (National Public Radio) every Saturday night at 6 p.m. It has inspired numerous emulators who cater to their local communities.

Among the emulators are the Storytellers of the Round Table, who have named their productions The Elephant because these events have stories you'll never forget. The Elephant differs from The Moth in another respect as well – stories are not limited to personal stories. They can be traditional (folk tales), historical and literary as well as personal.

Master of ceremonies will be Dr. Joel Ying. Performances, in order of appearance, include *Truth and Story*, a medieval fable updated for a 21st century audience told by Mary Lou

Williams; *The Wide Mouth Frog*, a humorous folk tale told by Tashahara Jallad; *The Tiger's Whisker*, a touching folk tale told by Rhonda Brazina; *Yellow Butterflies*, a personal story told by Leonor Reales about her life growing up with 15 siblings; *The Legacy of Love*, another personal story that is also historical as well because it takes place during the civil rights era, told by Dr. Joel Ying; *Some Frog*, a tall tale that Lisa Leonhardt almost convinces to be true; *Blame It On Homesickness*, a true story that Tony Marr almost convinces to be a tall tale; *Running Out of Gas*, a personal story about an unforgettable character told by Marilyn Graham; *The Last Tango*, told by Pamela Minton with an ending you don't see coming; *The Fiery Retiree*, told by Phyllis May, who won a Toastmaster award for humor with this



Mary Lou Williams



Joel Ying

piece. The stories are as intriguing as their titles.

Tickets are \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

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

Cape Coral Arts & Music Festival This Weekend

The 34th annual Cape Coral Arts & Music Festival, hosted annually by the Rotary Club of Cape Coral, will be held on Saturday, January 12 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, January 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival will take place on Cape Coral Parkway in South Cape Coral between Del Prado Boulevard and SE 10th Place, and north to SE 47th Terrace.

In addition, the largest juried art show in Southwest Florida will showcase live musical talent. Admission and parking are free for festival attendees.

According to the Lee County Tourist Development Council and the Lee County Visitors and Convention

Bureau, the Cape Coral Arts & Music Festival is Lee County's largest special event. It has attracted more than 100,000 visitors and brings together the works of more than 300 juried artists and artisans from across the country. Exhibitors will showcase their fine art, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, photography, metal works, mixed media, and much more. Food will be available for purchase from a variety of vendors via Little Joe's Special Events.

Musicians will be performing on an outdoor stage located at the corner of Cape Coral Parkway and 10th Place at the west end of the festival. In addition, entertainment will be provided at several bars and restaurants located throughout the South Cape for attendees to enjoy on Saturday from 3 to 9 p.m.

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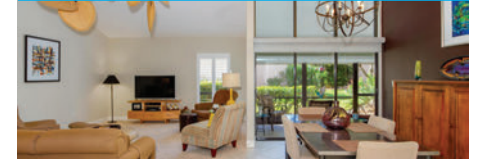
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Fort Myers Art:

Groundbreaking Play Comes To Alliance Theater



by Tom Hall
When it comes to local theater, there are certain iconic pairings. Like Rachel Burttram and real-life spouse Brendan Powers. Anne Dodd and Patrick Day. Trossbach and

Graffy. But brace yourself Southwest Florida (and apologies to any power pairings omitted). In January, Dena Galyean and Derek Lively will face off as Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass in Theatre Conspiracy's production of *The Agitators*.

Both are coming off perhaps the best performances in their already illustrious careers, Galyean as Nora Helmer in Henrik Ibsen's *A Doll's House* and Lively as Walter Lee Younger in Lorraine Hansberry's masterwork *A Raisin in the Sun*.

Galyean is one of the hardest working thespians in all of Southwest Florida. She always seems to land fascinating roles. Prior to *A Doll's House*, she appeared as Stella Kowalski in The Studio Players' production of Tennessee William's *A Streetcar Named Desire* at the Golden



Dena Galyean portrays Susan B. Anthony and Derek Lively plays Frederick Douglass in *The Agitators* photo provided

Gate Community Center. Smart, insightful and prone to thoughtful introspection, she's come a long way since her seminal role after landing in Southwest Florida from Chicago as Louise in Lab Theater's production of Steve Martin's *The Underpants* in 2015.

Few theater-goers who caught his performance in *A Raisin in the Sun* will never forget Lively jumping on his mother's coffee table as his character performs an impromptu song-and-dance duet with his sister as both seek to connect with their repressed (suppressed) African heritage. But his portrayal of Walter Younger was not Lively's first "tour d'force" performance. That appellation was employed by a theater critic nearly 20

years ago to describe his performance in *Dreamin' in Church*, a one-actor dramedy by playwright Robert O'Hara that was part of Worth Street Theater Company's Snapshots 2000.

Theatre Conspiracy Artistic Director Bill Taylor not only pairs these mega talents opposite each other, but does so in the guise of such legendarily mercurial personages as Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass. Anthony and Douglas both advocated for voting rights for women and former slaves. But over time, a rift occurred between them.

In a nutshell, Douglass made the calculation that insisting that men and women of all races be accorded the right to vote simultaneously (known as universal suffrage) would likely torpedo enfranchisement of black men. Fearing that if black men didn't gain the right to vote at that specific point in history they might never get it, he advocated for passage of the 15th Amendment even though it did not include women.

Anthony, along with Elizabeth Cady Stanton, couldn't disagree with Douglass more. But they didn't just contend that men and women had to gain the right to vote at the same time. They suggested that white women were actually more

qualified to vote than black men and allied themselves with opponents of black suffrage. Douglass felt they'd gone too far, demonstrating institutional racism in today's terminology. As close as they once were, both sides now felt betrayed.

"Their disagreement became an open conflict at the 1869 meeting of the American Equal Rights Association (AERA), which took place in New York City's Steinway Hall and Brooklyn Academy of Music," noted the U.S. National Park Service in its essay series *Comrades in Conflict*. "Douglass, Stanton and Anthony had a heated debate about whether the AERA should support the 15th Amendment if it only referenced black men. They each argued how the lack of suffrage endangered their community. African Americans were persecuted for their race and women were the property of men; both needed the vote in order to improve their lot."

Years later, Anthony and Douglas finally reconciled, forging a cordial relationship. But they were never as close as they'd once been. While they shared many of the same goals, principles and experiences, they had one glaring irreconcilable difference. They couldn't agree on whose humanity should be recognized first – that of black men or those of women regardless of race. More the pity that they found themselves living between Scylla and Charybdis.

With this as predicate and a beautifully crafted script by Mat Smart, Galyean and Lively are poised to deliver thunderclap performances in *The Agitators*.

The Agitators opens Thursday, January 17 and plays through Sunday, January 27. To purchase tickets or for more information, call the box office at 939-2787, visit Theatre Conspiracy at the Alliance for the Arts at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers, or visit www.artinlee.org/theatre.

Tom Hall is both an amateur artist and aspiring novelist who writes art quest thrillers. He is in the final stages of completing his debut novel titled *Art Detective*. A former tax attorney, he lives in Estero with his fiancé and their four cats.✧

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River Concerts Return To Estates

Several new Rhythm on the River concerts are planned for the season at Edison and Ford Winter Estates. The first event will feature local musician Steve Farst in the River Pavilion along the Caloosahatchee on Sunday, January 13 at 6 p.m.

Steve Farst has been entertaining audiences for years with his unique sound. The acoustic guitarist adds his own personal touch to classics and newer songs.

Advance tickets are \$25 for Edison Ford members and \$35 for non-members. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door for \$40 for members and non-members. Tickets include two signature drinks and appetizers by Sanibel Catering Company by Baileys. A cash bar will also be available.

Some chairs will be provided, but visitors are asked to bring a folding chair.



Musician Steve Farst photo provided

The Edison and Ford Winter Estates is located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. To purchase tickets, visit www.edisonfordwinterestates.org.✧

Pancake Breakfast

Bayside Estates Men's Club will host its monthly Pancake Breakfast in its recreation hall on Sunday, January 13 from 8 to 11 a.m. All are invited to attend.

The breakfast includes scrambled eggs, sausages, coffee, orange juice and all-you-can-eat pancakes for the cost of \$5. For only \$1 more, get a made-to-order omelet.

Bayside Estates is located at 17601 San Carlos Boulevard on the way to Fort Myers Beach.*

Beach Art Group Juried Show

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association Winter Juried Art Show titled *Over the Moon* will open on Monday, January 14 and run through February 7. All artwork in this gallery exhibit will be available for viewing and sale until February 7.

The award winners of this show will be announced at the reception on Sunday, January 20, which will begin with a gallery talk by artist Michele Barron Buelow at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by event sponsor Fresh Catch Bistro. These events are free and open to the public.

On Sunday, January 13, artist Sally Cooper, this year's juried art show judge, will offer a demo at the gallery from 4 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$10.

The FMBAA Winter Juried Show is

open to all artists who are members and non-members of the Beach art group and members of ACSWF. Submissions are due January 12 at FMBAA.

Visit www.fortmyersbeachart.com for more information.*

Volunteer Expo At Library Saturday

United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee is sponsoring a Volunteer Expo at Lakes Regional Library on Saturday, January 12 for those interested in learning how to enrich your life through helping others.

The expo will teach how to promote year-round volunteer opportunities in Lee County, and afford the public a chance to interact face-to-face with a variety of local agencies and explore opportunities that fit their interests.

Nineteen local agencies will have tables at the expo so visitors can explore what type of activity each agency has to offer to volunteers. Enrich your life by offering your skills and experience to a local non-profit agency, and choose the one that's the perfect fit for you. This is a great opportunity for students who are required to do public service hours for school, retired persons to expand their horizons, and families to find volunteer projects to do together. There is no charge for the event.

Lakes Regional Library is located at 15290 Bass Road in Fort Myers. You can reach the United Way Volunteer Center by calling 433-7567, or by visiting www.unitedwaylee.org.*

Guerrilla Girls Exhibition At FSW

Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) will present *Guerrilla Girls: Rattling Cages Since 1985* – a site-specific survey exhibition and newly commissioned, interactive installation at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery from January 17 through March 23. The public opening will be held on Thursday, January 17 with a 6 p.m. lecture by FSW humanities professor Dr. Wendy Chase and a reception from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

An internationally renowned feminist advocacy and art collective, the Guerrilla Girls maintain anonymity while confronting and addressing systemic problems of gender and racial parity in the art world. Attacking art institutions for discriminatory and inequitable practices on their own gallery walls, the Guerrilla Girls have designed a participatory chalkboard installation for visitor "complaints" and covered the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery floor-to-ceiling with an immersive selection of the group's most notable public art/protest poster campaigns.

"Our anonymity keeps the focus on the issues and away from who we might be," said a representative of the Guerrilla Girls. "We wear gorilla masks in public and use facts, humor and outrageous visuals to expose gender and ethnic bias as well as corruption in politics, art, film and pop culture. We undermine the idea of a mainstream narrative by revealing the undercurrent, the subtext, the overlooked and the downright unfair. We believe in an intersectional feminism that fights



Guerrilla Girls poster photo provided

discrimination and supports human rights for all people and all genders."

The subject of recent retrospectives in Europe and a traveling U.S. museum exhibition titled *Guerrilla Girls: Not Ready To Make Nice*, the Guerrilla Girls were guests on *The Late Show* with Stephen Colbert and have been speaking up and speaking out to demand change for more than three decades. According to Frida Kahlo – a Guerrilla Girl who adopted the late, great Mexican artist's name as a nom de guerre in her honor: "Wearing this mask gives you a certain kind of freedom to say whatever you want..."

This exhibition is made possible by the generous support of the Diamond District and The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel.

Bob Rauschenberg Gallery is located within Building L at FSW at 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers. For more information, call 489-9313 or visit www.rauschenberggallery.com.*

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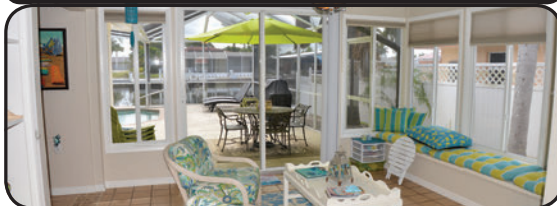
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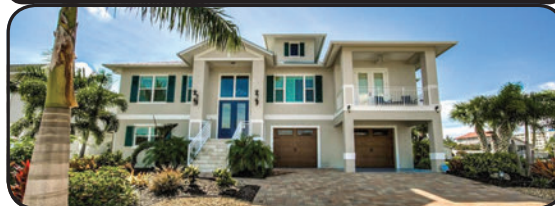
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Along The River

An opening reception for **Alliance for the Arts'** January exhibit, *Magnetism*, with award-winning artists Ken Hoffman and Alexander Martin will be held this Friday, January 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. A conversational walk and talk with the exhibiting artists will be held on Saturday, January 12 at 10 a.m. during Alliance for the Arts weekly GreenMarket.

