



A Real Winner At Broadway Palm

by Di Saggau

Now showing at Broadway Palm is *Guys and Dolls*, a musical romantic comedy involving an unlikely pairing of a high-rolling gambler and a puritanical missionary from the Save a Soul Mission. They are Sky Masterson (Grayson Hockey) and Sarah Brown (Blair Baker). We also have a showgirl dreaming of marrying her fiancé of 14 years, Miss Adelaide (Sarah Mae Banning) and Nathan Detroit (Peter Rioopelle). It is based on Damon Runyon's short stories set in Manhattan, and is the winner of eight Tony Awards, a New York Dream Critics Circle Award and a Grammy for Best Cast Album.

When Nathan has to find a new location for his crap game, he places a bet with Sky, hoping to win the money he needs to secure the location. He bets Sky that he can't take Sarah with him on a date to Havana, Cuba. *Guys and Dolls* takes us from the bustle of Times Square to the dance clubs of Havana to the sewers



Sky Masterson (Grayson Hockey) and the guys at their floating crap game photo provided

of New York City as we see how far a guy goes when he truly falls in love.

The show features some of Frank Loesser's most memorable tunes. This includes the hilarious *Adelaide's Lament*;

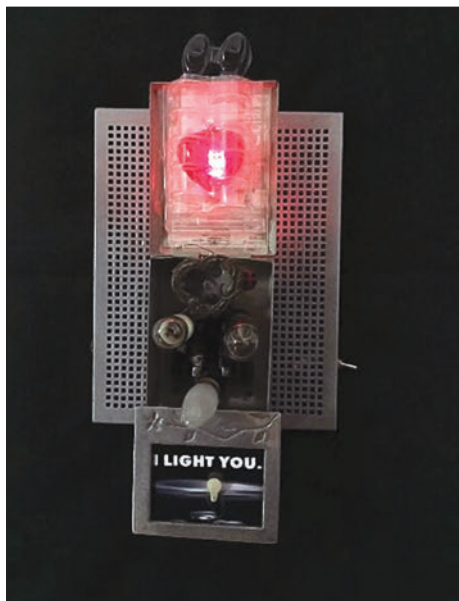
the romantic *I've Never Been in Love Before* by Sky and Sarah; *Sue Me* by Nathan and Adelaide; and two show stoppers, *Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat* by Nicely-Nicely (Victor Legarreta),

and *More I Cannot Wish You* by Arvide Abernathy (Fred Frabotta), an older member of The Salvation Army mission.

I was impressed, as always, with the entire cast in this production. This versatile ensemble of assorted gangsters, missionaries and "dolls" bring a ton of vitality to the stage, showing off their many talents, including outstanding voices. And the choreography by the amazing Amy McCleary is absolutely stunning. You'll love the costumes too. *A Bushel and a Peck* is not my favorite song, but those lush, yellow feathered outfits are a knockout.

Director Paul Bernier keeps everything moving with lively staging, and the orchestra provides the right sound for every number. Overall, this production is filled with many engaging and winning performances, and I'll bet you will be humming one of the familiar tunes when you leave the theater.

Guys and Dolls plays through March 30 at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. Tickets are available at www.broadwaypalm.com or by calling 278-4422.*



I light you by Janet Vince photos provided

Artist Evokes Humor With Sculptural Works

Contemporary artist Janet Vince brings humor to her works in the new exhibition, *And Now for Something Completely Different*, at Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. An opening reception will be held during Art Walk on Friday, March 1 from 6 to 10 p.m.

This inventive collection will have viewers laughing while discussing the



Getting the timing right to meet your soul mate by Janet Vince

sculptures on display. Vince lived on Robert Rauschenberg's Captiva property for six years during which time she worked with Rauschenberg and Darryl Pottorf, and lived in Maybelle Stamper's house.

A native of Surrey, England, Vince has traveled to 43 countries. Her

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Meet The Artists Reception



Work by Lionel Lewis images provided

Arts for ACT Gallery will hold an opening reception and meet the artists session during Art Walk on Friday, March 1 from 6 to 10 p.m. The gallery will feature Port Charlotte artist Lionel Lewis in the main gallery and Sanibel Island artist Ken Vinton in the White Gallery. There will also be new works from co-op artists.

Born in the Caribbean Island of Trinidad, Lewis studied at the American Art School in New York and the Visual Art Center in Punta Gorda. He is a member of the Charlotte Arts and Humanities Council. Lewis' art is a key to his happiness.



Work by Ken Vinton

Lewis' style could be modern, abstract and contemporary, but his mission is to communicate to the viewers his love for creating art. "My art allows me to transform inner vision to outer reality," he said.

Vinton was born the same day the *Titanic* was struck, Abraham Lincoln was

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

'Independent Odd Fellow' At Work



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

Walter Rome Kaune, Sr. might have been a charter member and secretary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) lodge number 63, but there was nothing odd about his community spirit and active work life.

He had moved to Fort Myers in 1896 to join his father in North Fort Myers, where, for about a decade, he was involved in citrus groves.

Early on, Kaune was a two-term Lee County commissioner, from 1907 to 1910. Thereafter, his insurance work and civic activities seem to have kept him busy.

In 1908, he had entered the insurance and real estate business, which became his livelihood. From the early 19-teens, as Fort Myers began a growth spurt, Kaune advertised as a dealer in loans, rentals, insurance and real estate, including farm lands and fruit lands.

He is pictured in the undated historic photo (below), complete with bow-tie and suspenders, in the high-ceilinged office of Walter R. Kaune Co. The other man is unidentified.

It's not clear where the photo was taken, because the business hopped around town from the 19-teens through the 1920s. Among the locations were Tonnelier Court (now Patio de Leon), the Langford Building on First, and the Post Office (aka Collier) Arcade on Broadway.

He must have moved into the Bank of Fort Myers Building on the southwest corner of First and Jackson right after it opened, for as early as 1911, the IOOF met there on Friday nights in his upstairs office.

Another somewhat obscure organization he joined was the Caloosahatchee Tribe of Red Men number 31. The group's formal titles of officers probably wouldn't pass political correctness tests today (eg, keeper of wampum or guard of wigwam).

But the Red Men, like the IOOF, have faded from local history. Kaune's other endeavors took a more traditional turn. For many years, he was a



Walter R. Kaune, Sr. and an unidentified man relax in the downtown office of Walter R. Kaune Co.
photo courtesy of Donald Baucom



Kaune Co. had several locations in the main business district, starting in 1908. For many of those years, the office was located upstairs in the Bank of Fort Myers Building at the corner of Jackson Street (left) or in the Langford Building (center).
photo by Gerri Reaves

member, along with other prominent insurance men, of the Real Estate Exchange for Fort Myers and Lee County.

He also joined the Board of Trade, a precursor to the Chamber of Commerce, which he later joined. Add to those organizations the Fifty Thousand Club, a booster organization, and the Elks.

In May 1923, Kaune again became a public official as the president of the city council of East Fort Myers. Briefly during the boom, that area east of Billy's Creek was a burgeoning little incorporated city unto itself.

While he was serving in that office, a significant project came to fruition: the first bridge to span the Caloosahatchee was finally completed in 1924.

It connected Punta Gorda and Fort Myers, and thus North and East Fort Myers. It became part of the northern stretch of the Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41), which eventually linked Tampa to Miami in 1928.

It should be noted that although the one-lane wooden bridge extending from Fremont Street was definitely a big deal at the time, it was upstaged by the concrete Edison Bridge at Fowler several years later, and it burned a few years after that.

Kaune was among the organizers and main participants in the two-day March celebration attended by dignitaries and officials from throughout the state, including Barron G. Collier, chairman of the Tamiami Trail Association.

The first day began with a 100-car motorcade and a formal bridge dedication, in which Fort Myers Mayor Vernon G. Widerquist and Mayor Kaune exchanged keys to their cities.

Festivities included a grand barbeque and activities like auto polo races, fancy riding, and other entertainments at the Terry Park fairgrounds. Later that afternoon, the Tamiami Trail Association held its convention, followed by a Grand Mardi Gras parade through downtown Fort Myers.

The second day was a water carnival, with speed-boat races, a swimming carnival and athletic meet, and aquaplane exhibitions.

The day wound down with an afternoon band concert at the fairgrounds and a buffet meal downtown in Evans Park. The celebration was capped by a Grand Costume Ball on First Street.

During the boom, Kaune, the man with many hats, added builder to his list of titles,
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Estates To Host Citrus Grove Kick-Off Event

On Wednesday, February 27, from 4 to 6 p.m., Edison & Ford Winter Estates (EFWE) will host the Ford Citrus Grove Kick-Off Event in partnership with Old Florida Citrus, LLC; the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS); Florida Department of Citrus; Southern Gardens Citrus; CFS Roofing Services, LLC; Gulf Citrus Growers Association; Sun Harvest Citrus; Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau; Millennial Brewing Company; and Sam Galloway Ford.

The event is a launch celebration for the re-establishment of the historic Ford fruit grove that once occupied the space between the Ford Caretaker's Cottage and McGregor Boulevard. Local dignitaries and representatives from the partnering organizations will speak about the grove and the citrus industry.

The new grove will be a "sweet addition" at EFWE, giving visitors something new to see, while also opening the door to partnerships in agricultural tourism and education. When complete, the grove will consist of approximately 50 trees, demonstrating different varieties of citrus, including Valencia and Midsweet. Grove signage and interactive displays will help visitors learn about Florida citrus, Edison and Ford's interest



Citrus trees planted in the Ford Citrus Grove at Edison & Ford Winter Estates photo provided

in agriculture, and the economic importance of the citrus industry today.

The Ford Caretaker's Cottage will be restored and house the future Citrus Café, offering a variety of refreshments, including orange juice and other citrus-ingredient delights. A new interior and exterior dining area, overlooking the Caloosahatchee will provide a scenic location for visitors to relax and will also be used as an outdoor classroom.

Southern Gardens Citrus nursery supplied the trees; IFAS outfitted the trees with defenders, a new,

state-of-the-art protection system that includes a netted bag and plastic base shield for the young trees; Old Florida Citrus and the CFS Roofing Services team planted the trees, donated and installed the irrigation system and is providing grove maintenance and staff training as well as assisting with project coordination.

Sponsors for the unveiling include Sam Galloway Ford, Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau, Gulf Citrus Growers Association, Sun Harvest Citrus (supplying fresh orange juice

for the event), Millennial Brewing Company (providing a special citrus beer for sampling) and Norman Love Confections.

Admission to this initial event is by invitation only. For more information, visit www.edisonford.org or call 334-7419.*

Teen Challenge Ribbon Cutting

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony to dedicate a new Teen Challenge SuperThrift Retail and Donation Center at 15121 South Tamiami Trail in Fort Myers on Thursday, February 28 at 8:30 a.m.

The store will support Teen Challenge Fort Myers 12- to 18-month faith-based recovery programs that specialize in helping men and women of all ages break free from substance abuse and other life controlling issues. SuperThrift provides program participants with vocational training, while supplying quality goods to the community at affordable prices with 100 percent of proceeds from sales supporting local Teen Challenge programs.

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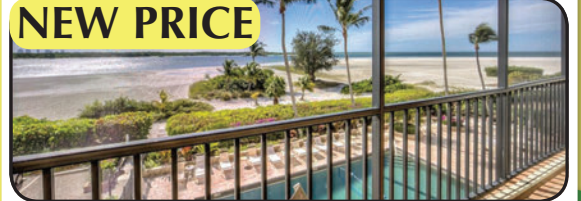


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Metal Militia

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Rockin' 4 Paws Fundraiser For Shelter Animals

Rockin' 4 Paws will benefit Gulf Coast Humane Society at Chicago Boys Bar & Grill on Saturday, February 23 from noon to 5 p.m. and at The Indigo Room on Sunday, February 24 from 7 to 10:30 p.m.

The musical lineup at Chicago Boys will feature ZEN, Dead Ritual and headliner Metal Militia, Germany's top Metallica's tribute band. Dead Ritual and Metal Militia will also perform at The Indigo Room on Sunday for the Rockin' 4 Paws After-Party. "This is going to be a fun and unique

event for the shelter," said GCHS executive director Jennifer Galloway. "We thank all of our sponsors and the bands, as well as Chicago Boys for hosting the event. This really will be a fundraiser you will not want to miss."

Admission is free, with a suggested pet food or item donation. Premier Sponsor is Caliber Collision, and supporting sponsors include Goldberg Noone, LLC; Bell Tower Shops and Stu's Motorcycles. There will be raffles for prizes.

Chicago Boys is located at 2245 Winkler Avenue in Fort Myers. The Indigo Room is located at 2219 Main Street in downtown Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org/rockin4paws.html.✽

Nature Photography Contest Winners



Alayna Calkins, center, with Katie Shea and John Ammons

photos provided

The winners have been announced in the annual Student Nature Photography Contest sponsored by Edison National Bank in cooperation with the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. The annual program begins with a guided visit to the refuge by Cypress Lake Middle School (CLMS) students. During the outing, they observe and photograph wildlife and native plants. A professionally judge contest is then conducted, for which Edison National Bank provides medals and cash prizes for the winners.

The awards ceremony for the photo contest took place following the CLMS winter break. CLMS Art Department Chair Joy Williams emceed the proceedings with

highlights about the students' photography and their time at the refuge.

During the awards ceremony, Edison National Bank's Vice President and Cleveland Avenue Office Manager John Ammons and Marketing Coordinator Katie Shea joined Williams to present award medals to the top three student photographers judged in the contest. Edison National Bank also gave \$100, \$75 and \$50 cashier's checks to the top three winners. Those honors went to Alayna Calkins in first place; Lilliana Edwards in second place; and Carli Cary in third place.

"It is truly an honor for Edison National Bank to sponsor this event," said Ammons. "Ms. Williams kindly shared that programs like this contest would not happen without the business community's support. The student photographers have captured some very beautiful images. I hope everyone will come see their work in our lobby display at the Cleveland Avenue Office."

"CLMS has a strong community partnership with Edison National Bank," said Williams. "This wonderful organization not only provides prize money for the top three student photographers but also displays all the children's photos in the main bank lobby for an entire month. Please visit Edison National Bank located on US 41 across from the Bell Tower to view these works."

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Fort Myers Art:

Bonita Springs Film Festival Rolls February 21 To 24



by Tom Hall

The Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs (CFABS) introduced the inaugural Bonita Springs International Film Festival (BIFF) in February 2015.

The fourth annual festival returns from February 21 to 24 with more than 70 carefully curated narrative, documentary, animation and short films from around the world, complemented by a wide variety of workshops, demonstrations and question-and-answer sessions with filmmakers, writers, directors, producers and actors.

The unique and entertaining special events begin with Thursday's over-the-top Opening Night and culminate with a spectacular Awards Night and Filmmakers Party on Sunday evening. Each event is unique, featuring delicious catered food, refreshing beverages, quality entertainment and, of course, ample opportunities for film lovers to mix and mingle with a coterie of filmmakers, directors, writers and actors,



image courtesy www.artswfl.com

who similarly enjoy the chance to share ideas and explore future opportunities. Films are shown in both the 400-seat CFABS Hinman Auditorium and the newly renovated 200-seat Moe Auditorium & Film Center.

Last year, BIFF accepted films in 12 categories including youth- and teen-produced films, animated films, shorts and Florida films, as well as standard fiction/narrative and documentary works, and awarded cash prizes ranging from \$250 to \$1,000.

The film festival is an expression of CFABS' longstanding appreciation

of film as an art form. The centers launched their Film for Film Lovers series in 2008, offering one film per month for three months. Over time, Film for Film Lovers was expanded and now features films every Monday. And early in 2015, the centers added the impressive Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers, with showings on the first Tuesday of each month. Today, thousands of Southwest Florida residents and visitors attend these screenings, so it was only logical to add a multi-day film festival to the equation.

The mission of the Bonita Springs International Film Festival is to create experiences that bring people together to discover extraordinary films from around the world, recognizing that it is through the art of cinema that a community becomes more informed, aware and alive.

"The big point that ultimately surfaced in our discussions about having a film festival was that we, as an organization, are all about the arts, all the arts," said Susan Bridges, president of the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs, who is also co-chair for the festival. "So, we began looking at the idea that our Bonita Springs International Film Festival might see the majority of our films showcasing an artistic connection of some kind, beyond the fact that film is an art form in itself."

BIFF is so much more than just watching films. Festival-goers enjoy fascinating and rewarding experiences, right alongside the discovery of each film's unique details, inspiration, meaning and challenges.

CFABS has posted its schedule of features, documentaries and short packages. For the schedule and more information, visit www.artcenterbonita.org/biff/schedule.html.

*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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The Ostego Bay Foundation annual Tea by the Sea and Fashion Show fundraiser will be held at Bonita Bills Waterfront Café on Saturday February 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The vintage tea menu includes tea, buffet lunch, savory dishes and pastries complimented by fashions of the season all for a mere \$25 per person. Don't forget to wear your favorite vintage hat.

Proceeds benefit the Ostego Bay Foundation, Inc. in support of the Ostego Bat Foundation Marine Science

Center, a self-funded 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Joanne Semmer, president of Ostego Bay Foundation said, "We appreciate the support from the local community and participants to help keep our educational programs funded and on track. The Ostego Bay Foundation Inc. returns the investment back to the community in the form of educating and informing community leaders, hosting marine science internships and inspiring young people in our neighborhood of marine sciences."

Bonita Bills Waterfront Café is located at 702 Fisherman's Wharf on San Carlos Island. For more information, visit www.ostegobay.org or call 765-8101.*

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Historic Downtown

when he constructed houses in East Fort Myers.

He died in 1948 at age 69 and was buried in the Fort Myers Cemetery.

Walk down First Street and map the locations of Kaune Co. over the decades.

Then visit the following two research centers to discover the people who lived and worked in Fort Myers and left their mark.

The Southwest Florida Historical Society is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization open Wednesday and Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon and Wednesday 4 to 7 p.m. It is located

at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. Call 939-4044 or visit www.swflhistoricalsociety.org for more information.

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

Sources: Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, *The News-Press, The Story of Fort Myers* by Karl H. Grismer, and www.odd-fellows.org.*

Staged Reading By Sanibel Author At Lab Theater

The Laboratory Theater of Florida will host a staged reading of *The Politician*, a new work from Sanibel resident Robert Hilliard, on Monday, February 25 at 7 pm.

In this one-act satirical fantasy, an egotistical, abrasive American entrepreneur makes a deal with officials of a foreign power to which he owes billions of dollars. The foreign officials propose cancellation of the debt if he runs for and becomes president, expecting that his dictatorial personality and behavior will alienate America's allies and destroy America's standing and credibility in the world. What happens when the theater troupe putting on the play finds it increasingly unbelievable?

Hilliard is a Purple Heart veteran of World War II. He has been a member of Actors Equity Association, a theater director and scene designer, and a New York drama critic. He is also the author of more than 35 books and 20 plays. Some of his plays have been seen at



Dr. Robert Hilliard

Southwest Florida theaters.

Doors open for the one-night staged reading at 6:30 pm. Tickets are available for advance purchase, but seating is on a first come/first served basis.

Lab Theater is located at 1634 Woodford Avenue in Fort Myers. For tickets, visit www.brownpapertickets.com or call the box office at 218-0481. For more information, visit www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com.✱

All Female A Capella Chorus To Perform

Naples United Church of Christ will host Spirit of the Gulf, a Fort Myers-based, 100-voice, all-female a capella chorus, on Tuesday, February 26 at 7 p.m.

Spirit of the Gulf, which is affiliated with Sweet Adelines International, has won seven regional titles in the state and was voted Most Entertaining Chorus at three International competitions in Las Vegas, Hawaii and Denver. The chorus is comprised of part-time and full-time Florida residents ages 12 to 85 years.

Naples United Church of Christ is located at 5200 Crayton Road in Naples. For tickets, call 261-5469, visit www.naplesuss.org or purchase at the door.✱

Habitat Launches 9th Women Build Season March 6

Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties will launch its 9th Women Build season with a kickoff party at the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center on Wednesday, March 6 at 6 p.m.

The 2019 Women Build Kickoff Party is a fundraiser that feature real stories of Women Build's connections, impact and hope from Habitat homebuyers, their children and Women Build volunteers and supporters. Tickets are \$25 and include complimentary valet and beer and wine during the event. Tickets are available at 2019womenbuild.eventbrite.com

This year during Women Build, local women will raise funds and volunteer to build two new Habitat homes for two mothers. Two weeks before Mother's Day, women gather to volunteer alongside the future Habitat homebuyers to complete the houses. The finished homes are revealed at a home dedication on May 11, the day before Mother's Day.

"Women-headed households are often the most stressed financially, and the most affected by unaffordable and overcrowded living conditions. Women Build provides the opportunity for women in our community to take a proactive step to create transformational change through the building of and advocating for affordable housing," said Kitty



Mother-daughter duo, Candiss Dombkowski and Margaret Fulghum volunteered together to help raise the walls on a Habitat home during Women Build photo provided

Green, president and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties.

Women Build is generously sponsored by Chico's FAS, Inc; Al & Nancy Burnett Charitable Foundation; Edison National Bank; GL Homes, Hi-Tech Cooling & Controls; Homeownership for All; Pavese Law Firm; Habitat for Humanity ReStore; Royal Palm Coast Realtor Association Housing Foundation; Suncoast Credit Union; and Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva.✱



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Along The River

The third **Rhythm on the River** concert of the season kicks off at **Edison and Ford Winter Estates** this Thursday, February 22 at 6 p.m. Cellist Ian Maksin and Miami-based guitarist Michael Gonzalez will perform in the River Pavilion along the Caloosahatchee.

A limited number of tickets will be available at the door for \$30 for both members and non-members.

Edison and Ford Winter Estates is located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Major League Baseball is back in Fort Myers with **spring training games** beginning this weekend. The **Boston Red Sox** play a doubleheader against the Northeastern University Huskies at JetBlue Park on Friday, February 22 at 1:05 p.m. They then host the New York Yankees on Saturday, February 23 at 1:05 p.m. and the **Minnesota Twins** on Sunday, February 24 at 1:05 p.m. The Twins will host the Tampa Bay Rays at Hammond Stadium on Saturday, February 23 at 6:05 p.m.

Visit www.mlb.com/redsox/schedule or www.mlb.com/twins/schedule for complete schedules for both teams.

Cirque Enchanté, a festive fundraising event for the Southwest Florida Symphony featuring a show with costumes, light and sound in the grandest international style, will be held at **La Venezia Ballroom** this Friday, February 22 at 5:30 p.m. There will be a complimentary cocktail hour and roving entertainers, followed by a buffet dinner, auctions and music for dancing/listening.

Bringing the evening full circle, the Swing Street Band, a popular area jazz/pop ensemble, will be providing a varied playlist of live music for dancing or listening. Cost is \$80 per person,

La Venezia Ballroom is located in Club Square District at 4646 SE 10th Place in Cape Coral. Reservations may be made by calling the Southwest



Guitarist Michael Gonzalez and cellist Ian Maksin are performing at Edison and Ford Winter Estates on February 22 photos provided

Florida Symphony box office at 418-1500

The **Calidore String Quartet** will perform at the **Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center** (SBDAC) for a one-night-only performance this Friday, February 22. Cocktail hour is at 7 p.m. followed by the performance at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$45 the day of the

concert. To reserve tickets, visit www.sbdac.com or call 333-1933.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers.

The Screaming Orphans return for an outdoor concert at the **Alliance for the Arts** this Saturday, February 23. Gates open at 5:30 p.m., and the music kicks off with MacGilliossa at 6 p.m. The Screaming Orphans take the stage at 7:30 p.m.

Food trucks and beverage station will be available. Blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged, but coolers will not be permitted. Presale tickets are \$25; tickets at the gate are \$35. Kids 12 and under are free with an adult attendee.

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

The 12th annual **Colors of the Sea Fashion Show** benefiting the Regional Cancer Center and patients in their fight against cancer will be held at **Crowne Plaza at Bell Tower Shops** this Wednesday, February 27. Attendees will partake in an awards luncheon, benefit auction and viewing of contemporary and stylish apparel provided by local retailers Sanibel Outlets, Razzle Dazzle and House of Wu, and sported by local models.

Tickets are \$55 per person. Sponsorships are available and include tickets, group tables, banner displays, public recognition and other benefits.

Lee Health Foundation and Regional Cancer Center will recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to cancer care in Southwest Florida and offered unwavering support to individuals undergoing cancer treatments.

Crowne Plaza at Bell Tower Shops is located at 13051 Bell Tower Drive in Fort Myers. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.leehealthfoundation.org/fashionforcancer or call 343-6950.✴

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Mustang Car Show At Estates March 2



A mid-60's red Mustang photo provided

Edison and Ford Winter Estates will host its annual Ford Mustang Car Show as a tribute to Henry Ford, the pioneer of the automobile industry, on Saturday, March 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Owners of Ford Mustangs will exhibit their cars on Henry Ford's lawn along the Caloosahatchee.

Along with the car show, there will be music and a food truck. Visitors can tour the gardens, museum, laboratory and see the historic homes. This family event is free for Edison Ford members and \$20 for non-members, which includes a self-guided tour of the entire site. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the restoration of the antique

Ford car collection.

Deadline for registration is February 27. Fee is \$15 for one car and \$5 for each additional car (includes admission for the registered participant and one passenger).