The exhibit, which will be hung until February 2, explores themes such as identity, connection and pressures of society. Admission to the gallery is free and open to the public, but a \$5 suggested donation helps keep arts programming accessible

Hoffman's anthropomorphic paintings reveal the closeness between people and animals, and speak to our society's political and cultural scene. These provoking paintings pair well with the unexpected abstractions that Martin showcases with his Boys Will Be Boys series.

Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.artinlee.org.

Art Haus MARVIN will be held this Friday through Sunday, January 11 to 13. Hosted by Marvin and Helene Gralnick at their **10-acre estate**, located at 10731 Bromley Lane in Fort Myers, the gathering is open to the public. Proceeds from this weekend of art, film, comedy, fashion and reflection will benefit water quality work conducted by the



Wilder Sons will headline Taps & Tunes Craft Beer & Music Festival

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Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF).

Friday Night Live will take place from 5 to 10 p.m. It will feature a film screening by John Biffar of DreamTime entertainment, focused on some of Marvin Gralnick's artwork. A second film, *Troubled Seas*, will illustrate the deviation caused by red tide. Performances by comedienne Norma Miller, musicians Xerephine Musica and Kat Epple will follow. Live art auctions will benefit SCCF and Sante. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served.

On Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m., guests will be treated to a guided tour of the grounds, which includes a wetland nature

preserve, and an invitation to explore the urban primalist's collection.

At 5 p.m., a special cacao ceremony will be held. Later, a couture fashion show will be brought to the runway starting at 6 p.m. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be offered while viewing the latest styles created by MariaPia Malerba. Another live auction will benefit SCCF.

Sunday Sanctuary begins with Qigong from 1 to 3 p.m. and a transformative day of healing and rejuvenation with Waxela Sananda and Sarah Gralnick. Then, from 3 to 5 p.m., a panel discussion on embracing the new culture will feature Jacob Goldman, Caitanya Estrella,

Tiite Baquero, Steve Eisenstein and Rio Gralnick.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.arthaus.splashthat.com.

The 34th annual **Cape Coral Arts & Music Festival**, hosted annually by the Rotary Club of Cape Coral, will be held this Saturday, January 12 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, January 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival will take place on **Cape Coral Parkway** in South Cape Coral between Del Prado Boulevard and SE 10th Place, and north to SE 47th Terrace. Admission and parking are free for festival attendees.

In addition, there will be works of more than 300 juried artists and artisans and live musical performances.

For more information, visit www.capecoralfestival.com.

The 4th annual **Taps & Tunes Craft Beer & Music Festival** will return to downtown Fort Myers at **Centennial Park East** on Saturday, January 12 from 2 to 8 p.m.

Sample over 80 craft beers and purchase a variety of eats from local food trucks while enjoying music from Wilder Sons, The Woodwork and Supergold.

Cost is \$45 per person, which includes an unlimited tasting cup, sampling of more than 80 craft beers from award-winning local breweries. General admission is \$5.

Centennial Park East is located at 2221 Edwards Drive in Fort Myers. For tickets and more information, visit www.sbdac.com/taps-and-tunes-craft-beer-and-music-festival or call 333-1933.*

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Under the direction of Richard Bradstreet, the band will perform a mix of energetic marches, selections from *The King and I*, a medley of Disney favorites, *Beguine for Flutes*, patriotic classics and a sing-a-long with emcee Norman Jones.

The 50-member adult band performs six free concerts between November and April. Donations are accepted. Additional concert dates are February 10, March 10, and April 7. Anyone interested in joining the band may phone John Fenn at 454-6430.

Cape Coral High School is located at 2300 Santa Barbara Boulevard in Cape Coral. Anyone interested in joining the band may phone John Fenn at



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The Academy of Lifelong Learning is excited to welcome Professor Adrian Kerr for an exploration of one of the world's oldest cities, Athens. He will discuss the rise of the Ancient Greek city, its cultural achievements and Athens' long demise under the Ottoman Empire. **Tickets for this class cost \$10,* and may be purchased by calling (239) 489-8472.**

January 22 at 7 p.m.

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Shell Point's Medical Breakthroughs and Discoveries Series kicks off in 2019 with a presentation by Dr. Shane Shapiro, medical director of the regenerative medicine therapeutics program at the Mayo Clinic Center for Regenerative Medicine. Dr. Shapiro will describe regenerative medicine applications and also debunk misleading information accompanying such treatments. **Registration is required for this free community healthcare presentation at (239) 433-7936; light refreshments will follow.**

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January 28 at 2 p.m.

Medical Breakthroughs & Discoveries Series: Advances in Alzheimer's Disease

Shell Point's Medical Breakthroughs and Discoveries Series continues with a presentation by Dr. Amanda Smith, director of clinical research at the Byrd Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute at the University of South Florida Health. Dr. Smith will discuss Alzheimer's and dementias, cover treatment and strategies, review the status of current research and more. **Registration is required for this free community healthcare presentation at (239) 433-7936; light refreshments will follow.**

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World-Renowned Author Leaves Legacy At FGCU

In 2016, *Time* magazine named its 100 Most-Read Female Writers in College Classes. Coming in at number 7 – just below the likes of Mary Shelley, Virginia Woolf, Jane Austen and Toni Morrison – was acclaimed textbook author Elaine Nicpon Marieb. While her books are assigned in more than 2,400 classrooms around the world, Marieb’s greatest impact is likely on the students who study in the college that bears her name at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU). She died December 20 at age 82.

Marieb had a knack for teaching students about human anatomy and physiology. She taught the subject, among others, at Springfield College and Holyoke Community College for years, and she eventually put her methods down on paper. She published more than a dozen textbooks on the subject and earned her RN and PhD along the way.

“Education gave me the faith and confidence I have in myself, and I would love to help instill that faith in students pursuing careers in health professions,” Marieb said in an interview with *FGCU 360 Magazine* in 2017. “Be diligent in your studies because only when you are can you gain the sense of accomplishment that brings confidence in yourself. With confidence and education, you can change your life.”

Between 2012 and 2017, Marieb



Elaine N. Marieb photo provided

pledged \$15 million to FGCU, establishing Marieb Hall and the Marieb College of Health & Human Services.

“The commitment and belief that Elaine Marieb placed in our college was a confidence boost. She challenged us to be better educators, to excel and deliver high quality programs, and to graduate outstanding health care practitioners,” said Mitch Cordova, former dean of Marieb College and current vice president for student success and enrollment management.

“Her gift provides the resources for us to remain on the pathway to academic excellence in perpetuity. While her

financial investments were significant, her involvement with our advisory board in setting the strategic direction of the college was essential. Having a world-renowned educator, author and scholar like Elaine Marieb involved with our college immediately gave us credibility across the country.”

And Marieb seemed to be just as fond of FGCU.

“I feel FGCU offers a teaching style that was similar to my own, a style that connects lessons to examples and to things the students would remember so the lesson would stick,” said Marieb, who received an honorary doctorate from FGCU in 2016. “As for the students, they continue to impress me with their devotion to their studies and to changing their lives. I am gratified by the wonderful work the students have demonstrated. For the students that I have come to know, I continue to be touched by the appreciation they have expressed.”

Marieb’s generosity has enabled the continued growth of the Marieb College, which now provides degree programs in nursing, athletic training, occupational therapy, physical therapy, exercise science, physician assistant studies, clinical mental health counseling, health administration and social work, among others. In addition to FGCU, Marieb supported programs and scholarships at other institutions, such as Holyoke Community College and UMass Amherst. Her name will also adorn an herbarium and laboratory at the Marie Selby Botanical Garden in Sarasota.

“Clearly, Elaine Marieb has had a profound effect on FGCU, its students and the community we serve,” said FGCU

President Mike Martin. “Her investment in FGCU’s health sciences programs has been transformational. The confidence she placed in this institution provided the impetus for those who embrace excellence. Elaine’s impacts will be felt for generations to come. She will be missed, but it is of great benefit to so many who came to know Elaine Marieb. She has left a powerful legacy.”

On February 22, FGCU will host a public event to celebrate Marieb’s life and recognize her dedication to FGCU students. Additional information about the event will be announced at a later date.

To learn more about Elaine Nicpon Marieb and her work with FGCU, visit www2.fgcu.edu/mariebcollege/marieb_hall.asp ✨

Scholarship Winner To Perform At Luncheon

The SWFL Symphony Society luncheon program at Heritage Palms Golf & Country Club on Friday, January 11 will feature trumpeter Gabriel Chalick. The event begins at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$25 person, payable by cash, check or credit card at the door. Call 666-1230 to reserve.

Chalick was selected as one of the society’s four scholarship winners from a field of 14 semifinalists in its annual competition on December 15. The competition is open to aspiring career

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

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Roseate Spoonbill

by Bob Petcher



A roseate spoonbill (*Platalea ajaja*) is one bird that is hard not to incorrectly distinguish. From its beautiful pink coloration to its spoon-shaped bill, this flamboyant

water bird is a sight for sore eyes. In fact, the National Audubon Society describes the roseate spoonbill as “gorgeous at a distance and bizarre up close.”

Interestingly, there are five other spoonbills (Eurasian, royal, African, black-faced and yellow-billed) in the world, but the roseate is the only one found in the Americas. Their big bills sweep through shallow waters or sift through mud before snapping up fish and crustaceans. When swallowed, shrimp and other pink aquatic invertebrates through pigments called carotenoids give the roseate spoonbills their pinkish feather color.

Did you know that roseate spoonbills actually go through a balding process as they get older? These wading birds lose feathers from the top of their heads as they age.

At CROW, a juvenile roseate spoonbill – estimated to be under 2 years old based on its plumage – was admitted after being rescued near the entrance to the JN

“Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge’s Wildlife Drive. The bird was reportedly walking very slowly and not evading people that passed close to it.

Upon admission to the hospital, veterinarians noted the patient to have mild head tremors and that it was extremely wobbly when walking. These symptoms were consistent with brevetoxicosis, also known as red tide poisoning.

While Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission officials have recently reported only background concentrations of red tide in Lee County, brevetoxicosis can remain in an animal for some time.

“This varies depending upon the species and the individual’s ability to clear the toxin via their liver/kidneys or if they continue to eat contaminated food sources,” said Dr. Robin Bast, CROW staff veterinarian. “It can take anywhere from seven days to several weeks to clear the toxin while receiving treatment in our hospital.”

The patient also had superficial abrasions on its wings at the carpal joints, likely from stumbling around in its wobbly state. The wounds were cleaned, blood samples taken for diagnostic testing and the bird was provided with fluids and offered food.

“Initial in-house bloodwork was normal. We diagnosed brevetoxicosis based on clinical signs, but have not received the test results for this patient’s levels of the toxin yet,” said Dr. Bast when discussing the bird’s symptoms.

Surprisingly, the roseate spoonbill



Patient #18-4737 poses for the camera during its rehabilitation at CROW

photo by Bre Frankel

made a quick turnaround and was able to be released on January 2 – just four days after admission.

“Yes, this is one of the patients that has recovered the fastest,” said Dr. Bast. “This patient spent a short amount of time in an outdoor flight enclosure to ensure it was able to fly well enough for release.”

Having a patient respond to care in such quick fashion is satisfying to CROW medical officials who like to get rehabilitated animals back into the wild.

“Definitely,” replied Dr. Bast, “a speedy recovery is always great to see, so we can get them back out where they belong.”

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

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Sheepshead Action Not Fazed By Wind Or Fog



by Capt.
Matt Mitchell

Fast-changing conditions require changing the game plan no matter how well it's worked in the previous few days. Dense fog and strong winds were just a few of the

hourly changes that anglers experienced this week. One thing that did remain consistent though was the sheepshead bite. Catching sheepshead and rat redfish was great action during the 80-degree days. It just somehow did not feel right. Like most anglers and fellow guides, I have been trying to locate shiners without success. Now that our water temperature has crept back into the mid 70s, a live well full of shiners would basically guarantee an awesome day of snook fishing. Unlike in years past, our shiners have just not returned as they usually do with warming water temperatures. Looking for shiners has been frustrating to say the least. Luckily, we are catching lots of fish on shrimp though they are not the species that I would prefer to be targeting. The average size of our sheepshead increased this week though the number of fish per trip seemed to go down.