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

Cape Mardi Gras Yappy Hour Friday Evening

The Cape Coral Animal Shelter (CCAS) and Fathom's Restaurant are partnering to hold the monthly Yappy Hour on Friday, February 22, between 5 and 7 p.m.

Pets and their owners can strut their Mardi Gras best costumes and beads during an evening of outdoor entertainment. Fathom's Restaurant and Bar will be providing beer and wine as a fundraiser for the nonprofit organization to receive all proceeds. CCAS merchandise will be available for sale and a 50/50 raffle will be held during the evening. Attendees at the evening festivities will also hear live music.

Fathom's Restaurant is located at 5785 Cape Harbour Drive, Unit 106 in Cape Coral. For more information on Yappy Hour, contact joann@wickeddolphin.com.✴

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Girl Scout Cookies will be available until March 17 photo provided

Girl Scout Cookie Season Kicks Off

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida have launched the 2019 Girl Scout cookie season with a program that serves as a powerful entrepreneurship incubator for the next generation of female leaders.

“Through the Girl Scout cookie program, girls not only discover their inner leadership potential but also use their earnings to power amazing experiences for themselves and their troop,” said Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida CEO Mary Anne Servian. Cookie program proceeds help fund a variety of activities, including travel, outdoor adventure, and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programming. Many girls also put the

money toward impactful community projects right in their own backyards, from supporting animal shelters and food banks to working with local and state legislators to change laws.

The cookie program’s benefits are many. A recent Girl Scout Research Institute study found that two out of three girls who participate in the program learn five crucial skills – goal-setting, decision-making, money management, people skills and business ethics – while doing incredible things for themselves and their communities. The proceeds stay local, meaning that when consumers purchase the delicious cookies that come from a registered Girl Scout, they’re giving back to their wider community.

At a time when girls’ needs and issues collect fewer than eight cents of every dollar granted by philanthropic foundations

in the country, each and every Girl Scout cookie purchase is key to supporting the change-makers of today and tomorrow.

“But Girl Scouting does not survive on cookies alone,” Servian added. “Investing in girls is important year-round, not just during cookie season.”

In Lee County, Girl Scout cookie booths will be open through March 17. To find Girl Scouts selling cookies near you, visit www.girlscoutcookies.org or use the official Girl Scout Cookie Finder app, free on iOS and Android devices.✧

Pool Re-Opening Ribbon Cutting

There will be an official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the reopening of the North Fort Myers Community Pool on Wednesday, February 27 at 10 a.m. The brief ceremony will include comments from Lee County Commissioners and staff. Pool admission and parking are free. The event will not interrupt regularly scheduled programming such as water aerobics classes.

The rebuilt Lee County Parks & Recreation pool, which had its soft reopening February 19, features an expanded shallow-water area to allow for improved water-aerobics space, the addition of two new competitive swimming lanes, a new double-flume slide, new shade structures and pool-deck furniture, renovated restrooms and relocated parking.

Originally built in 1960 as a pool for the Tropic Isles Supper Club, it later

became the Friendship Senior Citizen Center. It was purchased by the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) in 1981. The county made upgrades and modifications throughout the years, and the name changed to the North Fort Myers Community Pool.

In 2018, the BoCC approved a \$1.7 million rebuilding project because the existing pool had aged and deteriorated. Commissioners in June awarded a contract for Wright Construction Group to oversee the project, which was finished in just six months.

North Fort Myers Community Pool is located at 5170 Orange Grove Boulevard in North Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.leeparks.org or call 533-7275.✧

Church Holding Garage Sale

There will be a Church Garage Sale at Gulf Coast Church of Christ on Friday, March 1 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, March 2 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Furniture, clothes, tools, household goods, books, bikes, jewelry, children/ baby items and much more will be for sale. Food and beverage will be available for purchase. Cash and credit card accepted.

Gulf Coast Church of Christ is located at 9550 Six Mile Cypress Parkway in Fort Myers. Call 936-4554 for more information.✧

Churches/Temples

ALL FAITHS UNITARIAN CONGREGATION
Service 9, and 11 a.m. Children’s RE, Adult Education Forum 10 a.m., www.allfaiths-uc.org, 2756 McGregor Boulevard, 226-0900.

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

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

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

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

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

BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRIES
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CONGREGATIONAL
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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN
Sunday 10 a.m. 2439 McGregor Boulevard, 334-8937.

CYPRESS LAKE BAPTIST
Sunday 9:45 and 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Wednesday 6:30 p.m. 8400 Cypress Lake Drive,

481-5442.

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

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

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

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

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JESUS THE WORKER CATHOLIC
Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday 8, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., 881 Nuna Avenue, 481-1143.

KINGDOM LIFE

Sunday 10:30 a.m., 2154 McGregor Boulevard, 218-8343.

LAMB OF GOD
Sunday 7:45 and 10 a.m., www.lambofgodchurch.net, 19691 Cypress View Drive, 267-3525.

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

NEW COVENANT EYES
Monthly 9 a.m., www.newcovenanteyes.com, 1900 Park Meadows Drive, 220-8519.

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

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

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Sunday 10:30 a.m. www.peacecommunitychurch.com, 17671 Pine Ridge Road, 267-7400.

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

RIVER OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
Sunday 10:30 a.m., www.uucfm.org, 13411 Shire Lane, 561-2700.

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

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

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

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

CROW Case Of The Week:

Common Grackle

by Bob Petcher



A common grackle (*Quiscalus quiscula*) is a large, lanky blackbird about the size of a mourning dove. At this time of year, grackles are known to forage and roost with many different

species of blackbirds.

At CROW, an adult common grackle was admitted from Estero after it was found stuck to a glue trap. Known as one of the cruellest methods of killing animals, glue traps consist of pieces of cardboard, fiberboard, or plastic coated with a sticky adhesive designed to ensnare any small animal who wanders across or lands on its surface.

Upon admission, veterinary staff worked immediately to remove the bird from the trap. By applying chinchilla dust to the areas stuck to the glue, they were able to carefully free it. The bird had lost its tail feathers while struggling to free itself.

"The grackle lost all of its tail feathers, as well as one of the primary flight feathers on the left wing," said Dr. Robin Bast, CROW staff veterinarian. "These feathers will take weeks and sometimes months to grow back in to the point where the bird has normal flight again.

This means these patients must remain in rehab for an extended period of time."

Multiple sessions using the chinchilla dust were needed to ensure that all of the glue was safely removed from the bird's feathers and beak.

"Chinchilla dust binds with the glue adhesive and allows it to be rolled off of the feathers with gentle manual debridement. This product does not cause further damage to the feathers, and we can avoid having to bathe the bird to remove (possible application of) oil or soap which can result in hypothermia and increased stress to the patient," said Dr. Bast. "Often this requires multiple application sessions for the glue to be completely removed – a single, prolonged session would cause too much stress to the patient and they tolerate frequent, shorter application sessions best. If chinchilla dust is not available, then Dawn soap or vegetable oil are alternative options but are not as ideal."

Veterinarians noted the patient to have some soft-tissue swelling to its left wing. Warm compresses were used to reduce the swelling.

"Often animals stuck in glue traps sustain secondary injuries – soft tissue swelling, wounds, or even fractures – in their struggle to get free," said Dr. Bast. "In this grackle, no fractures were found and it was treated for soft tissue swelling and an abscess (infection) at the tail base.

"Animals that become stuck in glue traps often struggle for hours and sustain severe injuries in the process. If not freed, they will die either from stress,



Patient #19-0350 lost key feathers during its bout with the glue trap

photo by Dr. Kyle Abbott

traumatic injury or starvation, all of which are quite awful ways to perish even for the intended targets of the trap."

The grackle was lucky to be rescued from the trap and not suffer a slow death by starvation or suffocation. It will need time to heal though.

"The glue residue has successfully been removed from the feathers, and the grackle is on pain medications and antibiotics to treat infection and swelling," said Dr. Bast. "It is eating well on its own, and once the course of medications is completed, it will move to an outdoor

enclosure to evaluate its flight capabilities. If it is able to fly well enough, even without tail feathers, to evade predators and survive on its own, it will be cleared for release."

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Prime Month For Sheepshead Fishing



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Even with our water temperatures finally creeping back to 70-plus degrees this week, the best action has still been on sheepshead.

Putting in the extra time to go catch shiners simply has not started to pay off yet, as it seems the fish are just not ready to eat them.

I figured once I had finally had shiners again, I would be able to put my clients on some snook after what has been months of catching sheepshead. After working sheltered deeper shorelines in the middle sound over the weekend, I did get the snook to respond a little bit to chummed live shiners. The snook would pick up a shiner, run with it and then drop it, or more frustratingly, chase it around on the surface just long enough for a seagull to snatch the bait.

It did feel good to be throwing shiners again though, and this bite will fire up with a few more warm days.

During most trips this week, I

have been running north to favorite sheepshead spots and bouncing from dock to dock around the passes. Depending on the direction of the wind and tide, one place seems to set up better than another.

Sheepshead sizes up to 18 inches were a common catch with some of the biggest ones of the week measuring right at the 20-inch mark. The abundance of these fish is refreshing since everyday I've been sending clients home with a ziplock of fresh delicious fillets for dinner.

Most trips, when targeting sheepshead, there is a learning curve to successfully hooking these fish. The bite of these fish is different than any other fish as they nibble and never really inhale the bait.

Getting the feel of when to set the hook only comes with time and practice. I gently lift the rod while feeling them nibble until the rod tip loads. Then, I give a short quick pop to set the hook. Once they are hooked, give them another pop to insure that the hook pierces their hard toothy mouths, and they stay hooked.

Though these fish can be frustrating to catch at first, once you get the hang of it, they are a blast to catch on light tackle.

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. ✨



Nick Little with a 18-inch sheepshead caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week photo provided

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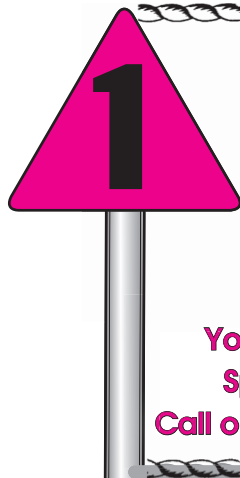
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Artists Selected For All Florida Juried Show

Participating artists have been selected for the 33rd annual Juried All Florida show, which will exhibit at the Alliance for the Arts from March 8 through March 30. There will be an opening reception at the Alliance on Friday, March 8 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Alliance March exhibition features pieces created by artists working in a wide variety of media from all over the state of Florida. From 664 entries, 60 artists and 60 pieces were selected by the juror.

Artists include: Jeff Abbott, Jaime Aelavanthara, Brooke Anderson, Joanne Barrett, Penelope Breen, Melissa Carcamo, Hilda Champion, Steven Chayt, Muffy Clark, Sammy Cottrell, Alison Curtis, Vic Delnore, Glen DePasse, Christine Di Staola, Jessie Dilich, Sharon Eng, Cheryl Fausel, Lynn Foskett, Julie Gauthier, Janet George, Geoffrey Hamel, Judith Harthorn, John Ippensen, Ameena Khan, Ann Kozeliski, Yvonne Krystman, Karen Kuykendall, Jay Lana, JoAnn LaPadula, Pat Leggett, Diane Lublinski, Olivier Lutaud, Bruce MacKechnie, Inna Malostovker, Claire Melli, Robert Moore, Carol Murphy, Melissa Nece, Elizabeth Ogata, Jose Pardo, Katrina Parker, June Powell, Gregory Presley, Christine Reichow, Lynne Renzenberger, Robert Richard, Paula Rucket, Carol Schmidt, Carolyn Steele, Carve Stone, Nancy Terrell, Guy Tieman, Rachel Ulrich,



Chrysalis by Jaime Aelavanthara

images provided

Havelyn Villar, Laura Waller, James Woodfield, LouAnn Wukitsch, Christian Wyatt, Patricia Zalisko and MANO.

This year's juror is R. Lynn Whitelaw. Whitelaw was the founding director and curator of the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art, located on the Tarpon Springs Campus of St. Petersburg College. She held that position for 17 years. Over the years, Whitelaw's curatorial efforts have resulted in more than 140 exhibitions shown at Hillsborough Community College, the Tampa Museum of Art and the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art.

"My overlying interest was to showcase



Scaling Big Daddy by Gregory Presley

exciting examples of contemporary art in Florida that reflect artistic talent and innovative work that respect, or experiment with, materials," said Whitelaw. "My only regret is that there were a large number of wonderful works that fit my criteria, but I had to make hard decisions to cull the show to 60 pieces."

During the opening celebration, Whitelaw will present awards including \$1,000 cash for Best In Show, a second place \$250 gift certificate for Golden Artists Colors, \$100 cash for third place and Jurors Choice Award(s) of Alliance for the Arts membership(s).

Meet and engage with exhibiting artists during a conversational tour through the gallery during the Alliance for the Arts weekly GreenMarket on Saturday, March 9 at 10 a.m. .

While the gallery admission is free, a \$5 suggested donation keeps Alliance programming affordable and accessible.

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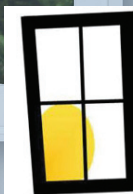
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Screw pine's strap-like leaves grow in a spiral on the stem photos by Gerri Reaves

A stout trunk and prop roots ensure wind resistance

The pendulous large pineapple-like fruit is composed of many smaller compressed fruits

This striped plant is one of hundreds of species of *Pandanas*

Screw Pine

by Gerri Reaves

Despite the common name, screw pine (*Pandanus utilis*) is not a pine tree. Classified as a monocot, it is more closely related to bananas, palms and grasses than to other trees such as pines.

In the U.S., this native of Madagascar usually grows to about 25 feet tall. It makes a daunting screen or security plant because of the long frond-like, blue-green leaves with reddish spiny edges.

Rosettes of leaves spiral at the top of

the stout branches. The coarse leaves are up to a yard long. The leaf scarring that encircles the stems form a pattern that inspires the common name.

The curious above-ground roots give it another name, the walking tree, because of its tendency to spread outward, often growing as wide as high. Those external stilt roots also give it excellent wind resistance and prevent soil erosion.

Spikes of conspicuous fragrant white flowers bloom in winter on the male plant. The female plant produces a pineapple-like fruit justifiably called exotic. Globular and six to 12 inches long, it hangs from a cord-like stem, ripening from green to orange or red.

The many prism-like sections are not one unified fruit but 100 to 200 compressed fruits. The fruit is eaten by wildlife, and it is also edible for people.

Screw pine prefers sandy well-drained soil and full sun. It adjusts to various soils and has a high salt tolerance and moderate growth rate. Leaf drop can be messy.

This tree is dioecious, meaning that male and female flowers appear on separate plants. Thus, if natural propagation is desired, plant one or more of each sex.

It can be grown as a container plant too.

The species lives up to the term *utilis* in the botanical name, which means useful. The waxy leaves have been used for clothing, mats, baskets and roofing; the wood for tools; and the fruit for food and medicine.

Many species of *Pandanas* exist, some with striped leaves. Not all species produce edible fruit, so exercise caution.

Sources: *Florida Landscape Plants* by John V. Watkins and Thomas J. Sheehan; *Florida, My Eden* by Frederic B. Stresau; www.floridata.com, <http://hort.ufl.edu>, and www.wisegeek.com.

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DDWS seeks to acquire the 68-acre Wulfert Bayous parcel to complete a wildlife corridor between refuge, city, county and SCCF conservation lands. image provided

Refuge Begins Land Acquisition Campaign

At its annual Go Wild for "Ding" fundraiser on February 13, the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) announced its campaign to raise \$9.5 million to purchase 68 acres of Sanibel property adjacent to the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

"The 'Ding' Darling Wildlife Society has identified an exciting opportunity to further the land preservation legacy of 'Ding' Darling, but we need your help, and quickly," a video presentation announced. It revealed that DDWS will be seeking \$3 million in private charitable donations.

The 68-acre parcel, known as Wulfert Bayous, is currently permitted by the City of Sanibel for the owner to develop up to 29 large homes. DDWS has been working for several years behind the scenes to partner with funding sources and private

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Director Receives 2018 Voter Service Award

The League of Women Voters of Lee County (LWV) President Clara Anne Graham and Jim Peltsring, director of voter services, presented the 2018 Voter Service Award to Lydia Black, executive director of the Alliance for the Arts, in recognition of outstanding and continuous support of the league's efforts to educate the voters of Lee County.

In acceptance, Black stated she was... "thankful for the many hands that help strengthen and support our community. We're excited to accept the League of Women Voters of Lee County, Florida Voter Service Award. As they say, it takes a village, and we're so happy to be part of yours."✱



Lydia Black, center, with plaque
photo provided

Concert Band To Perform Sunday

The Southwest Florida Concert Band will perform a concert featuring the music of John Williams and more at South Fort Myers High School on Sunday February 24 at 2 p.m.

The 50-member community band will open the concert with *Midway March* from the 1976 acclaimed movie of the same name. A medley of John Williams music will follow including the themes from the movies *The Mission*, *Olympic Spirit*, *Jaws* and *E.T.* The band will perform music from *Jurassic Park*, followed by a flute solo from the haunting main theme of *Schindler's List*. There will also be a medley of music from the Jersey Boys including hits *Walk Like A*

Man, *Big Girls Don't Cry*, *Rag Doll* and *Can't Take My Eyes Off of You*.

The second half will start with music of adventure from *Indiana Jones* with *The Raiders March* and move on to a medley of movie music from everyone's favorite hero *Superman*. There will be a Latin trumpet solo called *Tico Tico* to change the style and a clarinet solo featuring a guest clarinet player from Canada playing *Viktor's Tale* from *The Terminal*.

A medley of ABBA tunes will include *Dancing Queen*, *Fernando*, *Mamma Mia* and more, before the program will conclude with a medley of music from the *Star Wars* collection of films.

All concerts are free with donations accepted.

South Fort Myers High School is located at 14020 Plantation Road in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.swflconcertband.org.✱

Director Named For International Education At FSW

Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) recently announced the appointment of Michael Messina as director of international education for FSW's Center for International Education (CIE).

In his new position, Messina will lead the expansion of FSW's international education programs, overseeing strategic planning, study abroad programming, faculty and student exchanges, and the coordination of international college partnerships and internship opportunities.

"We truly understand the value of international education, and Michael's wealth of study-abroad experience will support our desire to offer a more robust selection of courses and programs, and to recruit students from this area and beyond," said Jeffery Allbritten, president of FSW. "Studying abroad and being immersed in another culture can have a tremendous impact on a student's life and the trajectory of their professional career, and we are thrilled to introduce more of these experiences to our students."

Messina brings more than 15 years of experience in higher education, with an expertise in managing international study programs, having most recently served as director of recruitment, admissions

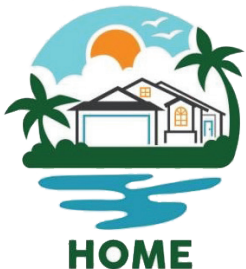


Michael Messina photo provided

and institutional relations for Syracuse University Study Abroad. A graduate of Syracuse University, Messina earned a bachelor's degree in sociology in 1998 and a master's degree in higher education administration in 2000.

The CIE at FSW offers a variety of international education programming for students, including a summer study-abroad opportunity available through a partnership with Lorenzo de' Medici (LdM) in Italy. Through this program, students spend a month living in Italy and learning its history and culture while taking classes and earning credits at LdM.✱

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Yacht Gala Raises Funds For Critical Care

The fourth annual MarineMax Yacht Gala recently raised more than \$200,000 to support lifesaving medical treatments and services at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

With a theme of An Evening under the Stars, guests were offered a waterfront cocktail hour at sunset and leisurely strolls aboard a selection of premier, multimillion-dollar yachts before gathering for a spectacular dinner. Ryan West, principal and general manager of MarineMax Fort Myers, introduced keynote speaker Armando Llechu, chief administrative officer at Golisano Children's Hospital.

Following Llechu's passionate speech thanking supporters for contributions that save the lives of local children, a silent auction helped push fundraising totals to new heights. Live auction items included an electric guitar signed by Paul McCartney, a Fender electric guitar signed by David Bowie and a limited-edition autographed Beatles *Abbey Road* album. Also up for bidding was a lunchtime cruise for three couples around Useppa Island with AC/DC's Cliff Williams, a five-course dinner for eight, a daylong fishing excursion for four, a pig roast for 100

guests, exclusive access for a weeklong rental of a four-bedroom beach house on North Captiva, a sunset cruise for 10 aboard a MarineMax yacht and a luxury weekend getaway at South Seas Island Resort.

Emceed by ABC7 morning co-anchors Jen Stacy and Greg Parker, the gala featured additional items available through a silent auction. A special Fund-a-Need collection generated donations for Golisano Children's Hospital's Little Red Wagon Fund, which supports Southwest Florida's most critical pediatric health care needs.

"The level of community support received by Golisano Children's Hospital is unprecedented," Llechu said. "It took an entire community of generous residents, businesses and organizations to build our new hospital, and those same philanthropic-minded individuals continue to step forward so local children and families have access to world-class health care right here in town."

A portion of proceeds will support Kids' Minds Matter, the mental and behavioral health fund of Golisano Children's Hospital. Donations will help increase access to care, proper screening for youth and training for physicians, parents, educators and caregivers.

MarineMax Yacht Gala sponsors included ABC7, Artichoke & Company, Backwater Marine & Yacht Brokerage, Blu Sushi, Blue Coyote Supper Club,



From left, Tom, Lisa and Ila Radlouacki



From left, Ryan West, Jen Stacy and Greg Parker

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For more information about upcoming fundraising events, please visit LeeHealthFoundation.org or call 343-6950.*



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Auctioneer Jason Troutman

Design Firm Among Best In North America

Linda and Dana Coin, owners of Decorating Den Interiors of Sanibel, have achieved Chairman's Circle status for being in the top five franchises in the U.S. for sales in 2018, according to officials at Decorating Den Interiors, North America's largest home furnishings and interior design franchise company. The company also is celebrating its 50th anniversary throughout the year.

The Chairman's Circle awards are the first we announce each year," said Jim Bugg, Jr., president and CEO. This recognition was started by the late James S. Bugg, Sr., who served as company chairman from 1984 until his death in 2015.

"These award winners exemplify how our company has grown from primarily a drapery company to a full-service interior design company with access to a broad range of home furnishing suppliers," Bugg said. "These owners provide tremendous leadership for our nearly 300 design professionals across the U.S and Canada. The Coins are excellent business owners



Dana and Linda Coin photo provided

and, with their team of award-winning designers, they consistently are one of our top performing businesses in both sales and customer service."

"Being in the Chairman's Circle in this 50th anniversary year is very special," said Linda Coin. "Not many companies stay in business for 50 years, and I am very proud to be part of one that has achieved that status."☆☆



Campaign Chair Ann Deming and Committee Member Paul Pearson photo provided

United Way Gains From Campaign

The Fiddlesticks community recently concluded their 20th United Way Campaign by raising over \$3 million for the United Way.

Fiddlesticks Campaign Chair Ann Deming made the announcement after the Fiddlesticks Leadership Givers Golf Tournament and thanked founding campaign chair Jack Rogers. Rogers and a few of his friends who were also Fiddlesticks residents started the campaign in 1999. That first year they raised \$18,390. This year, the 2018-19 Fiddlesticks United Way Campaign raised over \$182,700.

Deming also announced that nine residents gave \$10,000 or more to the current campaign and became members of the Alexis de Tocqueville Society of the United Way. Forty-eight residents gave \$1,000 or more to the campaign and became members of the United Way's Keel Club.

"The enthusiasm and hard work of the Fiddlesticks community has resulted in a great tradition of giving and caring about our community," said Cliff Smith, president of the United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee. "Thank you to all of the residents who have contributed over the past 20 years and demonstrated their commitment to make our community a better place for all."

For more information, call 433-2000 or visit www.unitedwaylee.org.☆☆

Chart Reading Class On Saturday

America's Boating Club and the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron will be conducting its Local Waters Chart Reading class on Saturday, February 23 from 8 a.m. to noon. The class will be held at the squadron located at 16048 San Carlos Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Students will learn how to read the local waters Chart No. 11427. Students will

learn the basics of latitude and longitude, how to find where they are, how to get to where they want to go and how to take bearings.

With a very limited number of charts, students are strongly urged to bring the required chart to class. Purchase the mapfold version of the chart online at www.oceangrafix.com.

Cost of the class is \$45 for a single and \$70 for two people sharing the materials. The cost includes a divider and a plotter. Students can register at www.scbps.com or call 466-4040 and leave a message.☆☆

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Book Review

Nine Perfect Strangers



by Di Saggau

Could 10 days at a health resort really change you forever? Nine perfect strangers are about to find out. Liane Moriarty's latest book *Nine Perfect Strangers* is full of sustained tension.

After all, she's also the author of the blockbuster hit *Big Little Lies*. *Strangers* is about nine strangers converging on a remote luxury health resort, Tranquillum House, where they're promised not just rejuvenation, but reinvention.

Amid all the luxury and pampering, the mindfulness and meditation, they know these 10 days might involve some real work. But none of them could imagine just how challenging the next 10 days are going to be. Many are unhappy with their physical selves and others are recovering from emotional wounds. The majority arrive alone, with one couple hoping to save their marriage and another with their college-aged daughter in tow.