Most days out, we finished the day with between five to 10 sheepshead in the box, ranging in size from 14 to 18 inches. Dock fishing anywhere around the passes proved to be the best action. Along with the sheepshead, I'm also catching lots of smaller redfish in the same places. Teaching clients to sheepshead fish is a little more difficult than fishing for most species just because of the way they nibble a bait and never really completely take it. Most of the sheepshead fishing I do is generally around structure – mostly dock pilings and mangroves. To get a bite often requires landing the bait close to the piling so it can sink and be around the base. A few feet can make all the difference in catching a fish or never even getting a bite. A casting technique that works really well for a close accurate presentation is what I call the pendulum cast. With a chunk of shrimp on a jig head, I line up with the target and swing it back and forth until releasing the line from my finger. This is a straight cast which is basically like flipping for bass. With my left hand, I control the distance of the cast by feathering or grabbing the line when it reaches the target. This is a low-controlled cast that will keep you from hanging it on the dock and also, when the bait hits the water, it sinks straight down the piling. Once the sheepshead start to nibble the bait, it's time to be patient and delicately lift the rod tip using only your wrists. If you feel the rod tip bend and the fish on the hook, give it a solid pop to set the hook. Once on, pop it one more time to make sure the hook is in these hard-mouthed fish. If on the lift of the rod the sheepshead lets go of the bait, simply



Chris from Sanibel caught some larger sheepshead while out with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week photo provided

let the bait fall again and pick up the slack line with the reel. Most of the time the sheepshead will continue biting the bait. These fish can be very frustrating until you get in the groove of how to hook them. 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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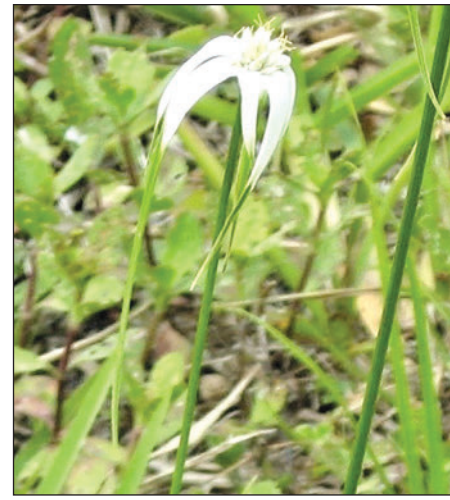
Bougainvillea's inconspicuous white flowers lie within the colorful bracts
photos by Gerri Reaves



Peace lily's large hood-like flower petal is actually a spathe



Horsemint's dome of flowers is surrounded by downward-curving lavender bracts



Spikelets of inconspicuous flowers lie at the center of whitetop sedge's green-tipped drooping floral bracts

Plant Smart

Flower Within A Flower

by Gerri Reaves

Did you know that when you appreciate the vivid color of a holiday poinsettia or a cascade of bougainvillea blossoms, you are admiring the plant's bracts, not its flowers?

Several features make it easy to assume bracts are petals.

Bracts are modified leaves or leaf-like structures usually located at the base of a flower or inflorescence. They subtend and surround the true flowers in a flower-like way.

Bracts are often larger and more colorful than the flowers themselves, thus drawing our visual attention from the less conspicuous flowers.

Some species have evolved colorful bracts to enhance pollination. The four plants pictured above are often recognized by their bracts. See if you can identify them. Two are common non-native ornamentals and two are native plants.

One of the most popular non-native Florida-friendly plants is bougainvillea (*Bougainvillea spectabilis* and *Bougainvillea glabra*).

It comes in a broad range of colors – fuchsia, coral, yellow, pink, greenish white or deep purple, as seen here.

But those papery flowers are in fact bracts.

Bougainvillea's real flowers are tiny white tube-shaped structures at the center of the bracts. The plant's daunting thorns make it a good security plant and nesting place for birds, but native pollinators attracted to the colorful bracts will be disappointed by the flowers.

That large white hood-like "petal" isn't a flower at all. It's the spathe, a type of bract that sheaths the spadix, or inflorescence, of non-native peace lily (*Spathiphyllum*).

That overly large bract gives it another name, white sails.

The actual tiny flowers on the greenish white spadix resemble very small bumps more than flowers.

Native horsemint's (*Monarda punctata*) layers of soft lavender and yellow downward-curving petals are really bracts surrounding the true flowers.

The whorl of tubular flowers is dome-shaped at the center. Flowers have five pink or purple-spotted petals, a characteristic gives it the alternate name, spotted beebalm.

The flowers bloom in a stack on long stalks and attract hummingbirds and butterflies.

Those long narrow white leaves that look as if they've been dipped in green paint are the bracts of native whitetop sedge (*Rhynchospora colorata*).

The aquatic wildflower is also called painted sedge for obvious reasons.

Three to seven bracts at the base of a flower cluster form what appears to be a long drooping star-like flower.

However, the true minute white or yellowish flowers occur in a florescence of cone-shaped spikelets, or scales.

The pointed tapered bracts appear singly on long stems, creating a pretty sea of green-tipped "flowers" that tend to grow in wet areas.

The next time you encounter one of these species with the false-flower effect, take the time to appreciate the wonder and function of bracts, the "other" flowers.

Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.✽

First Responders Day At FSW

FSW Athletics will honor local heroes at First Responders Day on Saturday, January 12 during a basketball doubleheader at Suncoast Credit Union Arena. All first responders – police, fire and EMT – can receive up to four free tickets at the box office to attend the doubleheader that day as our thanks for their hard work and the service they provide the community.

"We just finished celebrating the holidays, but for many first responders, it was just another day at the office," said Joe Turner, director of promotions and development at FSW. "First responders sacrifice so much in order to keep us safe. We appreciate all that they do for our community each and every day, and want to show our thanks with a fun afternoon of FSW basketball."

The FSW women's team, currently 16-2 and ranked #17 nationally, will take to the court at 2 p.m. followed by the #5 ranked FSW men's team (15-1) at 4 p.m. Right before the second game, FSW will honor former Lee County Sheriff (and Edison alumnus) Mike Scott for his many years of service to our community.

Tickets for the general public start

at \$8 and are available at the Suncoast Credit Union Arena box office, located at 13351 FSW Parkway in Fort Myers. For more information, contact Turner at 489-9432.✽

Morning Walk At County Beach

Experience the beautiful birds of Bunche Beach with a bird patrol guide on Saturday, January 12 at 8 a.m.

Provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation, the beachfront walk is free with paid parking of \$2 per hour (tour is approximately two hours). Participants meet on the beach located in South Fort Myers, off Summerlin Road. Drive south of John Morris Road until it dead ends.

Bunche Beach is excellent for both migrant and resident waders and shorebirds working the mudflats at low tide due to the diversity of micro-invertebrates. Participants may also see waterfowl, raptors and warblers.

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Memphis Motown Soul Experience

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Motown Performance At Shell Point

Shell Point Retirement Community will continue its 2018-19 Fine and Performing Arts Series with a performance by Memphis Motown Soul Experience at The Village Church auditorium on Tuesday, January 15 at 7 p.m.

An ensemble of today's most talented performers, Memphis Motown Soul Experience presents the sounds and moves of a musical era full of

pioneering artists, classic songs, smooth choreography and exciting stage shows.

During the Shell Point concert series performance, the audience will groove to Memphis Motown's recreation of indelible, soulful hits by The Temptations, The Supremes, Etta James, The Four Tops, Smokey Robinson and other musical forces who helped to reframe American culture.

Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online at www.shellpoint.org/concerts or by phone at 454-2067.

The Village Church auditorium is located on The Island at Shell Point at 15100 Shell Point Boulevard in Fort Myers.✱

Marketer Named To Disabilities Council

Elly Hagen of Alva has been appointed by Governor Rick Scott to the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council (FDDC). Hagen, the owner of Elly Hagen Marketing & Public Relations and the parent of an adult son with autism, is appointed for a term that began November 16 and ends September 30, 2022. Hagen is a board member of The Planned Giving Council of Lee County, a graduate of FDDC's Partners in Policymaking, the past chair of The Southwest Florida Autism Speaks Walk, a former member of the Promising Pathways National Autism Conference planning committee, and a former advisory board member of Easter Seals Florida and Eden Autism Services.

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council is committed to advocating and promoting programs, practices and innovative initiatives that enhance the independence,



Elly Hagen

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productivity, inclusion and self-determination of individuals with developmental disabilities in all aspects of life. To learn more about FDDC, visit www.fddc.org or call toll-free at 1-888-488-8633.✱

MOAA Meeting

The next meeting of the Lee Coast Chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) will be held at Crown Colony Golf and Country Club on Monday, January 14 at 5:45 p.m. Guest speaker will

be Margaret Lince, crime prevention practitioner from Lee County Sheriff's Office.

Former, retired or active duty uniformed officers who are interested in joining MOAA should contact Terry Robertson at 352-638-5838 for membership information.✱



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A Different Way Of Looking At Estate Planning



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

Nobel Prize-winning economist Friedrich (FA) Hayek (1899 to 1992) once commented that it's a shame that capitalism is so named. He noted that the tragedy of capitalism is that it was named by its enemies who hated it. "Capital – money," Hayek said, "isn't the central point of capitalism. Rather, capitalism is the never ending system of increased cooperation among strangers."

This never ending system of cooperation is all around us. I'm always amazed by technology, so even something as simple as an Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) tends to engage my imagination. ATMs have been around a long time, as they became popular in

the early 1980s, and their capabilities have been exponentially expanding ever since. When I was recently overseas, I needed some local currency and wanted to get the best exchange rate. The hotel clerk advised that the best rates are found at the ATM, and there happened to be one conveniently located around the block.

I found the ATM, inserted my bank debit card to withdraw about \$200 worth of the local currency, punched a few buttons and out it came. Talk about a system of cooperation among strangers! Here I was in Europe, and within moments had local currency in hand, with an appropriate amount deducted from my checking account here in Florida at a favorable exchange rate!

So please allow me to relate Hayek's definition of capitalism to your estate plan. Most people tend to limit their view of estate planning as handling the transfer of wealth upon their death. In other words, that pile of paper that you signed in my office is merely a means to transfer your hard earned capital to your spouse, children or other loved ones when your time on Earth is finished.

If instead you view your estate plan as the capitalistic endeavor that it truly is, you see it as a never ending system of increasing cooperation among your loved ones with strangers. It begins with the creation of your estate plan, which requires the work of your estate planning attorney. But he's not the only one working on the creation of your documents. He has legal assistants, clerks and a host of others (and even far off computer programmers) who are necessary to provide you this service.

Assuming that his system assists with the transfer of your assets to your trust, his team then interacts with your financial advisors, banks and trust companies to ensure that all of your assets are properly titled into your revocable trust and that the proper beneficiary

designations have been named. To prove my point that your estate plan is something more than the transfer of capital wealth upon your death, if you should become disabled, then you can see how more cooperation among strangers becomes beneficial.

A good estate plan will put into motion the installment of your successor trustee and perhaps your agent under a durable power of attorney document who will now interact with your financial institutions to write your checks, pay your bills and manage your assets. Your trustee may be a loved one or it may be a professional. In either event, many others will be cooperating to ensure that your affairs are kept in proper order and that you are well taken care of.

I make the argument that a good estate plan is worth more to the client than it is to the client's beneficiaries for this very reason. That's why it's so important to have the triumvirate of a good estate planning attorney, CPA and financial advisor because, at some point, we all decline and become vulnerable. Waiting until something tragic happens is asking for what I call a "transition in a time of crisis," which nobody wants to have happen.

Too often clients rely simply on family members rather than developing relationships with "strangers" such as attorneys, CPAs, trust officers, bankers and financial advisors. When you engage these professionals for a mere transaction – drafting an estate plan for example rather than developing an ongoing relationship with you on a constant basis to keep your estate plan up to date – you are not using all of the true resources in our capitalistic society.

There's an inherent problem with working with professionals on a strictly transactional basis while relying solely on family members. Your adult children and other loved ones lead busy lives and may reside hundreds, if not thousands of miles away. The better course of action is to transform strangers into confidants who will be there to support you and your family when they are most needed. This way, your team of professionals can cooperate and support you and your family.

Capitalism and the technology supporting it are only going to improve over the coming years and decades. Like a good capitalist, look at your estate plan in a different way – as a valuable tool to preserve and protect what you've worked so hard to earn over the course of a lifetime.

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Screen Actors Guild and do voiceovers," she said. But seeing herself on television was surprising.

"I must have lost 60 pounds as a result of seeing myself on screen," she said.

A few of the other artists in the BIG ARTS classical music series, running from January 10 through February 6, include:

Alfredo Muro

Alfredo Muro and his half sister, Connie Bieberach, a singer, performed on the Peruvian talent show *Trampoline to Fame* in 1971 when Muro was 13. They performed as a duo under the name of Hermanos Lopez because their mother sternly disapproved of them seeking careers in music. They took first place.

Muro taught himself to play guitar, then won scholarships and trained with guitar masters. "The music of Alfredo Muro elevates the guitar to a higher plane than most I've had an opportunity to hear. It is moody and melodic," said fellow Latin musician Jose Feliciano.