Frances Welty, the former bestselling romantic novelist, arrives with a bad back and a broken heart. She's immediately intrigued with the charismatic owner of Tranquillum House. Could this person have the answers Frances didn't even know she

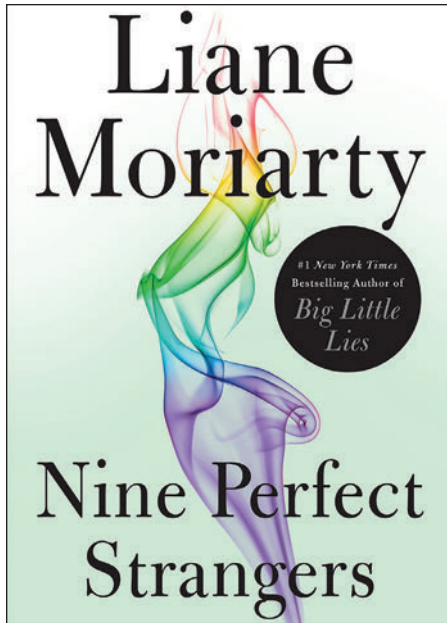


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was seeking? Should she put aside her doubts and immerse herself in everything the place has to offer, or should she run while she still can? It's not long before every guest is asking exactly the same question.

As the staff begins manipulating the guests in truly bizarre ways, the strangers form opinions of the other characters based on their own assumptions, insecurities and vulnerabilities. Alternating narrators usher us through brisk chapters providing glimpses into the inner thoughts of each character. *Nine Perfect Strangers* is wickedly smart, page-turning fiction that will make you laugh and gasp.*

School Smart



by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSP

Dear Shelley,
My son is failing Algebra 1. It's awful. We are struggling with homework every night and nothing has worked. He feels so defeated. The

school has already told me that he has to repeat the class in summer school or next school year. What can we do?

Heather B, Fort Myers

Heather,

You are not alone in your struggle with Algebra. Algebra is one of the most often repeated courses in U.S. high schools. This is a frustrating situation for schools, teachers, parents and most of all students. It's a very negative situation.

Kids will ask, "Why do I have to take this stupid subject?" Algebra teaches us some powerful thinking skills and serves as a building block for more advanced math like calculus or statistics. It helps us solve simple and complex problems, like personal finance, that arise in daily life. Algebra helps us to become critical consumers and better, more informed citizens. It teaches us to be able to understand the math done by others, such as journalists or politicians, that is so important in making informed decisions.

A growing body of research has shown that when you make a teenager take the same algebra class again, it doesn't help much. Repetition alone is rarely effective and sometimes harmful. Yet in most schools, there is not an option to do anything else than retake the class with the same book and same curriculum.

What needs to happen is that your son's underlying learning issues or missing math foundations need to be identified and remediated. If your son did well in math prior to algebra, he probably has a satisfactory understanding of basic math concepts and somehow got lost in the sequential progression of learning Algebra. If he has always struggled in math, his difficulties may go much deeper. He may not have mastered basic math concepts in elementary school and does not have the foundation to move on to Algebra. The question is then who will assess your son, determine where the math deficits exist and create a remediation plan?

Speaking with your son's math teacher or counselor is a good first step. Find out what the teacher thinks. Has s/he seen some successes or is s/he concerned that there are basic math skills deficits? If so, you may want to ask about what help the school can provide to identify the deficits. You may also consider hiring a tutor to work with your son.

You might also want to consider a computer-based program for remediation. There are some great programs now available that not only provide remediation but also can identify the specific math deficits your son demonstrates. These programs typically introduce one skill at a time and do not allow the student to move forward until they have mastered the skill. To find out more about these programs, visit www.dycalculia.org. Another

website that provides a list of algebra apps and reviews for each one is www.common Sense.org/education/top-picks/awesome-algebra-apps-and-websites.

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

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Land Acquisition

donors toward the acquisition.

As a result, on November 6, 2018, the Lee County Board of Commissioners voted in favor of exploring the acquisition and has asked county staff to pursue the possibility of Conservation 20/20 funding. DDWS also is looking into state funding and grants from the BP Horizon Spill as other alternative funding sources toward the remaining \$6.5 million needed.

From private donors, DDWS has to date raised \$2 million toward the minimum \$3 million it will need to raise in order to receive support from other funding sources.

"There's a possibility that the \$3 million goal may change, depending upon the amount of funding received from the other sources we are investigating," said Birgie Miller, DDWS executive director.

The acreage along Wulfert Road and Sanibel-Captiva Road is home to a number of species, including eagles, bobcats, gopher tortoises and rare plants. It is also a stopover for migrating neo-tropical birds. Resident and seasonal birds alike would be seriously threatened by development, say refuge officials.

The conservation and planned restoration of the Wulfert Bayous property will protect a four-acre lake, 16 acres of existing mangroves, hardwood uplands and 22 active gopher tortoise burrows. Wulfert Bayous contains 15 acres of wetlands that can be restored and enhanced to create a wading bird colony of roseate spoonbills, wood storks, white ibis, and other egrets and herons. Improvements would also include limited, passive public access for wildlife viewing.

"The 68-acre parcel will complete a wildlife corridor connecting surrounding conservation lands while stemming development and water quality degradation via natural filtration," said John McCabe, DDWS land acquisition committee chair. "As the largest parcel of unprotected undeveloped land on Sanibel, it's the vital piece of the puzzle that will ensure Sanibel's future as the protected, pristine natural treasure we all love."

"We are turning to private support to meet our required \$3 million campaign goal," said Miller. "Time is of the essence for raising the money. If we do not meet the deadline, conservation could lose the parcel to residential development. We are looking for donations and pledges large and small within the next three months."

For more information, to make a donation, or to pledge support, visit www.savewulfertland.org or contact Miller at 292-0566 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

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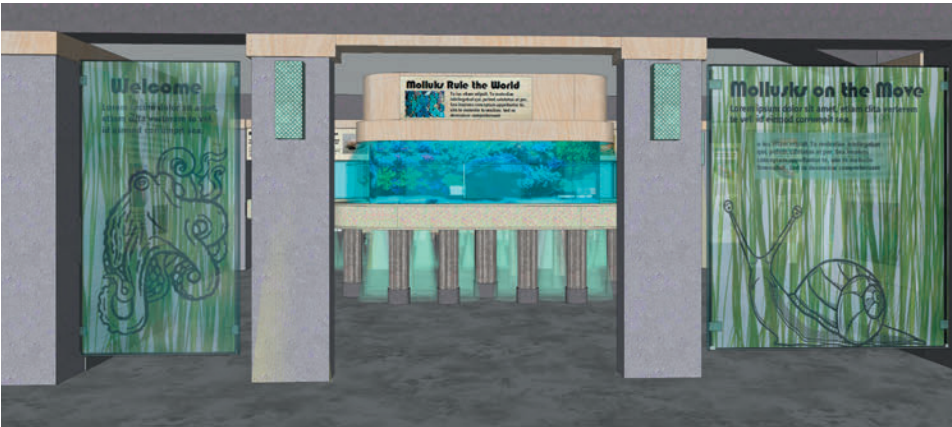
Why Expand?

Since 1995, the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum has been changing lives by connecting people to the natural world through their love of shells. Every day, Museum visitors view our vast collection of shells, meet the mollusks that create them, and learn more about our ocean's biodiversity. Our visitors will still receive this experience!

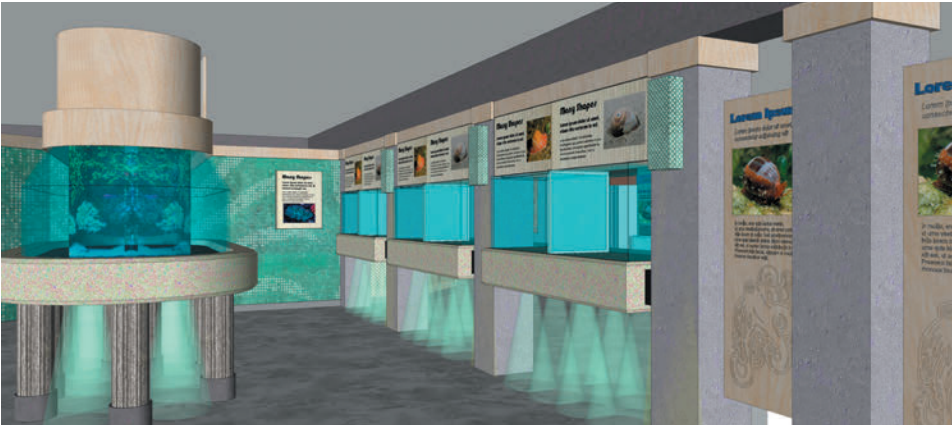
And now, with the support of our community and volunteers, the Museum is building an aquarium to:

- ELEVATE** awareness of the importance of mollusks.
- ACCELERATE** our impact in education.
- AMPLIFY** our research opportunities.
- EXPAND** our conservation initiatives.

"The first step toward protecting our oceans' biodiversity is to care about the animals within it, and you can't care about them if you don't know they exist," says Dorrie Hipschman, Museum Executive Director. "The Museum's vision is to expand people's love for shells to include a stewardship of the marvelous animals that create the shells. Our goal is to change the way people think about our environment any way that we can—through education on the beach out in nature via our beach walks, at local schools via *Mollusks on the Move* outreach educational van, here at the Museum, and now, by introducing people to a part of the ocean they've never seen before."



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Richard Johnson

CAMPAIGN CABINET CHAIR

Interview by Stephanie Muddell,
Bailey-Matthews National Shell
Director of Marketing



From left: Dane, Bailie, Richard, Calli, and Mead Johnson

SM: For almost 24 years the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum has drawn visitors to its collection of beautiful shells from around the globe. In the future, how will the aquarium help strengthen the connection between people and the natural world?

RJ: The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum and Aquarium will fill the gap that we presently have between shells on the beach and the animals that produce them. Countless visitors to our beaches and our nationally recognized museum will have the opportunity to learn that shells are not just stones on the beach. They are created by live animals, mollusks. They will then be able to carry that message around the world no matter where they call home.

SM: How will the aquarium help our local community? Southwest FL? The Gulf?

RJ: Our local community will benefit as the home for the world’s only museum

and aquarium exclusively for mollusks. Our reputation as an environmental haven for guests on our island will be enhanced. Southwest Florida will benefit from the education and research that will be afforded by the addition of the aquarium dedicated to mollusks. Thousands of visitors to the aquarium will know much more about the waters that surround our island.

SM: The Bailey and Matthews names are an important part of our island history. How does your work on the aquarium project bring those names into the future?

RJ: Well over 100 years ago both the Bailey and Matthews families joined our community. With their arrival, the families began to contribute to our island community. The second generation of the families helped to open the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum. The third and fourth generation are now enhancing the museum in order to bring even more to our community.

SM: As a community leader, you’re asked to support many causes. Why is this project particularly important to you?

RJ: As a member of our community representing the third and fourth generation of Bailey’s, I felt a responsibility to the collective members of our families to help with this project. The environmental and educational aspects that the aquarium will bring to the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum are well worth the effort to raise the funds required.

SM: I know Mead is trained in Marine Biology. What connection to the water does your family have?

RJ: Mead holds several degrees in the Marine Sciences. As a native daughter of Sanibel Island, she literally grew up on the water. Mead has shared her love for the ocean and marine life with our family. Our children all have grown up as water babies. We even have two mermaids as daughters. Living on the St. Johns River our children’s car seats pulled double duty. They were also used as “boat seats” while our children were young and on the water.

Our son Dane, on his 18th birthday, received his Captains License. In addition, he is the President of the FGCU Fishing Club and has taken the club to award-winning status and popularity on campus. Our daughter Calli is an avid scuba diver. She has multiple diving licenses. She is also a dive instructor having taught classes at The University of Florida and at The Sanibel Recreation Center. Bailie is an avid beachgoer and shell collector spending as much time as she can practicing “The Sanibel Stoop”. She is still in search of a whole Junonia Shell. Our entire family is

engaged in the drive for water quality and responsible water management in our state.

SM: What is most important to you?

RJ: That Sanibel Island continues to be a world leader in environmental knowledge and set the pace for others to follow with the addition of our aquarium feature at the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum.

SM: The Museum believes that through its children’s educational programs, we truly can change the world! Why is it important that children learn at an early age how humans can positively impact the environment and protect our oceans?

RJ: I can’t overestimate the importance of the museum’s children’s education programs. This has been one of the programs our family has supported since its inception.

SM: Protecting the ocean’s biodiversity is a global initiative. Can we really make a difference on a local scale?

RJ: I have been challenged on this topic several times over the past few months. My response is always a quick, yes! If we all do not take up the responsibility of changing the world then we are all doomed to live with the results of our lack of action. If we do not do this, who will? It is our responsibility to leave the world a better place, locally, nationally and worldwide.

SM: The Museum has raised 60% of its provisional goal. How can people help the Museum meet the remaining need?

RJ: This is a project that our community deserves. There is no better place to host the world’s first national aquarium dedicated to living mollusks than the world famous shelling beaches of Sanibel and Captiva.