Dover Quartet

Called "the next Guarneri Quartet" by *Chicago Tribune*, the Dover takes its name from *Dover Beach*, a composition by Samuel Barber, a fellow alumnus of the Curtis Institute of Music, where the quartet formed.

The quartet's sophomore album, titled *Voices of Defiance: 1943, 1944, 1945*, was released in October 2017. It is a journey through works written during World War II by Viktor Ullmann, Dimitri Shostakovich and Simon Laks.

The Dover Quartet is involved with Music for Food, which raises awareness and resources in the struggle against food insecurity.

Jonathan Biss

According to his official biography, Biss credits his first performance as having occurred "prenatally," when his

pregnant mother, a violinist, performed in the Mozart A Major Violin Concerto at Carnegie Hall with the Cleveland Orchestra.

After learning to walk, talk and play the piano, Biss alone studied at the Curtis Institute. He is now a faculty member.

Biss led the Curtis Institute's first massive open online course offered by a classical music conservatory, Exploring Beethoven's Piano Sonatas, which has reached more than 150,000 people in 185 countries. In early 2017, he released the sixth volume of a nine-year, nine-disc recording cycle of Beethoven's complete piano sonatas.

Pacifica Quartet With Sharon Isbin

The Grammy-winning Pacifica is quartet-in-residence and its members are full-time faculty at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music.

Sharon Isbin is an American Grammy Award-winning classical guitarist and the founding director of the Guitar Department at Juilliard. Isbin has appeared as soloist with more than 170 orchestras and has commissioned more concertos than any other guitarist. In 2015, she performed with Josh Groban on the Billy Joel: Gershwin Prize concert broadcast nationally on PBS and, in February 2015, she was featured on the *Tavis Smiley* PBS television series.

Parker Quartet

Fresh from its fourth year in residence at Harvard University, the Grammy-winning Parker Quartet is based in Boston and has spent 2018 criss-crossing the United States and Europe.

Violist Jessica Bodner began music studies on violin at age 2. She is married to quartet violinist Daniel Chong, who began his own violin studies at age 4.

To purchase tickets or for more information on the Fabulous 40th Anniversary Season at BIG ARTS, visit www.bigarts.org or call 395-0900. BIG ARTS is located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel.✧

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Book Review

Long Road To Mercy



by Di Saggau

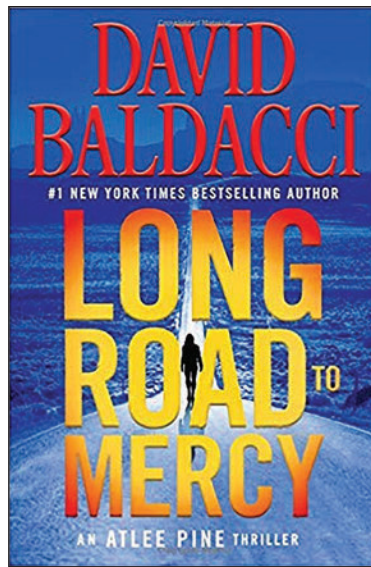
David Baldacci is without a doubt one of my favorite authors. In his latest book *Long Road to Mercy*, he has envisioned a new kind of heroine. FBI Agent Atlee Pine is forged in the fire of trauma and driven by a rare kind of strength. It is 30 years since her twin sister,

Mercy, was taken from the room they shared as young children. Serial killer Daniel James Tor was caught and convicted of other murders and, while there's no proof, Atlee believes he knows what happened to Mercy. She visits him in a high-security prison in Colorado but receives no confirmation. She is wracked with survivor's guilt and always asks herself, "Why her, and not me?"

Atlee is assigned to the remote wilds of the western United States, including the majestic Grand Canyon. She is called in to investigate a case when a mule is found dead with strange carvings on its body, and the rider is missing. Having worked at the Grand Canyon when I was 20, I so enjoyed reading about Phantom Ranch, the Colorado River, Indian Garden and the switchbacks that people take to hike the canyon. So many wonderful memories were revisited.

It soon becomes clear the lost tourist had something more clandestine than sightseeing in mind. But just as Atlee begins to put together clues pointing to a terrifying plot, she's abruptly called off the case. If she disobeys direct orders by continuing to search for the missing man, it will mean the end of her career. But unless she keeps working the case and discovers the truth, it could spell the very end of democracy in America as we know it.

Long Road to Mercy is heart-poundingly suspenseful and will keep readers engaged and guessing right up until the end. It has the perfect blend of action, secrets and conspiracies. I look forward to the next book in the new Atlee Pine series.✱



School Smart



by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSP

Dear Readers, Getting back into school mode after the holidays can be hard for kids and for parents. These suggestions can help you start up the second half of

the school year and make sure everything's on track.

To make the most of the second half of the school year, it's useful to look back at the first half. One way is to make a list of everything that went well and everything that didn't. Consider all relevant aspects: academic, social and behavioral. As you look back, think about ways to build on the successes. Also, think about what went wrong and why, and how you or your child can change things for the better.

As school starts up again, act as if you're preparing for the start of the school year. Review your schedules, routines and rules. Discuss if they were useful. If not, adjust for success.

Connecting with your child is a great way to help her transition back. Instead of one big talk, try to have several shorter conversations with her. Share your thoughts with her about how the first half of the year has gone. If she's reluctant to talk, try asking open-ended questions like, "what are you looking forward to at school in the spring?" or "what do you hope will

be different at school?"

If the first part of the year hasn't gone well, you may be tempted to change your child's entire program. As school gets underway, you may identify things you'd like to change for the second half of the year like a different afterschool care situation, having your child work with a tutor or switching classes. Timing is important as change may be disruptive for your child. Instead, consider focusing on one or two changes that will have the greatest impact for your child. Don't rush changes, but don't let them linger either. A good rule of thumb is to make changes within two to three weeks after the start of school. Also remember it's easier for the school to make changes at the end of a second marking or grading period, which for most schools is late January.

Part of any good review process is to make plans for the future and be prepared for what happens next. Ask your child's teacher about the marking periods ahead. When you can identify and plan any big milestones, projects or events at school or particular classes, you'll be better able to since you know what's coming. And you'll have time to make schedule adjustments for your child and yourself as needed.

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Hope Clubhouse Celebrates Supporters During Holiday Party



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Hope Clubhouse of Southwest Florida recently celebrated the spirit of the holiday season by giving thanks to all of the people that were a part of the nonprofit in 2018. Surrounded by friends of the clubhouse, Executive Director James Wineinger gave awards to several deserving supporters. The organization presented the distinguished sustainers with their honors during the holiday party at the Burroughs Home and Gardens in downtown Fort Myers. Shirley Ferrell and Kappy King were recognized for their work on behalf of mental health issues and were given Legacy Awards for their nine years of volunteer service to Hope Clubhouse. Kelly Fayer, the 2018 Mental Health Luncheon chair, and Honorary Chair Representative Heather Fitzenhagen were recognized with the naming of two very special trees in the Garden Hope.*



From left, Cindi and James Wineinger with Leigh Clark



From left, Ken and Joyce Miller with Carrie and Charles Lucas



Dale and Rachel Earp



Banks Prevatt and Kelly McQueen



From left, Marc Collins, Kelly Fayer and Sawyer Smith



From left, Christin and Meghan Collins with James Wineinger



From left, Lesa Groff, Leigh Clark and Candace Tranter Cool

Tax Diversification

by Jennifer Basey



As an investor, you will have access to accounts that are taxed differently from one another. It's possible you could benefit from tax diversification by owning accounts in three categories:

Tax-deferred – Tax-deferred accounts include the traditional IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. When you invest in tax-deferred vehicles, your money can grow faster than if it were placed in an account on which you paid taxes every year. You also may get a tax deduction for contributions you make today. When you start taking withdrawals from these tax-deferred accounts, typically during retirement, the money is usually taxed at your ordinary income tax rate.

Taxable – Taxable investments are those held in a standard brokerage account, outside your IRA or 401(k). While you can put virtually all types of investments into a taxable account, you may want to focus on those considered to be most tax-efficient. So, you could include individual stocks that you plan to hold, rather than actively trade, because you will not get taxed on the capital gains until you sell. You also might consider mutual funds that do little trading and generate

fewer capital gain distributions. This is important not only in terms of controlling taxes, but also because the taxes on these distributions can reduce your investments' real rate of return.

Tax-free – When you invest in a Roth IRA/Roth 401(k), you don't get an immediate tax deduction, but your earnings, as well as your withdrawals, are tax-free, provided you do not start taking withdrawals until you're age 59 ½ and you have had your account at least five years. (However, income restrictions do apply to Roth IRAs.)

So, given the difference in how taxes are treated in these accounts, how can you choose where to put your money? For example, when would you contribute to a Roth IRA or Roth 401(k), rather than a traditional, tax-deferred IRA or 401(k)? If you are in a high tax rate now and expect it to be lower in retirement, a traditional IRA may make more sense, as you potentially get a sizable benefit from the tax deduction. But if you are in a lower tax rate now, you have most of your retirement investments in tax-deferred accounts, and/or you can afford to forego the immediate tax deduction, you might find that the Roth IRA/Roth 401(k), with its tax-free withdrawals and earnings, ultimately will make more sense for you. But since no one can predict where tax rates will go in the future, having money in different types of accounts – i.e., tax diversification – can be beneficial.

If you only focus on traditional, tax-deferred accounts, you could end up with larger tax bills than you anticipated when you retire and start tapping into these accounts, particularly when you must start taking withdrawals – called "required

minimum distributions" – when you reach age 70 ½. By having money in accounts with different tax treatments, you may have more flexibility in structuring your withdrawals during retirement, based on your year-to-year tax situation.

There's no formula for achieving an ideal tax diversification. You'll want to consider your own needs and circumstances in choosing the right mix of

taxable, tax-deferred and tax-free accounts. Ultimately, taxes should not drive all your investment decisions – but they should not be ignored, either.

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Superior Interiors

To The Outdoors

by Marcia Feeney



Looking to expand your home's living area? Look to the outdoors! Explore some innovative ways to enhance (or create) an area for outdoor living.

Previously unused space can be easily enhanced with lighting and accessories, even artwork can be incorporated into an outdoor setting. Keep in mind color, function and comfort. Outdoor seating doesn't always have to be wicker or rattan. The addition of finishes such as textured stone, architectural details, wood ceiling enhancement can upgrade a patio, porch, or lanai area.

Outdoor expansion can also be in the form of a charming gazebo with adjoining paver area or an open-air addition (loggia) adjacent to the pool to create usable space for entertaining. Try to form multiple

seating areas if space provides. The addition of pavers can provide an accent to transition and expand an existing patio area. Built-in benches enhanced with custom cushions can create the impression of a separate space and provide cozy seating areas.

How about an outdoor kitchen? What a great way to enjoy the outdoors that is perfect for entertaining. These can be as well appointed as their indoor counterpart. Think about including outdoor media with the addition of TV or movie projectors.

Another popular enhancement to outdoor living spaces is the addition of a water or fire feature. What unexpected drama! If there is no room for a fireplace, there are options. Many manufacturers are adding fire features to their furniture offerings. They can be supplied by electric, propane tank or sterno cylinders. Portable fire and water features are available in many versions that can easily be placed on a tabletop or hung on the wall.

To maximize personal living space or create new options for entertaining guests, look to the outdoors.

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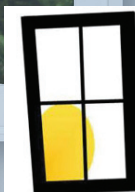
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Spring Training And Championship Golf Just A Few Weeks Away



by Ed Frank

Do you realize that in just one month, the sound of baseballs booming into catcher's gloves will be heard at JetBlue Park and CenturyLink Sports Complex?

Yes, Spring Training for both the Boston Red Sox and the Minnesota Twins begins in just a month when pitchers and catchers for both teams report February 13 and full squad workouts commencing five days later. Many of the players will be working out here before those dates.

Here's another major sporting event in our area just a few weeks away – the Champions Tour Chubb Classic has moved to Lely Resort in Naples for the popular tournament on February 11 to 17. The Chubb Classic in its 32nd year is the longest running golf tournament on the senior circuit played in the same metropolitan area, testimony to the success of the event.

Let us review briefly what we can look for in just a few weeks:

Boston Red Sox – The World Series Champions, winners of four titles in the last 14 years, a record unmatched in modern baseball history, return here with a power-backed team that already is a favorite to capture the 2019 World Series.

We would expect some World Series celebrations here this spring when the team and the treasured World Series Champion Trophy arrive in Fort Myers. A limited number of single game tickets can be purchased at the JetBlue Park box office or online at www.redsox.com. As has been the case year after year, all of the games sell out.

The Red Sox begin their Spring Training schedule with an exhibition game February 22 against Northeastern University. The very next day, they start their Grapefruit League schedule in JetBlue Park against their arch-rival New York Yankees at 1:05 p.m.

Minnesota Twins – When the Twins arrive in Fort Myers next month, it will be with a different look after finishing the 2018 season at 78-84, 13 games behind American League Central Division Champion Cleveland.

Rocco Baldelli is the new Twins' manager and, at age 37, is the youngest manager in the Major Leagues. Minnesota recently signed home run slugger Nelson Cruz, made significant changes to the coaching staff and Twins' icon Joe Mauer retired after 15 seasons with the club.

Like the Red Sox, Minnesota begins their Spring Training schedule on February 23 with a split-squad home game with the Tampa Bay Rays. It has a 6:05 p.m. start.

Spring Training tickets are now on sale at the Hammond Stadium box office or online at www.twinsbaseball.com. Prices range from \$12 to \$30 with several ticket promotions available.

Chubb Classic – After seven years at the TwinEagles Golf Club in Naples, the tournament will be held at the Classic Country Club at the Lely Resort where it was last played in 1996.

The course was designed by Hall of Famer Gary Player and is a par 72, 6,714-yard championship layout. The one year the tournament was played at Lely it was won by Al Geiberger.

Last year, at TwinEagles, Joe Durant birdied the last two holes to hold off Steve Stricker to win the tournament. Durant is expected to return to defend his title this year.

There are a number of single day and weekly ticket packages available at www.chubbclassic.com/tickets.

Snowbirds, visitors and Southwest Florida residents are in for major sporting events in just a few weeks.✴

Singers Sought For Spring Games

The Boston Red Sox are currently looking for new talent to fill approximately 17 spots to perform the National Anthem for the upcoming 2019 Spring Training season at JetBlue Park.

Auditions will be held at JetBlue Park, located at 11500 Fenway South Drive in Fort Myers, on Wednesday January 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. and Thursday, January

17 from 4 to 7 p.m. All ages are welcome to audition. Reservations must be made in advance by calling Jenna Doak at 226 4707 or emailing jdoak@redsox.com. If anyone is unable to attend these dates, he or she may contact Jenna about submitting an audio recording. All reservations must be made by Friday, January 11 at 4 p.m. Space is limited.

The Red Sox open its 17-game exhibition season on Friday, Feb. 22 at 1:05 p.m. against the Northeastern University Huskies.

For more information, call 226-4783 or email jbpevents@redsox.com.✴

From page 10 Luncheon

student musicians in any instrumental field who are students. A total of \$8,000 in scholarships was awarded this year.

The SWFL Symphony Society supports the SWFL Symphony Orchestra through volunteerism, fundraising and social connections among music lovers. In addition to

monthly luncheon meetings from September through April, the society also supports the orchestra's education programs and organizes scholarship competitions for young musicians.

Heritage Palms Golf & Country Club is located at 10420 Washingtonia Palm Way in Fort Myers. For more information about the SWFL Symphony Orchestra and the SWFL Symphony Society, call 418-0996, or go to www.swflso.org/symphony-society.✴

SPORTS QUIZ

1. How many major-league teams have won 20 or more consecutive games in a season?
2. Name the last team to win back-to-back World Series.
3. In 2017, Le'Veon Bell set a Pittsburgh Steelers record for most rushing yards in a playoff game (167). Who had held the mark?
4. When was the last time before 2018 that the Loyola (Ill.) men's basketball team made the NCAA Tournament?
5. How many consecutive playoff series did the New York Islanders win in the 1980s before Edmonton beat them in the 1984 Stanley Cup Finals?
6. When was the last time before 2018 that a U.S. female speedskater won a medal at the Winter Olympics?
7. Golfer Phil Mickelson holds the record for competing in the most Ryder Cups. How many?

ANSWERS

1. The 1916 New York Giants (26); the 2017 Cleveland Indians (22); the 1935 Chicago Cubs (21); and the 2002 Oakland A's (20). 2. The New York Yankees, in 1999 and 2000. 3. Franco Harris, with 158 yards in 1975. 4. It was 1985. 5. Nineteen series. 6. In 2002, both Christine Witty and Jennifer Rodriguez won medals. 7. Twelve.

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Update From The Mayor

City of Fort Myers Mayor Randall P. Henderson, Jr., will present updates on major development projects and review incentive programs and opportunities for continued development at the January 8 luncheon meeting of the Real Estate Investment Society (REIS) at Pelican Preserve's Clubhouse. The meeting is sponsored by Sallee Promotions and will begin at 11:30 a.m.

The program will include information on the ways that public-private partnerships, infrastructure improvements, and zoning and tax incentives are stimulating mixed-use infill development in the urban area. The mayor will also explain how the Fort Myers/Lee County Enterprise Zone, in conjunction with the redevelopment districts and a vision for midtown redevelopment, will pave the way for new projects surrounding the historic River District. After his presentation, Mayor Henderson will respond to specific questions from the attending real estate development and investment professionals.

Admission is \$30 for members and \$40 for guests, which includes lunch.

Mayor Henderson is a former banker and operates Corbin Henderson



Randall P. Henderson, Jr.

Company, a real estate development, brokerage and management firm. He has served as mayor since 2009, having served on the city council for nine years prior to becoming mayor.

Pelican Preserve's Clubhouse is located at 9802 Pelican Preserve Boulevard. For more information or to make reservations, which are required by January 3, visit www.reis-swfl.org.

Importing Expert To Present

New tariffs and market volatility pose serious and complicated challenges to importers. International Trade Specialist Kevin Brady will share key insight with business leaders during an upcoming Southwest Regional Manufacturers Association (SRMA) roundtable at CareerSource Southwest Florida on Wednesday, January 16 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. The "Importing into the USA" event is sponsored by Farris Global.

"Kevin's importing expertise is relevant to everyone in manufacturing, especially now," SRMA Executive Director Neil Kagan said. "This is a can't miss opportunity to get answers to some of the most pressing questions in the industry."

Brady, a certified global business



Kevin Brady

professional for the Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University, will help attendees understand and simplify importing processes and responsibilities. He focuses on consulting for companies involved with global importing and exporting as well as clients looking to expand their businesses internationally.

A member of the Academy of International Business, Brady's primary areas of experience and expertise include global sales and marketing management, international business planning and development, supply chain analysis, import-export operations, logistics planning and management, and foreign procurement.

The roundtable is open to SRMA members for \$10, while guests pay \$20. Members have the opportunity to receive training on how to use grant money and leverage strategic partnerships to help increase market share, among other benefits.

CareerSource Southwest Florida is located at 4150 Ford Street Extension in Fort Myers. Visit www.srma.net for more information.

Horizon Council Annual Meeting

The Horizon Council, Horizon Foundation and the Lee County Economic Development Office will host its 2019 annual meeting at The Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre on Friday, January 18. Networking and lunch will begin at 11 a.m. with the program starting

at 11:30 a.m.

Local business and community professionals are invited to recognize outgoing council officers for their contributions and welcome new 2019 officers. The keynote speaker is Joe Lacy, managing director of Biggins Lacy Shapiro & Company, LLC. Lacy has been with BLS since 1998, serving as a project manager for large-scale and nationally based corporate clients. He specializes in structuring and implementing corporate incentive packages and financing arrangements.

For more information on the Lee County Economic Development Office, the Horizon Council and the Horizon Foundation, visit www.leecountybusiness.com.

The Broadway Palm Dinner Theater is located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. To register for the annual meeting, visit www.leecoedo.eventbrite.com.

Republican Women To Meet

The public is invited to attend the Fort Myers Republican Womens Club luncheon and program at The Helm Club in The Landings on Friday, January 11. A social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. The noon lunch will be followed by the business meeting and program.

Reservations are required by Friday, January 11. Cost is \$20.

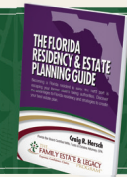
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Fashion Show Raises Funds For Behavioral Health

The 9th annual Golisano Children's Hospital Fashion Show recently raised more than \$100,000 to support Kids' Minds Matter, a new pediatric mental and behavioral health movement in Southwest Florida.

The elegant affair at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa attracted more than 500 guests and featured a gourmet luncheon, fashion show and multiple fundraising opportunities.

Upon entering the ballroom, attendees had a chance to participate in the silent auction, bidding on items like hotel stays, handbags, artwork, autographed merchandise and social outings. Another unique fundraising attraction was the flower wall, where guests selected a flower and won a corresponding prize, which included purses, jewelry, picture frames and gift baskets.

More than two dozen models participated in the fashion show, including current and former Golisano Children's Hospital patients Kayden

Sellick, Leo Grabinski, Lola Grabinski, Lucas Saunders and Skye Saunders. Models sported apparel from 16 local and national clothiers, including White House | Black Market, Brodeur Carvell, Dillard's, Mondo Uomo, Evelyn & Arthur, and Gigi's Children's Boutique.

Residents of the Pelican Landing community created the Fashion Show in 2010 to coincide with Lee Health Foundation's launch of a capital campaign to build a state-of-the-art, freestanding children's hospital. That facility, Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, opened in 2017, so this year the fashion show committee directed its philanthropy toward mental and behavioral health. In November, the foundation announced a new \$10 million campaign to support Kids' Minds Matter, which has become the region's strategic solution to improve access to families seeking pediatric mental and behavioral health services.

Over the past nine years, the fashion show has raised more than \$700,000 to support Golisano Children's Hospital.

The Gold Runway sponsor was VaNita and Jim Laurito. Silver Runway sponsors include Angie Nichols, Carol Wood and Claire McMahon Team (John R. Wood Realtors); Don Blake (Picket Fence Appraisals); Dorothy Daly, Kathie and Dave Shellenbarger; Key Private



From left, Nikki Courtad, Debra and Kayden Sellick with Brandy Boes



From left, Tiffany Whitaker, Teri Hansen and Melissa Cofa

Bank; Marian and Dick Niehaus; and *Naples Daily News*. Bronze Table sponsors include Amy Quaremba and Friends; Best Moving & Storage; Allied Van Lines; Diane Lepola (UBS Financial Services); Genesis Wealth Management (UBS Financial Services); Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa; Lexington Country Club; Nancy Near and Friends;

Seminole Casino; Stock Development; Thelma Negley; U.S. Trust; Vi at Bentley Village; and *eBella* magazine.

Supporters also were able to support four Fund-A-Need initiatives through the fashion show: music therapy sessions, teen care packages, behavioral health therapy toys and the behavioral health center.✧



Deborah and Kayden Sellick



Lucas and Skye Saunders



Leo and Lola Grabinski



Builders Care and Lennar Homes officials gather to welcome Lapan back to her newly renovated home photo provided

New Roof For Home Of Breast Cancer Patient

A Fort Myers woman fighting breast cancer received the life-changing gift of a new roof and critical home repairs just in time for the holidays, thanks to a partnership between Lee BIA Builders Care and Lennar Homes.

Albina Lapan, 61, was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2009. Today, she continues to receive chemotherapy and rehabilitation, but treatments and numerous surgeries to remove the cancerous cells have left her too weak to work. Lapan's limited social security income is just enough to cover her medical bills, and she has been unable to complete a number of major home repairs. Her 31-year-old shingle roof, which was further damaged by Hurricane Irma, was in desperate need of replacement, along with a multitude of related improvements, from drywall to flooring. Her living conditions created a significant concern for her health and recovery.

Donors and partners came together to complete the much-needed home renovations for the homeowner in under two weeks, gathering December 20 to unveil the improvements that will improve comfort and quality of life for Lapan. Lee BIA Builders Care provided these critical repairs to Lapan at no cost, thanks to a generous donation from Lennar Homes.

"It's a special time of year for us to

give back with our hearts and hammers to Albina Lapan who needs us," said David Meyers, director of operations for Lennar Homes Southwest Florida Division. "It's great to have all our associates, trade and business partners come together to build something so special."

In addition to Lennar, a number of local partner suppliers and contractors donated their time, services and building materials to complete the renovations, including: ABC Supply Company, Ad-Ler Roofing, Blue Water Construction of SW Florida, Carrigan Brothers, D and D Garage Doors, Florida Heat & Air, Gouse's Fine Furniture, JEB Environmental, Juniper Landscaping, Knight's Creations, Liberty Aluminum, Mabri Painting, Naples Electric, Pinnacle USA, Sherwin-Williams, Southwest Disposal & Clean Up, United Site Services and Wayne Wiles Floor Coverings.

Improvements include the replacement of the shingle roof and repairs to drywall, siding and lanai screening. Fresh paint, flooring, accessible shower and new overhead garage door were also provided.

"We are so thrilled to provide Albina with these vital home improvements that allow her to enjoy a comfortable and safe environment during this time of recovery," said Becky Swift, executive director of Lee BIA Builders Care. "We are so thankful to Lennar and all of the project partners who helped make this life-changing gift possible for our neighbor in need. She was welcomed home with a Christmas tree, new living room furniture and so much more."✱

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Kid Inventors' Day

and inventive way to explore the effects of moving air on objects.