I personally want to thank each and every one of our Capital Campaign Donors who have pulled together to get us to this point. Many of them contributed at a level they have never given before. Others reached into their financial reserves to make a significant mark on our campaign. The entire Board of Directors, the Campaign Committee and the staff of the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum invite you to join them in supporting this transformational change in our museum.

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ANIMAL SPOTLIGHT

Giant Pacific Octopus (*Enteroctopus dofleini*)

BY REBECCA MENSCH, BAILEY-MATTHEWS NATIONAL SHELL MUSEUM MARINE BIOLOGIST

The Giant Pacific Octopus (GPO), pictured here in its natural environment, is a mollusk, and therefore related to scallops, oysters, snails, and slugs, though it has lost its shell through millions of years of evolution. As its name implies, the GPO is one of the largest species of octopus on the planet, and is found in the cold waters of the northern Pacific Ocean. The GPO has a lifespan of 3-5 years in the wild, which is considerably longer than most other octopus species. They are predators, primarily hunting crustaceans (crabs) and bivalves (mussels and clams). Like all octopuses, GPOs have eight arms, no tentacles, three hearts, and blue, copper-based blood.



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Author Awarded For Lifetime Achievement

by Jeff Lysiak

Sanibel Island's own Randy Wayne White, author of more than 50 books, including the widely popular Doc Ford thriller series, has been awarded the 2019 Florida Lifetime Achievement Award for Writing. White, along with historical author Raymond O. Arsenault, were selected as this year's honorees from among 24 nominees. The judges praised the pair as "giants in their respective fields."

The Florida Humanities Council, which sponsors the award, oversees the nomination process, convenes a panel of independent judges, and announces the winners. The council is an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

"What an honor it is to recognize two such remarkable Florida writers, each from such a distinct genre; one of our great and beloved fiction writers and one of our most influential historians," said Steve Seibert, executive director of the Florida Humanities Council.

Katie Grinch, a spokeswoman for Putnam Books, White's publisher, nominated the Sanibel resident for the award. She said White is one of the nation's most popular thriller writers.



Randy Wayne White photo provided

"His audience and reputation only continue to grow, and through him, hundreds of thousands of readers have been introduced to the secrets of Florida's natural wonders and history," said Grinch.

During his career as a writer, White has penned crime fiction novels and adventure tales, cookbooks and travel memoirs. He has written for numerous magazines – including *Outside*, *Men's Journal* and *National Geographic Adventure* – and he co-wrote a television program, *Gift of the Game*. White is a co-founder of Big Brothers in

South Florida.

When asked how it felt to be the recipient of such a prestigious honor, White quipped, "I'm not sure I'm old enough to win an award like that."

"I keep expecting somebody to tap me on the shoulder and tell me I'm a fraud," he continued in jest. "It's dumbfounding, but it's also enheartening as well."

The former light-tackle fishing guide who worked out of Tarpon Bay Marina also remarked that he enjoys writing about places he's familiar with here in Southwest Florida.

"Florida is a character in and of itself," said White. "So in my writing, I can go back in time and relive my days as a fishing guide. Imagination is a wonderful thing."

With 25 Doc Ford novels to his credit – and a 26th on the way, with the working title *Salt River* – White is currently planning to release a brand new young adult series of mystery books, under the name *Sharks Incorporated*. The first book, *Fins*, will be published by MacMillan Books in early 2020.

"Doc Ford is going to be in the book, and so is Hannah Smith," he added. "But the book is really about three children who work for Doc... they tag sharks for him."

For additional information, visit www.randywaynewhite.com.

Arsenault, the John Hope Franklin professor of history at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP),

has written or edited more than a dozen works on subjects that include the Freedom Riders and a biography about tennis great Arthur Ashe, which is his most recent work. Arsenault, co-founder of the Florida Studies program at USFSP, was nominated by author Peter Golenbock.

This is the 10th year Florida Humanities has presented the Florida Lifetime Achievement Award for Writing. The nine previous recipients are Jeff Klinkenberg, popular Florida storyteller through his newspaper columns and books; Edna Buchanan, legendary *Miami Herald* police reporter and novelist; poet and Florida State University professor David Kirby; Gary Mormino, University of South Florida St. Petersburg professor emeritus, historian and author; Janet Burroway, a Florida State University professor and writer whose work spanned several generations; Enid Shomer, an elegant writer of poetry and fiction; the late Patrick D. Smith, the beloved author of the Florida novel *A Land Remembered*; Carl Hiaasen, a Miami journalist and best-selling novelist who virtually invented the Florida Noir genre; and the late Michael V. Gannon, the eminent Florida historian and University of Florida professor emeritus.

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Financial Focus

Market Outlook:
Uncertainty Is
Certain For 2019

by Jennifer Basey

To say the financial markets were a bit bumpy in 2018 may be an understatement. The S&P 500 was down 6.2 percent for the year, the first time this key index fell since 2008,

during the financial crisis. So what can you anticipate in 2019? And what investment moves should you make?

Let's review the causes for last year's market volatility. Generally speaking, uncertainty was a major culprit. Uncertainty about tariffs, uncertainty about the continued trade dispute with China, uncertainty about Brexit – they all combined to make the markets nervous. Furthermore, the Federal Reserve raised interest rates four times, and even though rates remain low by historical standards, the increases caused some concern, as higher borrowing costs can eventually crimp the growth prospects for businesses.

And now that we're into 2019, these same uncertainties remain, so markets are likely to remain volatile. Although the Fed has indicated it may be more cautious with regard to new rate hikes, there are indications of slower growth ahead, particularly in China, the world's second-largest economy. And after strong 2018 earnings growth, helped by the corporate tax cuts, corporate earnings may grow more slowly – and, as always, earnings are a key driver of stock prices.

Nonetheless, the U.S. economy is showing enough strength that a recession does not appear to be on the horizon, which is also likely to be the case globally – and that should be good news, because an extended “bear” market typically does need to be fueled by a recession. Ultimately, the projected continued growth of the U.S. economy and the possible resolution of some uncertainties could help markets rebound.

As investors, we cannot control the everyday ups and downs in the markets, but we can control our decisions, look for opportunities and keep a long-term perspective within our investment portfolios. Consider these actions for 2019:

Be prepared for volatility – As mentioned, many of the same factors that led to the market upheavals of 2018 are still with us, along with the impact of the partial government shutdown – so don't be surprised to see continued volatility. The more you're prepared for market turbulence, the less startled you'll be when it arrives.

Stay diversified – At any given time, different financial assets may move in different directions: stocks up, bonds down, or vice versa. To help dilute risk and take advantage of different opportunities, you should maintain a broadly diversified portfolio containing stocks, international stocks, bonds, government securities

and so on. You may need to rebalance your portfolio to maintain an appropriate proportion of each asset class, based on your risk tolerance and long-term goals. Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio, it can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.

Take a long-term perspective – It can be disconcerting to see several-hundred point drops in the stock market. But you can look past short-term events, especially if your most important financial target – a comfortable retirement – is still years or decades away. By keeping your focus on the long term, you can make investment decisions based on your objectives – not your emotions.

If 2019 continues to be volatile, you'll need to stay prepared and make the right moves – so you can be confident that you did everything you could to keep moving toward your financial goals.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones financial advisor. Jennifer Basey is a financial advisor in Fort Myers. She can be reached at jennifer.basey@edwardjones.com.✴

Boat Engine
Donation

Fort Myers Technical College (FMTC) is one of the lucky recipients of an Evinrude ETEC G2 3.4L V6 outboard engine to train the next generation of boat mechanics. Evinrude's donation, in partnership with the American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) and the National Marine Distributors Association (NMMA), also provides the school complete access to the training curriculum and funding to buy the necessary tools. The value of the donations is more than \$20,000.

“This new technology outboard engine will help keep the Marine Service Technologies Course at Fort Myers Technical College at the leading edge of outboard marine engine technologies,” said FMTC Marine Services Technology Instruct Michael Esterline. “With computer diagnostic capabilities and specialized service tools the students will get real world hands-on experience on newest and best marine propulsion systems in the world.”

Fort Myers Tech is the first of three schools to receive the donation and associated materials. Upon successful completion of the curriculum and necessary tests, FMTC students will have the option to transition to the certification-level course at Evinrude's training centers.

“Recreational boats are becoming increasingly more integrated, which requires technicians to be well versed in a multitude of advanced systems,” said Tracy Crocker, senior vice president and general manager of Evinrude. “By donating Evinrude engines and our training curriculum, we are providing the tools necessary to increase the number of certified professionals trained to service modern, technologically advanced direct fuel-injection engines.”

February is Career and Technical Education month, and FMTC students have displayed their training on the engine.

FMTC is located at 3800 Michigan Avenue in Fort Myers.✴

Superior Interiors

Principles
Of Design

by Trinette Nelson

The ABCs of good interior decorating include five basic principles of design: harmony, proportion, balance, rhythm and emphasis. Before tackling any decorating

project, it helps to understand these five elements before moving forward.

Harmony is the eye-appealing arrangement of parts to form a consistent, satisfying whole. For instance, a rustic, ladder-back chair may look completely out of harmony placed next to the classic elegance of a Georgian console. As a rule of thumb, formal design works best with other pieces of formal design, just as country pieces mix well with other provincial pieces. However, today's style invites a more eclectic mix of furniture, so be careful not to confuse harmony with monotony.

The second principle, proportion, relates to composition and size. A room with good proportions will consist of width, length and ceiling height in pleasing ratio to each other, as well as to the windows, doors and any other architectural aspects. Good proportion also applies to well-designed furniture. Variety in dimensions attracts the eye, while more interesting than a square. Proportion is extremely important in decorating, from the complicated art of window treatment design to the size of the wall décor and tabletop accessories.

Another important aspect in decorating is balance. This is the art of keeping two parts in a state of equality. There are two types of balance: symmetrical (formal) and asymmetrical (informal). An example of formal balance is two identical end tables flanking a sofa, creating a sense of formal order. Informal balance is achieved by creating a sense or illusion of balance using two design elements that are not identical. Bright colors seem to “weigh” more than soft pastels, and irregular shapes take on more weight than regular shapes. All of these elements are part of the balance of a room.

Rhythm is the fourth important design principle, and it is basically a measure of motion. Just as music develops rhythm through a repetition of beats, decorating can develop its rhythm through recurring patterns or colors. When a design, line, or color is repeated, the eye is carried along as interest mounts.

Last, but certainly not least, every beautiful interior has a focal point – a special quality that makes that room unique. If a room doesn't have an architectural focal point, emphasis must be created, often with a fantastic piece of furniture or art. A room without a focal point can get boring quickly.

These basics of interior decorating – harmony, proportion, balance, rhythm, and emphasis – are the building blocks of a well-designed room. A pleasing design is a combination of principles that require very thoughtful planning.

Trinette Nelson is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands and can be reached at linda@coindceden.com.✴

Continental
Women's Club

The Continental Women's Club will hold its monthly luncheon at The Hideaway Country Club on Thursday, March 7 at 11:30 a.m.

Irish singer/musician Tommy Barr will entertain participants. He performs throughout Southwest Florida at various venues with a repertoire of over 1,000 songs. Cost to attend is \$22.

The Hideaway Country Club is located at 5670 Trailwinds Drive in Fort Myers. Call 691-7561 to reserve.

The Continental Women's Club will hold its annual fundraiser Fashion Show and Auction at Heritage Palms Country Club on Monday, March 18. Funds raised will be used for scholarships for high school seniors.

Heritage Palms Country Club is located at 10420 Washingtonia Palm Way in Fort Myers. Call 691-7561 for more information and lunch choices.✴

MOAA Dinner
Meeting March 4

The next meeting of the Lee Coast Chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association or America) will be held at Crown Colony Golf and Country Club on Monday, March 4 at 6 p.m.

Guest speaker will be William P. Pope, retired foreign service officer, who will address the global war on terrorism in his presentation with a question-and-answer session.

Crown Colony Golf and Country Club is located at 8851 Crown Colony Boulevard in Fort Myers. Retired or active duty uniformed officers who are interested in joining MOAA should contact Terry Robertson at 352-638-5838 for membership information.✴

From page 1

Meet The Artists

shot and Pete Rose was born. He has been a teacher, author, illustrator, contractor, racquetball pro, accountant, docent, beach ambassador, antique dealer and chair of a zoning appeals committee, but always an artist.

Vinton is an eclectic illustrator who works in watercolor and mixed media. His works range from abstract realism to surrealism. With his sense of humor, he said art saved him from math.

These exhibits will be on view until Monday, April 1.

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

United Way Taxathon Creates Savings, Refunds

United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee launched the 2019 tax season with its second annual Taxathon, a 12-hour free tax preparation and filing event designed to help families who may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Care Credits.