Soundscapes, where participants will use parts included in the activity to create music and sound pathways for marbles.

Kid Inventors' Day celebrates children's achievements and encourages creativity. The date, Benjamin Franklin's birthday honors the childhood inventor who invented swim flippers when he was just 12 years old. Other notable childhood inventions include the popsicle, trampoline, ear muffs and Braille.

Edison, another childhood inventor, created a lab in his parents' basement when he was just 10 years old. He often took watches and other things apart to see how they worked. When he was 12, he started publishing a newspaper and sold the publication to train passengers.

The Smithsonian Spark!Lab encourages children of all ages to be creative and think like an inventor. The estates is one of only nine museums in the country to have a Spark!Lab.

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

Medical Director To Speak On Healthy Eating

As part of the National Speakers' Series, Lee Health will present Dr. Garth Davis at First Christian Church on Saturday, January 12 at 9 a.m. Dr. Davis is a nationally recognized author, speaker and medical director of the Mission Hospital Weight Management Program in Asheville, North Carolina.

The author of *Proteinaholic* will speak about how our obsession with meat is killing us and what we can do about it. The free talk is open to the public.

Dr. Davis attended medical school at Baylor College of Medicine and graduated in the top 10 percent. He completed his residency at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. In Houston, Texas, Dr. Davis established The Davis Clinic and was assistant professor of surgery at the University of Texas-Houston. He is certified by the American Board of Surgery and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a fellow of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric



Dr. Garth Davis photo provided

Surgery. Dr. Davis is boarded in medical management of obesity and is a recognized expert in initial bariatric procedures as well as revisional bariatric surgery.

First Christian Church is located at 2061 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. To register, visit www.leehealth.org/classes. For more information, call 424-3234.✱

Free Autism Screening

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 the Healthy Life Center – Coconut Point on Friday, January 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The screening takes place on the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile.

A physician referral is not required. The Healthy Life Center – Coconut Point is located at 23450 Via Coconut Point in Estero. To schedule a screening, call 343-6838.✱

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Startling Reasons To Be Less Nice This Year



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: Do you currently strive to be super human – always loving, kind, generous, giving? Depending on how nice you are, you might experience insomnia, depression, minor compulsions or

phobias, resentment, nagging aches and pains, autoimmune problems or chronic infections.

I propose that in 2019, you be less nice as a method of improving your health and mental well-being. It's a good resolution, and one that you can actually stick to.

Let's go over the six startling benefits of not being nice:

1. You have more time – When you stop saying yes to doing things and going places that don't bring you enjoyment, you regain precious time in your own schedule. Remember, people's agenda are most important to them, but as they try to claim your time, once that time is spent by you, it's literally gone forever.
2. You will have more energy – It's liberating sometimes when you are disconnecting from a situation, person, job or relationship that has been weighing on you for years. On the days that you feel overly tired, or spent, ask yourself, "What is on my agenda, or who am I meeting with today that is weighing me down?"
3. You will feel empowered – Have you ever wished your time was spent doing

something different, but it was too late? You have the power to say 'yes' or 'no,' as well as the power to decide what to do with your time. It's not infinite so spend it wisely. When you say 'no' to someone else's plan for you, you are simultaneously saying 'yes' to your own plan.

4. You'll feel less anxiety and sleep better – When you spend months in frustration mode, or ruminate, you figuratively chew something in your mind over and over. Every thought you have squirts out a chemical that locks you into "sympathetic" alarm. This blunts your parasympathetic nervous system, the ones that allow you to rest and digest.
5. You'll develop stronger relationships – You'll lose friends, you might become estranged from siblings so don't be surprised. I've warned you. People don't like to cut off from their source of help, their battering board, or their support system. Being less nice will ultimately translate to stronger relationships, as people will like you for who you are.
6. Your schedule becomes more reliable – Nice people have erratic schedules because they jump to it when others are in need. When you become 'not nice' and stop agreeing to someone's sudden whim for you, or perceived emergency, your schedule suddenly becomes more reliable, decluttered and more efficient.

So, at this point, let me ask you: Can you be less nice this year? Being warm, enthusiastic, upbeat, affirming and kind is important. I used to be a saint, but full disclosure... I've put down my crown. It's exhausting. Go to www.suzycohen.com and sign up for my newsletter, and I will send you everything you need to do, say and read in order to reclaim your life.

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.✧

Healthy Lee Challenges Community

Can Lee County collectively log 1 million miles in less than three months? If you ask Healthy Lee, the community collaboration made up of local businesses, health, government school, religious and community organizations committed to building a healthier Lee County, the answer is a resounding "yes!"

The Million Mile Movement, Lee County's journey to better health kicks off January 15 and is open to individuals and teams of all ages and fitness levels.

"The Million Mile Movement is a great way to unify our community around the shared goal of better health and well-being. We encourage everyone in Lee County, from gated communities, neighborhoods, clubs, businesses, churches and families to participate," said Gary Griffin, Healthy Lee chair and president and CEO of B&I Contractors, Inc. "A million miles is a long way to go, so we need as many

participants as possible." Registration is now underway. Log on to the www.healthylee.com to register individually. If you would like to create a team, email Cheryl.Schlichte@LeeHealth.org and let her know your team name. If you include a thumbprint logo, she will let you know as soon as your team is set up. You can then have your team members log on to sign up for your team challenge.

During the challenge, the MyWellness mobile app will automatically sync with participants' fitness tracking devices (Fitbit, Apple Watch, etc.) or cell phone to track steps. They can also enter their daily exercise on the MyWellness App, which they will download after registering from a computer and receiving their confirmation email. Just follow the prompts. The easy-to-use website and mobile app allow participants to track their physical activity, such as walking, running, biking and swimming, to reach the million-mile goal. The site also offers a conversion tool to help translate a variety of healthy activities into miles.

For more information or to register to participate, visit www.healthylee.com/news-events/million-mile-movement.✧

Doctor and Dietician

Is It Normal To Wake Up Stiff And Achy?



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

We recently read a paper that stated, "Scientists have discovered that we wake up stiff because our body's natural ibuprofen has not kicked in yet. Researchers at the Center for Endocrinology and Diabetes at University of Manchester's Institute of Human Development state that by understanding how the biological clock regulates inflammation, we can begin to develop new treatments, which might exploit this knowledge." This means more anti-inflammatory drugs! This, however, is incorrect. Osteoarthritis, also known as degenerative joint disease and chronic pain are not due to excessive inflammation. Most patients, and even

their healthcare providers, are unaware of the true diagnoses that lead to pain/injury: destructive joint motions caused by ligament injury. Very small millimeter movements can produce excessive motion leading to joint instability.

Much like a loose hinge on a cabinet door needs tightening, the supporting joint and spine structures also need tightening. The treatment that tightens these loose structures is called proliferative injection therapy or prolotherapy. Prolotherapy injections are given at the sites where the ligaments attach to the bones, thus stimulating healing cells, including your own stem cells, to repair the body's injuries. Many people regain full function and are able to enjoy active, healthy lives avoiding surgery and chronic pain medications.

It is vital to remain active even after receiving prolotherapy treatments. We cannot stress the importance to continuing to keep moving every day. Sanibel Island is known for being one of the best places to stay active all year round. We are so blessed to be able to use the amazing multi-use paths that cover Sanibel to Captiva, as well as our famous beaches where you can catch a gorgeous sunrise or sunset while finding shell treasures along the way. See you out there!

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.✧

Vivida Health Medicaid Plan

Lee Health has launched Vivida Health, a provider service network (PSN) created exclusively for Medicaid enrollees in Southwest Florida. Vivida will help provide underserved or vulnerable residents with the care and resources they need through this innovative program.

Through the state Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), a PSN is a type of Medicaid managed care plan that is majority-owned and operated by a health care provider, like Lee Health or group of affiliated providers, or a public agency or entity that delivers health services.

"More than a year ago, Lee Health saw the opportunity to make a substantial and sustainable difference in the lives and health of underserved communities in Southwest Florida. We are excited that AHCA awarded Vivida with a contract to create a patient-centered health plan that will transform the quality, delivery and coordination of care in our community," said Larry Antonucci, MD, MBA, Lee Health president and CEO.

Vivida Health has thousands of in-network providers across the seven-county region. This means hospitals, providers and community partners are able to better collaborate and connect members with the care they need. Vivida Health will also offer innovations to enhance behavioral and mental health care coordination and community resource referrals, which will ease the administrative burdens that members and providers often face.

"By creating this provider service network, we are localizing and streamlining care and coverage, and we are aligning doctors, hospitals and members so we can work together to improve the coordination and quality of care," said John Chomeau, Lee Health chief population health officer.

Florida's Medicaid program is overseen by AHCA, who awarded Lee Health with the only PSN contract in Region 8 (Southwest Florida). When Vivida Health launched on January 1, it became available to the more than 200,000 Medicaid enrollees in seven counties. The name "Vivida" is a combination of the words "vivid" and "vida," which means life in Spanish. To learn more about Vivida Health, visit www.vividahealth.com.✧

From page 1

Disco Fever

music and dazzling choreography. The '70s-inspired costumes are terrific, and those in the ending number are outstanding. The show is masterfully directed and choreographed by Amy Marie McCleary. The entire cast pulls off almost flawless dance routines that leave us remembering our own disco days. The audience is dancing in the aisles by the show's end, with everyone clapping and singing along with the cast, and hoping it will never end.

Saturday Night Fever is a show not to be missed. It plays through February 9 at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. For tickets, visit www.broadwaypalm.com, call 278-4422 or drop by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.✧

PETS OF THE WEEK

photos provided

Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Missy And Magic

Hello, my name is Missy. I am a 5-year-old female Jack Russell terrier mix who is a tricolor beauty. They say I am shy at first, but once I feel at ease, I will repay you with kisses and love. I thrive on attention and like to go for walks outside. I am patiently waiting for my person to come to LCADS and find me so that we can go for a long walk either on the beach or even downtown. I won't be picky!

My adoption fee is \$25.

Hi, I'm Magic. I am pawisively one beauty of a feline. I am a 2-year-old male domestic medium hair who would love for you to sit and brush my gorgeous black coat. I am the epitome of the saying, "I am handsome, and I know it." I like to play with the other cats in our free-roam room



Missy ID# A631236



Magic ID# A763174

so I would be great to take home with a buddy. And, as always, the cat adoptions are adopt one take a feline friend home at no additional charge.

My adoption fee is \$50.

Lee County Domestic Animal Services invites you to make "Skip the Jog and Walk a Dog" your New Year's resolution this year. Include pets as a part of your New Year's plan and consider that a new pet can help you achieve many of the most popular goals set each year. The adoption fee for all dogs over 6 months in age will be just \$25 through January 31 to assist potential pet owners in finding a new exercise partner and best friend.

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

Haven on Earth Animal League

Lily And Sylvia

Hi, I'm Lily! I'm a beautiful 2-year-old female tabby with a white bib. I have been fully vetted and brought up to date on all vaccines. My adoption fee is \$100. Come see me at Petco in Gulf Coast Town Center.

Hello, I'm Sylvia. Aren't I just adorable? I'm only 6 months old and a very sweet little girl. I'm currently staying with a foster family and would really like a home to call my own! My adoption fee is \$100 which includes vaccines and spaying.

We are being cared for by Haven on Earth Animal League. For more information,



Lily

call Diane at 860-833-4472 or email haveneonearthanimalleague@yahoo.com.



Sylvia

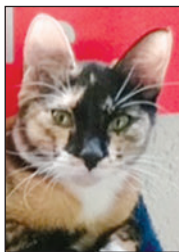
PAWS Of Sanibel

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.



Brava

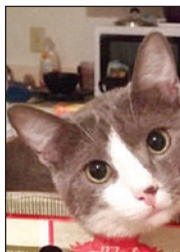


Lucy

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



Sonny



Cher

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.

New Year's Kittens

Pictured are the three remaining PAWS kittens.

Donner, Cupid and Comet are so adorable. Cupid, in the middle,

is the only remaining female. These kittens are very sweet and now 10 weeks old. The only folks that came to see them left with two kittens. Maybe there's someone out there that will take home triplets. They are too cute to choose. Call Pam at 472-4823 to come spend time with these precious little babies.



Donner, Cupid and Comet



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Lee County Sheriff's Office	477-1200
Florida Marine Patrol	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
Poison Control	1-800-282-3171
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Lee County Chamber of Commerce	931-0931
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ARTS

Alliance for the Arts	939-2787
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Horticultural Society	472-6940
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Southwest Florida Music Association	561-2118
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Lions Club Estero/South Fort Myers	898-1921
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POLO Club of Lee County	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society	472-6940
United Way of Lee County	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour)	211 or 433-3900

AREA ATTRACTIONS

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Burrough's Home	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates	334-7419
Fort Myers Skate Park	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium	321-7420
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Langford Kingston Home	239-334-2550
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center	765-8101
Skatium	321-7510
Southwest Florida Historical Society	939-4044
Southwest Florida Museum of History	321-7430
True Tours	945-0405

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PUZZLES

Answers on page 29

Super Crossword

THIS IS REALLY BIG

- ACROSS**
- 1 He drew "Li'l Abner"
- 7 Stands up to lip-curler
- 13 Disdainful
- 20 Roving vacuum cleaner
- 21 Delphi diviner
- 22 Lilting song syllables
- 23 Big mollusk of Antarctic seas
- 25 Birds such as emus
- 26 Box gently
- 27 Golf stroke
- 28 Ending for enzymes
- 30 Cue or clue
- 31 From quite a distance
- 32 Big tree of California
- 37 Per routine
- 41 Super-slow
- 42 Red-haired biblical twin
- 43 Big dissimilarity
- 46 Rarely
- 51 "Bam!" chef
- 52 Choler
- 53 Nashville's Grand Ole —
- 55 Gutter place
- 56 Work over
- 57 Big fuss
- 58 Trump's wife after Ivana
- 60 One laying down asphalt
- 61 Big project
- 66 "I've got it!"
- 69 Motor oil brand
- 70 Actress Meyers
- 71 W-2 org.
- 72 Boise-to-Las Vegas dir.
- 73 Big military counterstrike
- 80 Author Loos
- 81 Revolt
- 82 Cloud setting
- 83 Jazzy singer — James
- 87 Coke, e.g.
- 88 Deviate
- 89 Boxing legend
- 90 Knocks off
- 92 — Nevadas
- 94 Big job
- 98 "Nay" caller
- 100 Slaughter of baseball
- 101 Categorizes
- 102 Big pickup in an exhibition
- 107 Pot builder
- 108 See 86-Down
- 109 Yank's home
- 110 Nativity scene trio
- 111 Gulf country
- 115 Facial looks
- 118 Big home loan
- 123 Hillary's peak
- 124 Kindle
- 125 More greasy
- 126 Snuggles
- 127 Robbing jobs
- 128 Requisite
- DOWN**
- 1 Pop-up paths
- 2 Lariat end
- 3 Coke, e.g.
- 4 Love, in Peru
- 5 "NewsHour" network
- 6 Two-choice grading system
- 7 Melancholy
- 8 Once, in the past
- 9 E-help sheet
- 10 Hosp. section
- 11 Drug mogul Lilly
- 12 Biggish car
- 13 PTSD part
- 14 Big D.C. lobby
- 15 Dig into
- 16 Former state secretary
- 17 Secant, e.g.
- 18 1985 Kate Nelligan drama
- 19 Worshiper of Jah, in brief
- 24 "Two and — Men"
- 29 Church part
- 31 Q7 carmaker
- 32 "Friday the 13th" staple
- 33 Eisenhower, informally
- 34 Objectivist Rand
- 35 Unhurried
- 36 "— Sera, Sera"
- 37 State firmly
- 38 Unaltered
- 39 Well-trodden
- 40 Thurmond of politics
- 41 Ross of politics
- 44 Classic canine name
- 45 Power strip attachment
- 47 Plumbing problem
- 48 Bette of film
- 49 Cakes bake in them
- 50 Form a union
- 54 Infrequently seen thing
- 57 Coulomb per second
- 58 Big wall painting
- 59 Deep blue dye
- 60 El —, Texas
- 62 Big continent
- 63 "Scream" network
- 64 Totally dislike
- 65 Prefix with oxide
- 66 Heap up
- 67 Capital northeast of Vientiane
- 68 Parenthetical remark
- 74 Symbol on many flags
- 75 Gives off again
- 76 River in Spain
- 77 Rizzoli's TV partner
- 78 Similar (to)
- 79 "Nifty!"
- 84 Russian ruler of yore
- 85 PSAT part
- 86 With 108-Across, demands much (of)
- 88 Fan blade
- 89 Hectically
- 90 Skillet alloy
- 91 Apart from that
- 93 Squealer
- 95 Opposite of old, in Ulm
- 96 Pop's bro
- 97 Dance that "takes two"
- 99 Believes (in)
- 102 Master
- 103 Antipasto bit
- 104 Snouts, e.g.
- 105 Opening
- 106 Kingly Indian
- 107 Willie of "Charles in Charge"
- 110 Over half
- 111 Stare at rudely
- 112 — of honor
- 113 "A Death in the Family" writer
- 114 Uncool type
- 116 Salon stuff
- 117 Suffix of dialects
- 119 Ending with script
- 120 Me, to Fifi
- 121 Greyhound fleet unit
- 122 Game draw

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King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Gumbo ingredient
- 5 MasterCard alternative
- 9 Night flier
- 12 Conks out
- 13 State with conviction
- 14 Formerly called
- 15 Healing
- 17 1933 dam org.
- 18 Porter
- 19 Different
- 21 What @ means
- 22 A crowd?
- 24 Soon, in verse
- 27 Exist
- 28 Cain's pop
- 31 Chaps
- 32 Workout venue
- 33 Eggs
- 34 Cookware
- 36 Cleopatra's slayer
- 37 Dance lesson
- 38 Core
- 40 "I think, therefore I —"
- 41 Massage
- 43 Meager
- 47 Fresh
- 48 Traveling, maybe
- 51 George's brother
- 52 Boyfriend
- 53 Frat party garb
- 54 Plaything
- 55 Black, poetically
- 56 Stalk
- 8 Passion
- 9 Promptly
- 10 "— Only Just Begun"
- 11 Shakespearean king
- 16 Dine
- 20 Afternoon affair
- 22 Rendezvous
- 23 Rope fiber
- 24 Pump up the volume
- 25 Ultramodern (Pref.)
- 26 Getting there
- 27 Culture medium
- 29 "Hail!"
- 30 Chart
- 35 Vast expanse
- 37 Intelligence
- 39 Pueblo building
- 40 Mimic
- 41 Make booties
- 42 Infamous fiddler
- 43 Stay away from
- 44 Source
- 45 Wise one
- 46 Cheese choice
- 49 Kan. neighbor
- 50 Confucian concept
- DOWN**
- 1 Smell
- 2 Cattle, old style
- 3 On pension (Abbr.)
- 4 Depth charge
- 5 Temptress
- 6 "— Got a Secret"
- 7 D.C. VIP

MAGIC MAZE

RE-ELECTED TO A SECOND TERM

R J G D A X M V S E Q N K I D

F D A X W A S H I N G T O N N

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A Y W I U R E U P N L L T S G

N J S N H N F B D B E N N R A

Z O X C H V E W T V I O A E E

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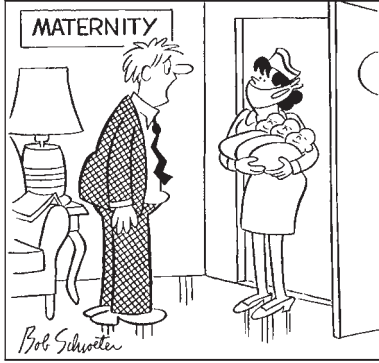
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

Cleveland
Clinton
Eisenhower
FDR

G.W. Bush
Jackson
Jefferson
Lincoln

Madison
McKinley
Monroe
Obama

Reagan
Washington
Wilson



"There must be a mistake! I just bought a _____."

answer on page 31

SCRAMBLERS

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

Span
PECOS
Block
TREED
Take On
LACKET
Sorrow
MOGOL

TODAY'S WORD

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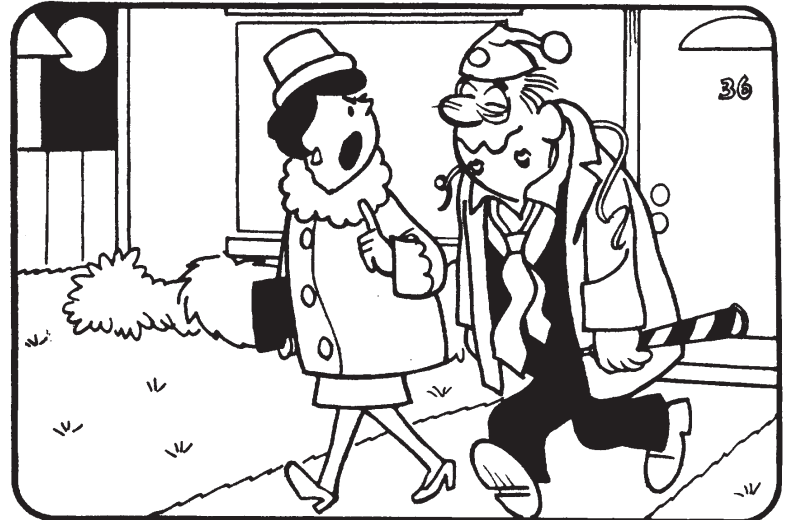
To play Sudoku:

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

answer on page 29

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Moon is changed. 2. Streamer is longer. 5. Streamer is longer. 6. Number is transposed. 4. Horn is missing. 3. Coat is different. 2. Shutters are added. 1. Coat is different.



Strawberry Parfait

2 cups fresh strawberries, rinsed, hulled and sliced
2 tablespoons sugar
8 ounces low-fat cream cheese, whipped
1/2 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt
4 graham crackers, crushed
1 lemon, juiced
4 sprigs fresh mint for garnish
In a medium-sized mixing bowl combine whipped cream cheese, sugar, and lemon juice. Fold the yogurt into the cream cheese mixture. In four wide-mouth glasses evenly layer cream cheese mixture, strawberries, and crushed graham crackers. Garnish with sprigs of fresh mint, serve chilled.✽



Strawberry Parfait

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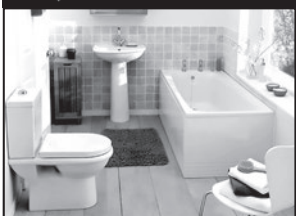
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FRIDAY
Sunny
High: 72 Low: 64



SATURDAY
Sunny
High: 74 Low: 66



SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 76 Low: 64




MONDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 74 Low: 66



TUESDAY
Scattered Rain
High: 70 Low: 62



WEDNESDAY
Sunny
High: 63 Low: 55



THURSDAY
Few Showers
High: 67 Low: 59

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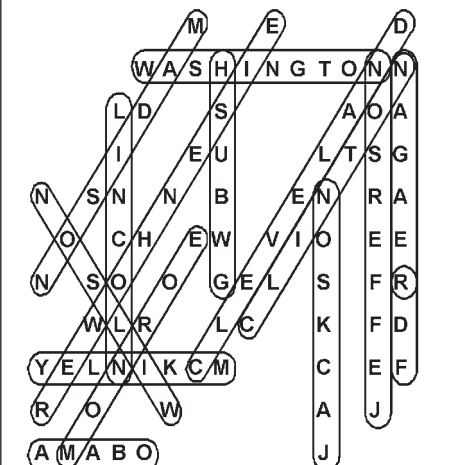
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My Stars ★★★★★
FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 14 , 2019

Aries (March 21 to April 19) Romantic aspects are high at this time for single Lambs looking for love. Warm and fuzzy feelings also are at enhanced levels for Rams and Ewes in paired relationships.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) This week favors what Taureans dote on – namely, love and money. Look for more meaningful relationships for both singles and pairs, as well as an improved financial outlook.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) All lingering shreds of that recent bout with boredom are dissipated as you eagerly accept a challenging offer. Your positive mood persuades others to join you in this venture.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) You might need validation for a possible solution to a situation involving someone close to you. Consider asking a trusted friend or relative to help you with this problem.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) Investigate carefully before agreeing to assist a friend or colleague with a personal problem. There might be hidden factors that could emerge later that will create problems for you.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) Your decision to work with an associate rather than go it alone, as you first proposed, brings an unexpected bonus. Be careful not to be judgmental. Allow for free and open discussion.

Libra (September 23 to October 22) A loved one’s health problem could, once again, make demands on your time and attention. But this time, make some demands of your own, and insist that others pitch in and help.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) This is a good time for the traditionally staid Scorpion to plan adjustments in your day-to-day schedules. Be more flexible and allow for more impromptu, off-the-cuff actions.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) Avoid creating unnecessary fuss over a situation you don’t approve of. If it’s going to work, it will do so despite your objections. If it fails, it will do so without a push from you.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) Working with a trusted colleague could open your mind to exploring some considerations you previously dismissed out of hand. The weekend brings news from a loved one.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) Resolving a recent problem leaves you in a good position to strengthen your influence on how things get done. But continue to encourage ideas and suggestions from others.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20) A new friend suggests an interesting opportunity. But check it out before you snap at it. It might be a good deal for some people, but it might not work in helping you reach your goals.