United Way's Taxathon was held for individuals and families whose household income was \$66,000 or less as part of its mission to bring improved financial stability to the community. While IRS-trained volunteers provided free tax preparation, clients were also able to visit a variety of agencies that offered financial services, voter registration and affordable healthcare counseling. Agencies and vendors present to assist clients included: BB&T Bank, United Way 211, Staywell Insurance, Lee County Elections and Florida Rural Legal Aid.

The 12-hour taxathon statistics are as follows: 35 VITA volunteer tax preparers and assistants; 70 clients; \$79,945 in refunds; and \$20,700 saved in tax preparation fees (averaging \$300 per return).

"By holding this taxathon, we are helping many low-income working families who anticipate receiving tax refunds and want to file early," said Mary Meador, VITA volunteer trainer and site coordinator. "This 12-hour event ensures that more people can be served with high quality free tax assistance. It also means people



Sheldon Schulman and John Norton provide assistance

photo provided

will be able to keep more of their hard earned money because they won't be paying \$300 or more in tax preparation fees. Households receiving large refunds are often getting the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) are encouraged to save a portion of it."

According to the Brookings Institution, the EITC is the nation's most effective anti-poverty tool, moving 6.2 million people out of poverty every year. This year, the maximum credit is \$6,444, and eligibility is determined by family size and income. According to the IRS, one in five taxpayers eligible for the credit are not claiming it.

United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee provides free tax filing services at 15 sites in Lee, Hendry, and Charlotte counties to individuals

and families making less than \$66,000 per year. More than 170 IRS certified volunteer tax preparers are staffing the sites this year. Returns are filed electronically, making tax refunds available as quickly as from commercial tax preparing companies.

United Way VITA services will continue through the tax filing deadline of April 15. Taxpayers can locate the most convenient VITA site for them, and schedule an appointment by visiting www.unitedwaylee.org/freetaxprep, or by calling United Way 211 by dialing 2-1-1 or 433-3900.

Last year, 5,000 local individuals and families were able to utilize this free tax preparation service, with many receiving the earned income tax credits and other available credits resulting in \$6.7 million

in refunds coming back to the five-county region.

If the taxpayer has access to a computer and would like to file their own taxes free of charge, United Way can help with that too. Log on to www.myfreetaxes.com.

The United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee has raised over \$167 million since it was established in 1957. For more information, call United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee at 433-2000 or visit www.unitedwaylee.org.

Charity Group Elects Board

Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Southwest Florida has elected board officers for 2019. They are President Lee Bellamy, general manager of Shangri-La Springs; Vice Presidents Deana Homs, McDonald's owner/operator, and Ken Shoriak, Lee Health Foundation system director of operations; Treasurer Richard DeStefano, Compass Forensics LLC managign director; Secretary Heidi Colgate-Tamblyn, Fifth Third Private Bank private banking director; Parliamentarian Kara Sajdak, Esq., attorney for The Dorcey Law Firm, PLC; and Past President Robert Atkinson, retail specialist for Lowe's Inc.

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Closely Held Stocks, Partnerships And LLCs



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

A client recently passed away who owned several non-publicly traded, smaller company shares of stock, limited partnership interests and membership interests in LLCs. These are often referred to as closely-held entities. Since the shares are not publicly traded on a stock exchange, they are largely illiquid; that means one can't easily convert the investments into cash. Generally speaking, these types of assets are difficult to deal with when a client becomes incapacitated or dies. The more information you provide to your estate planning attorney while you are alive and well, the better.

In this particular case, my client never informed anyone at my firm that he owned these shares. We knew nothing about these businesses. We could not locate evidence of the purchase price, exactly how many shares he owned, or even who the primary contact would be to advise the company of our client's death. It took several hours of investigative work, as well as combing through his paper files, to find out much of anything to do with the shares. If the client maintained records electronically, we could not access them as we didn't know which account, username or password we might access.

Further, many closely-held business interests are governed by a shareholder, partnership or operating agreement that restricts the transfer of the shares to another and might establish a specific purchase sequence in the event of the disability or death of the shareholder, partner or member. If there were any such agreements that governed our client's ownership of the assets, he never provided them to us.

To properly report taxes, it's necessary to know the fair market value of the shares as of the client's date of death. This is because the federal (and state level) estate taxes are based upon the date of death fair market value of all assets, including closely held shares. Even if the deceased's estate is not large enough to trigger a federal estate tax, for capital gains reporting purposes it's necessary to know the date of death fair market value of shares so that when they are subsequently sold, the capital gains taxes are minimized.

Each of our estates receives a step-up in tax cost basis equal to the date of death fair market value. Since small businesses and partnerships have no ready market, it's often difficult, if not impossible, to determine the shares' fair market value on any particular shareholder's date of death. Conducting a valuation of the company is expensive.

Therefore, most companies won't engage a valuation specialist every time a shareholder dies, unless it's a family business and most of the other shareholders are family members who have a vested interest in the date of death fair market value.

Sometimes the company will provide recent sales transactions as the best estimate of a closely held interest. Those transactions, however, may be several years old and of little use to the estate, particularly where the business' performance has materially increased or decreased from the year of the most recent sale.

If you own closely held business interests, it always makes sense to provide your estate planning attorney a copy of:

- The share certificate or other evidence of ownership;
- Purchase price and date, including a copy of the purchase agreement (if there was one);
- Sales prospectus and closing statements relative to the purchase of the interest;
- Articles of Incorporation, bylaws and other relevant corporate documents;
- Shareholder, partnership or membership agreements including amendments;
- Name and contact information for the company's registered agent;
- Correspondence regarding the ownership interest or significant transactions involving the business;
- Any valuation reports, no matter how current; and/or
- Any other written information that could be of value to your estate.

This, at least, provides a base of knowledge from which your estate can piece together the information that will be necessary in the event of your disability or passing. After all, we want your plan to be up-to-date when you need it most!

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Speaker To Address Medical Breakthroughs

Shell Point continues its 4th Annual Medical Breakthroughs & Discoveries series with a presentation by internationally recognized author and speaker Dr. Michael Klaper at the Village Church auditorium at Shell Point on Thursday, February 28 at 2 p.m. This educational health care presentation, entitled Nutrition Meets Modern Medicine: The Key to Reversing Chronic Disease, is free and open to the public. To register, call 433-7936.

During this free presentation, attendees will explore the role of eating healthy foods in reversing diabetes, high blood pressure, clogged arteries and other chronic diseases. Klaper will also share practical examples for healthy shopping, food preparation and restaurant dining.

Klaper is a graduate of the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago and has received postgraduate training in internal medicine, surgery, anesthesiology and orthopedics at University of British Columbia's



Michael Klaper photo provided

teaching hospitals in Vancouver.

Additionally, Klaper served as nutrition advisor to NASA's programs for space colonists on the moon and Mars, as well as on the Nutrition Task Force of the American Medical Students Association.

The Village Church at Shell Point is located at 15100 Shell Point Boulevard in Fort Myers. To learn more, visit www.legacyshepoint.org.✱

Scholarships Added To UFF Program

Three new sponsors have added additional scholarships to the Uncommon Friends Foundation's growing list of available 2019-20 school year student scholarships. HomeTech, the Cape Coral Kiwanis Club and Waste Pro contributed \$5,500 to establish three new scholarships. The deadline for nominations is April 1.

Nominees must reside in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, or Hendry counties, need financial assistance, excel in school and/or their personal lives, and possess high quality character traits. Visit www.uncommonfriends.org/scholarships/

opportunities for scholarship application forms and specific requirements of each scholarship.

The new scholarships include Cape Coral Kiwanis Club Scholarship, where \$1,250 will be awarded to two students of any age to help defray tuition, books and supplies costs at any educational institution; HomeTech Trade School Scholarship, where \$2,000 is awarded to a student of any age to help defray the costs of tuition, books and supplies to attend a technical or trade school; and Waste Pro Scholarship, where \$1,000 will be awarded to a student of any age student to help defray the cost of tuition, books and supplies to attend a college or other post-secondary educational institution.

Completed applications and/or any questions should be directed to scholarships@uncommonfriends.org.✱



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Heart & Soul Gala Benefits Christian School

submitted by Marti Maas

The Heart & Soul Gala, a fundraiser for Summit Christian School (SCS), was held February 2 at the Crown Colony Country Club. Close to 90 friends and supporters of the school were treated to a night of dinner, dancing and auction opportunities. Organizer Terri Lee said, "The evening flowed smoothly with great entertainment and fun fellowship."

Kyle Mast, the head of school for SCS, greeted guests and shared a video featuring students. Mast said, "I feel privileged to share the 'story' of Summit Christian School with people who care deeply for a quality, rigorous education."

Lori and Randy Thomas, popular performers, charmed the audience with a wide repertoire of songs including *Johnny B. Goode*, *My Girl*, and *All I Ask* from *Phantom of the Opera*.

Through live and silent auctions, participants bid on a variety of items – everything from a private wine sampling experience to a week at a Sanibel condominium. One of the most popular auction items was a High Tea Experience, offered for a group in the bidder's home.

Christina Grochowski, who organized auction items, said, "People really enjoyed bidding on the pies, even bidding against their friends. It was fun watching people really get into the spirit of the evening. I feel that the event was a success since I had many people say to me they are definitely coming again next year."

Corporate sponsors such as Forrester, Hart, Belisle & Whitaker along with Flexstake, Case Pearlman and Finemark Bank showed their support for the school.

Jami Hommberbocker, the director of operations and an SCS parent, said,

"The Heart & Soul Gala was filled with gracious, loving supporters of SCS. I am blessed to offer my professional gifts for God's glory and blessed to offer my own children an academically excellent and Biblical education."

Located near the intersection of Bass and Summerlin Roads, Summit Christian School is a ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church, serving students from pre-school through eighth grade.✱

Hodges Named Gold Military Friendly School

Hodges University has once again been named a Military Friendly school. The university earned the highest rank, Gold, for this distinction. Of the more than 8,800 schools considered nationwide, 766 earned this designation. Hodges University is one of only two schools that earned the Gold rank in the state of Florida.

"We recognize and value our veterans for their service to this great country," said Leticia Pizarro, manager of veterans services for Hodges University. "Nearly 12 percent of our total student population has served, and we want to help them and their families make that transition from military to civilian and academic life."

Hodges University has the Dr. Peter Thomas Veterans Services Center on both its Naples and Fort Myers campuses. It's a place where veteran students can get answers to education questions and referrals to community resources. The university also offers VA work-study positions, ongoing events, and priority parking on both campuses.

To earn the Military Friendly designation, a school must meet or exceed a set of criteria in the areas of student retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment, persistence and loan default rates for all students, especially student veterans.✱



Seated from left, President Alexis Crespo, Vice President Mary Gentile, Treasurer Bill Morris and Secretary Kent Poli. Standing from left, Governors Travis Merrick, Gordon Glover, Lori Moore, Jason Brewer, Austin Turner, Justin Thibaut and Immediate Past President Bev Larson. Tim Hancock is not pictured. photo provided

New Officers And Board Members For REIS

The Real Estate Investment Society (REIS) recently announced the 2019 election of officers and the board of governors to lead the organization. They are: President Alexis Crespo, AICP, of Waldrop Engineering; Vice President Mary Gentile, CSM, CRX, of LandQwest Property Management; Treasurer Bill Morris, PE, of Morris-Depew Associates; and Secretary Kent Poli of Busey Bank.

The Board of Governors includes:

Jason Brewer of BB&T Bank; Gordon Glover of Suffolk; Tim Hancock, AICP, of Stantec; Travis Merrick of GFA International; Lori Moore of Roetzel & Andress; Justin Thibaut of Land Solutions; and Austin Turner of Henderson Franklin Starnes & Holt. The immediate past president, Bev Larson, CCIM, of Lahaina Realty, also joins the board.

REIS luncheon meetings convene at Pelican Preserve on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. to network and discuss current civic and business issues affecting the commercial real estate and development industry. For more information on membership and meeting programs, visit www.reis-swfl.org.✱

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Five Southwest Florida natives were recently named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester at Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina.

They are Kennedy Brooke Cutshall of Fort Myers, who is majoring in health science; Caroline Elizabeth Marshall of Fort Myers, who is majoring in civil engineering; Jennifer Joyce Crowell Roberts of Fort Myers, who is majoring in college of architecture, arts, and humanities; Bethany H. Seltzer of Fort Myers, who is majoring in psychology; and Karlie McKenzie Olmstead of North Fort Myers, who is majoring in marketing.

Fort Myers native Matthew Celebrado was recently named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts.

Fort Myers native Courtney Dixon

recently graduated with a doctor of chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic's Florida campus in Port Orange.

Cape Coral native Alberto Capodacqua earned Second Honors in the Fall 2018 semester at the University of San Diego.

Fort Myers native Rachel Kohler was recently named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2018 term at Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts. Kohler is studying biology.

Fort Myers native Emma Heise was recently named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She is majoring in psychology.