Born This Week: You have a way of helping people solve their problems, making you a most-respected counselor and trusted friend.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was English journalist, political essayist and novelist George Orwell, probably best known for his works “Nineteen Eighty-Four” and “Animal Farm,” who made the following sage observation: “Serious sport has nothing

to do with fair play. It is bound up with hatred, jealousy, boastfulness, disregard of all rules and sadistic pleasure in witnessing violence. In other words, it is war minus the shooting.”

- Considering their unsavory reputation, you might be surprised to learn that jackals often help raise their younger siblings, even after they’re fully grown.
- If you want to have an especially memorable – and chilly – vacation, consider heading to Finnish Lapland. There, more than 150 miles north of the Arctic Circle, you can stay at the Kakslauttanen Hotel. The quarters aren’t luxurious, but the sights are amazing. All the accommodations are geodesic glass igloos, offering amazing views of the aurora borealis.
- Are you a snollgoster? If so, you’re shrewd – and that isn’t a bad thing, of course. However, it also means that you’re rather lacking in principles, a trait you might not want to advertise.
- The next time you’re tempted to whip out the plastic to make a purchase, you might want to consider this little factoid: The average American spends 20 percent to 30 percent more when using a credit card than when paying with cash.
- The heaviest rainfall in a 24-hour period ever to fall in the United States occurred in Alvin, Texas, in 1979. In that year, a total of 43 inches of rain fell in the space of a single day.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Catch-and-release, that’s like running down pedestrians in your car and then, when they get up and limp away, saying – Off you go! That’s fine. I just wanted to see if I could hit you.” – Ellen DeGeneres

TRIVIA TEST

- Geography:** Where is the World Heritage site called Machu Picchu located?
- Language:** What does the Latin word “veritas” mean in English?
- Math:** What is another name for the term 10 to the 100th power?
- Television:** What was the name of the high school in the sitcom “Happy Days”?
- Famous Quotations:** Which 19th-century philosopher/essayist once said, “Live in the sunshine, swim the sea, drink the wild air”?
- Music:** What is the difference in length between a petite grand piano (smallest) and a concert grand piano (largest)?
- U.S. Presidents:** Which president worked as a lifeguard during high school?
- Measurements:** How long is a marathon race in feet?
- Movies:** Who starred in the 1950s movie “Lust for Life” about the life of Vincent van Gogh?
- History:** In what year did humans first land on the moon?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

- Peru
- Truth
- Google
- Jefferson
- Ralph Waldo Emerson
- Almost 4 feet
- Ronald Reagan
- 8,138,435 feet
- Kirk Douglas
- 1969

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MOMENTS IN TIME

• On Jan. 18, 1882, AA Milne, creator of Winnie-the-Pooh, is born in England. In 1920, his only son, Christopher Robin, was born. In 1925, the family bought Cotchford Farm in Sussex. A nearby forest inspired the 100-Acre Wood where Winnie-the-Pooh's adventures would be set. *Winnie-the-Pooh* was published in 1926.

• On Jan. 17, 1916, professional and leading amateur golfers gather in New York City in a meeting that will result in the founding of the Professional Golfers Association. The first annual PGA Championship took place in October. James "Long Jim" Barnes defeated Jock Hutchinson, taking home a silver trophy and \$500.

• On Jan. 14, 1943, during World War II, Franklin Roosevelt becomes the first president to travel on official business by airplane. The secret and circuitous journey across the Atlantic began Jan. 11.

• On Jan. 20, 1961, John F. Kennedy is inaugurated as the 35th president of the United States. At age 43, Kennedy was the youngest candidate ever elected to the presidency and the first Catholic president.

• On Jan. 15, 1972, Don McLean's *American Pie* hits No. 1 on the Billboard charts. The song references the 1959 plane crash that killed famous stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "the Big Bopper" Richardson.

• On Jan. 16, 1991, President George H.W. Bush waits to see if Iraq will withdraw from Kuwait by a midnight deadline mandated by the United Nations, or if war will ensue. Just after midnight in the U.S. on January 17, Bush gave the order for U.S. troops to lead an attack on Saddam Hussein's army.

• On Jan. 19, 2007, Beijing, China, gets its first drive-through McDonald's restaurant. The opening ceremony included traditional Chinese lion dancers and a Chinese Ronald McDonald. Kentucky Fried Chicken first opened in China in 1987.

Flu Dos And Don'ts

Lee Health has experienced a sharp increase in flu cases recently –jumping from fewer than 90 cases during the week of December 8 to more than 310 cases during the week of December 23.

As flu season continues to ramp up, it's important for the community and seasonal visitors to take preventive steps to keep themselves and their loved ones safe. Lee Health encourages everyone to:

Get the flu vaccine, as well as the pneumococcal vaccine (a secondary illness), if you are able.

Stay home when you are ill – especially do not visit the hospital if you have flu-like symptoms.

Avoid bringing children under age 12 to hospitals when possible.

Cover your cough and, if you use a tissue, dispose of it in a waste receptacle.

If you experience signs and symptoms of flu, avoid the emergency departments and instead visit your primary care doctor, a Lee Health Convenient Care walk-in or urgent care center. They can diagnose and treat flu.

Throughout flu season, Lee Health's Mary Beth Saunders, DO, system medical director of epidemiology and infection prevention, gives a reminder on some of the various places you can catch the flu and other germs, including:

- Restrooms – buttons, levers, handles, any high-touch area
- Buttons and handrails – ATMs, store checkouts, staircases, elevators, escalators
- Gym equipment
- Shopping carts
- Gas pumps
- Desks – keyboards, phones, mouse, stapler, pens
- Handshakes
- Kitchen sponges, handles, countertops
- Accessories – purses, jewelry

To combat these germs, use hand sanitizer, practice good hand hygiene – wash hands often, wipe down surfaces before

touching them (i.e., gym equipment, shopping carts) – and avoid touching your face after touching these surfaces.✱

Plastic Free Lee

Yard waste doesn't belong in plastic bags. Lee County Solid Waste is encouraging all residents to resolve to Keep Lee Plastic Free and use paper bags or waste cans for their yard waste instead. About 92 percent of residents already dispose of the yard waste properly, but the county wants to boost that number.

The Keep Lee Plastic Free initiative is designed to allow yard waste to be easily processed into usable compost or mulch. Paper bags easily biodegrade during the composting process, and waste cans can be easily emptied and reused. But yard waste in plastic bags has to be treated as garbage because plastic is not biodegradable and contaminates compost and mulch. Last year, 10,000 tons of yard waste was placed

in plastic bags for collection, making the contents unusable. Paper bags for this use can be purchased at grocery stores and home improvement stores.

"This is a small step for residents, but makes a huge improvement when it comes to properly reusing yard waste," Lee County Public Utilities Director Pam Keyes said. "It's also critical for the health of our environment, which is what makes Lee County so attractive to our residents, tourists and new businesses."

Yard waste includes grass clippings, tree limbs and branches, palm fronds, leaves, fallen fruit and dead plants and flowers. Using paper bags or waste cans instead of plastic bags to dispose of it will improve the quality of the mulch generated by Lee County Solid Waste, which is available for free at the following locations:

Bonita Springs: Imperial River Kayak Launch, 27551 South Tamiami Trail

Lehigh Acres: Lehigh Acres Community Park, 1400 West Fifth Street

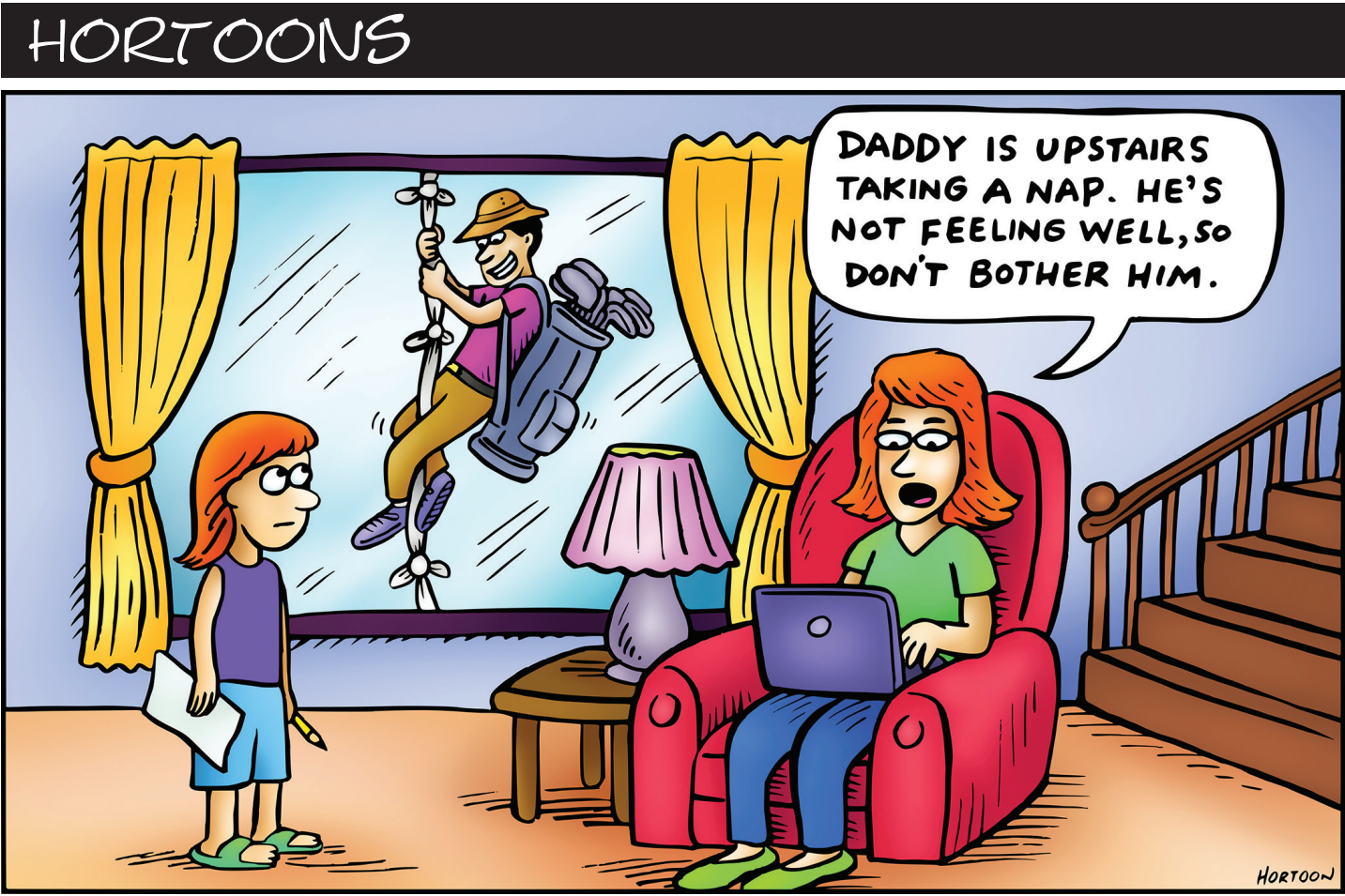
North Fort Myers: North Fort Myers Community Park, 2000 North Recreation Park Way

Pine Island: 6090 Masters Landing Drive, St. James City

San Carlos Park: Three Oaks Park, 18251 Three Oaks Parkway

Plastic-free yard waste will also enhance the OrganicLee compost Lee County Solid Waste produces to help homeowners spruce up their lawns and gardens. OrganicLee compost may be purchased at the Resource Recovery Facility, 10500 Buckingham Road, and the Topaz Court Solid Waste Annex, 6441 Topaz Court in Fort Myers, for \$2.45 plus tax per 20-pound bag. Bulk quantities of up to 20 cubic yards of compost can also be purchased at the Buckingham location.

Visit www.keepleeplasticfree.com for information about yard waste collection and ways to make the switch away from plastic bags.✱



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Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Cortona	Miromar Lakes	2018	2,729	\$1,840,000	\$1,725,000	73
Anchorage At Bonita Bay	Bonita Springs	1999	3,561	\$1,350,000	\$1,340,000	9
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2012	4,031	\$1,200,000	\$1,075,000	39
Alva	Alva	1991	2,485	\$1,100,000	\$750,000	277
Paseo	Fort Myers	2015	2,876	\$765,000	\$750,000	397
Royal Tee Country Club Estates	Cape Coral	2018	2,530	\$649,900	\$649,900	199
Valencia Bonita	Bonita Springs	2018	2,883	\$624,900	\$624,900	157
Acreage	North Fort Myers	1999	2,760	\$599,800	\$556,000	31
Paseo	Fort Myers	2010	3,248	\$599,000	\$575,000	156
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