Fort Myers native Daryon Smith was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester at Berry College in Rome, Georgia.✱

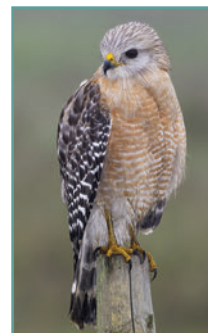
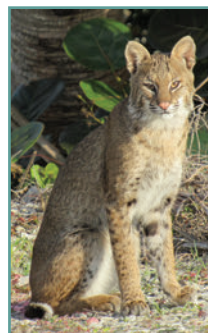
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Twins' Player Gains Baseball Riches After A Decade's Journey



by Ed Frank

As more than 400 minor leaguers stream into the training facilities here for the Minnesota Twins and the Boston Red Sox with varied nationalities, the one thing they all have in common – a desire to make it to the big leagues. Based on past statistics, less than 10 percent will fulfill their big league dreams.

This is the story of one that did, and he cashed in big time last week.

Max Kepler was born in Germany where his parents were both professional ballet dancers. He grew up playing tennis, skiing, baseball, soccer and swimming. He even earned a scholarship to the Steffi Graf Tennis Foundation in Berlin.

In 2008, he moved to Fort Myers and attended South Fort Myers High School as a junior. The high school is across the street from the Minnesota Twins minor league training facility.

The next year, as a 16-year-old, he was signed by the Twins as an undrafted free agent and began his long journey through the Twins farm system – starting in the Twins rookie Gulf Coast League team. He advanced to the higher Elizabethton rookie team, then Cedar Rapids, played for the Fort Myers Miracle in 2014 and 2015, then Double A Chattanooga, Triple A Rochester and made his Major League debut with the Twins in 2016.

That 10-year journey resulted in a big financial reward for the personable Kepler last week when he signed a five-year contract extension for \$35 million with an option for a sixth year.

Last season, he played in a team-leading 156 games, posting 30 doubles, four triples, 20 home runs, 58 RBI, 80 runs scored and 71 walks. He ranked third in the American League for games played.

This reporter recalls interviewing Kepler that first year he was in the Twins farm system. Although a German native, he spoke perfect English and was impressive even way back then.

Kepler's story is an inspiration to all youngsters dreaming of big league baseball. During that long journey to reach baseball riches, Kepler admits there were times when he doubted that dream would become a reality. But he never turned back.

Everblades Remain A Solid First-Place Team

The 2018-19 hockey season moves into its final weeks with the Florida Everblades holding a solid first-place lead in the ECHL South Division.

The local hockey team began the week with a season record of 35-12-5 (75 points), 18 points ahead of second-place Orlando.

Florida is on a four-game road trip the next week with games at Jacksonville, two at South Carolina and the fourth at Orlando.

The Everblades return home to Hertz Arena next Saturday, March 1, when they host Orlando for a 6:30 p.m. puck drop.✪



Max Kepler

America's Boating Course

America's Boating Club and the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a boating organization that serves South Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach, Bonita Springs and Estero, will be offering America's Boating Course at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron on Saturday, March 9 and Saturday, March 16 from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The course is recognized by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. The State of Florida passed legislation requiring anyone born after January 1, 1988 to have passed a safe boating course and obtain a Boating Safety Education ID card which is valid for life, in order to operate a boat with more than 10 HP. Each student will receive a card/certificate from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission upon completion of the class.

Topics covered include hull design, docking, anchoring, and handling boating emergencies, reading channel markers and many other topics to make each boating experience safer and more enjoyable. Successful completion of this course entitles the boater to six months free membership in the United States Power Squadrons with the purchase of a 12-month membership. In addition, students who join the squadron will also be eligible for a free three-hour On The Water training session.

Cost of the course is \$60 with a \$300 cost for a second person sharing the instruction materials. The cost includes lunch after the second Saturday class.

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power

Squadron classroom is located at 16048 San Carlos Boulevard in Fort Myers. Students can register at www.scbps.com or call the squadron office 466-4040 and leave a message.✪

Spring Training Study Shows Fan Expenditures

Spring training has a substantial impact on the Lee County economy, but it also draws fans who might not otherwise visit, who spend outside the ballparks and who plan return trips largely due to baseball.

The 2019 Major League Baseball spring training season is approaching for the two teams Lee County hosts – the Boston Red Sox at JetBlue Park and the Minnesota Twins at CenturyLink Sports Complex. In order to understand how hosting these teams benefits Lee County's economy, the Lee County Sports Development office contracted for survey-based research of spring training attendees during the 2018 season.

Among the findings:

Spring Training attendees spent \$68.9 million while visiting; \$56.7 million of that was spent outside the ballpark.

41 percent of Spring Training attendees only visit Lee County during spring training.

50 percent of attendees say that Spring Training is the primary reason for their visit to the area.

On average, attendees stay in the area for five nights, and 71 percent stay in paid accommodations.

63 percent of visitors say they intend to return for spring training the next year.✪

SPORTS QUIZ

1. For which major-league team did Francisco Rodriguez save a record 62 games in 2008?
2. Name the last team before the Minnesota Twins in 2016-17 to go from 100-plus losses in one season to a winning record the next.
3. In 2018, Kansas City's Travis Kelce became the second tight end in NFL history to have three consecutive seasons of 1,000 or more receiving yards. Who was the first to do it?
4. When was the last time before 2018 that the University of North Carolina's men's basketball team lost an NCAA Tournament game in the state of North Carolina?
5. In how many seasons did Chicago's Bobby Hull lead the NHL in goals scored?
6. When was the last time before 2018 that a U.S. athlete won an Olympic medal in cross-country skiing?
7. Name the last time before 2018 that Tiger Woods won a PGA event.

ANSWERS

1. The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. 2. The 2008-09 Seattle Mariners. 3. Carolina's Greg Olsen (2014-16). 4. It was against Pennsylvania in 1979. 5. Seven times, with a high of 58 goals in 1968-69. 6. Bill Koch won a silver in the 30 km in 1976. 7. He won the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational in 2013.

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Alzheimer's Rally Boosts Awareness At State Capitol

More than 100 Alzheimer's Association advocates from across the state of Florida converged on the Florida Capitol recently to urge lawmakers to join them in making the bipartisan issue of Alzheimer's disease a top legislative priority. As part of the Alzheimer's Association's annual Rally in Tallahassee, advocates held nearly 90 meetings throughout the day with representatives from both sides of the political aisle to share their personal experiences with Alzheimer's and discuss Florida's path forward to becoming a "dementia-capable" state.

Lourdes Snider, a rally attendee, said she was there to advocate for additional funding for the Alzheimer's Association's "Brain Bus," which provides educational resources to those in isolated, low-income and culturally-diverse communities.

"When my mother received her diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, I and my family did not know where to turn for information or resources," Snider said. "Three years later, my father received the same diagnosis and things only became more challenging, as the disease progressed much faster with him. It wasn't until after both my parents had passed that I found the Alzheimer's Association, and now that I'm aware of all the resources they provide, I am dedicated to sharing that knowledge with others."



Lt. Gov. Jeanette Núñez addresses the crowd

photo provided

The rally was preceded by a purple lighting ceremony during which advocates joined with lawmakers to bathe Florida's Old Historic Capitol in the Alzheimer's Association's signature shade of purple. Speakers at the event included Department of Elder Affairs Secretary Richard Prudom, Rep. Scott Plakon (R-Longwood), Rep. Matt Willhite (D-Wellington), Rep. Byron Donalds (D-Naples) and Lt. Gov. Jeanette Núñez. Noting that two of her husband's grandparents are living with Alzheimer's, Núñez said, "Alzheimer's currently is the only top-10 leading cause of death in the

country without prevention, treatment or cure, and I stand here with all of you this evening with the full conviction, determination and commitment to eradicating this terrible disease."

According to the Alzheimer's Association, more than 540,000 Floridians are living with Alzheimer's disease, and more than 1.1 million people are caring for them. To increase awareness and support for those impacted by Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia across the state, the Alzheimer's Association in Florida will seek to: 1) increase funding for the Ed

and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program; 2) enhance the role of the Alzheimer's Advisory Committee; 3) improve standards for dementia care and training during hurricanes; 4) protect vulnerable adults from financial exploitation; 5) broaden outreach to diverse and underprivileged communities; and 6) increase funding for home and community-based services and programs.✱

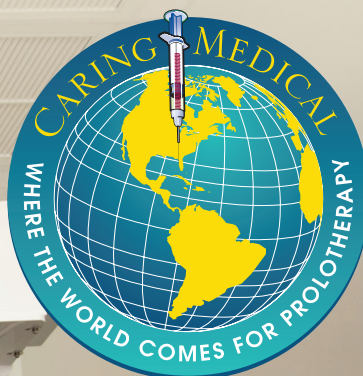
Chronic Pain Workshops

Lee Health will hold a free six-week workshop, entitled Chronic Pain Self-Management, at Chapel by the Sea on Fridays beginning February 22 from 9:30 to noon. The research-based program developed by Stanford University will help participants learn how to better manage chronic pain conditions such as arthritis, fibromyalgia, back pain, headaches and more.

Learn how to more easily manage your medications; understand the benefits of exercise; manage symptoms of stress, pain and fatigue; and make smarter decisions related to healthy eating. Participants will also receive a copy of the book *Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Pain*.

Chapel by the Sea is located at 100 Chapel Street on Fort Myers Beach. Seating is limited and registration is required. Call 343-9264 for more information.✱

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Kids' Minds Matter Reception At New Lee Health Facility



John Chomeau, Scott Spiegle, Susan Goldy and Paul Simeone

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Kids' Minds Matter hosted a reception and open house on February 5 at the new Lee Health Coconut Point facility, introducing the pediatric mental and behavioral health movement to residents of Estero, Bonita Springs

and surrounding communities. The reception featured hors d'oeuvres, drinks, conversations and powerful speeches from health care leaders in Southwest Florida. Kids' Minds Matter – the pediatric mental and behavioral health fund of



Mo Winograd and Terri Socol

Golisano Children's Hospital – advocates for the more than 46,000 Southwest Florida youth who are struggling with mental and behavioral health issues. Funds raised help align community, inpatient and outpatient care; provide proper screening;

hire additional mental health professionals; and train physicians, parents, educators and caregivers. For more information on Kids' Minds Matter, visit www.kidsmindsmatter.com or email info@kidsmindsmatter.com.



From left, Alex Greenwood, Maryann Simon and Phil Simon



Rosemary Haas and David Rosenberg



Pat Smart and Mary Beth Castell



From left, West McCann, Susan Goldy and David Shellenbarger



From left, Marilyn Mooney, Madelyn Mooney and Randall Brown

Free Pain Clinic To Celebrate Grand Opening

The Southwest Florida Free Pain Clinic, the only free pain clinic in Florida for low-income, uninsured patients, will hold a grand opening at its new location on Thursday, February 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. The clinic is located at 6831 Palisades Park Court Unit 3 in Fort Myers.

The open house will feature refreshments and tours of the facility, the opportunity to meet volunteers and staff, and testimonials from patients. All volunteers, supporters and friends are invited to this celebration.

"We are so blessed to have found this space in which to grow our free pain clinic into daytime hours," said Dr. Alan Gruning, executive/medical director of the Southwest Florida Free Pain Clinic. "Our location in the Daniels/Metro corridor and close proximity to Gulf Coast Medical Center will allow us to help more hurting people."

Previously, the Southwest Florida Free Pain Clinic was located at Fort Myers First Church of the Nazarene, which provided donated space for services one evening a week. This last year, board members and staff focused on fundraising to expand the clinic to daytime hours in an effort to treat more patients in need.

Beginning in March, the Southwest Florida Free Pain Clinic will expand hours



Howard Van Nostrand providing chiropractic care photos provided

of operation and will offer services on both Tuesdays from noon to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from noon to 6 p.m. Further expansion efforts are underway, with the ultimate goal being a permanent full-time staffed clinic and the ability to utilize the model to replicate across the state.

The clinic uses a functional medicine model, addressing physical, spiritual, emotional and social needs. There are currently no other options for these patients. Its mission is to provide free



Patient receiving treatment through modalities

medical treatment without the use of opioids using holistic principles and compassionate Biblical Christian values. It utilizes physician and chiropractic care, physical and massage therapy, nutrition and lifestyle counseling, essential oil therapy, and modalities to alleviate pain at the source and begin an effective healing process. No drugs are used in treatment.

Expanded services has been made possible by fundraising efforts and growing community support including funding from The Southwest Florida Community Foundation, Price Foundation, Florida Association of Free

and Charitable Clinics, Cape Coral Community Foundation, and others.

The clinic utilizes more than 50 loyal volunteers, including medical professionals who donate time and resources for the benefit of the patients. It is the only clinic of its kind in Florida and has been successful in keeping patients out of the emergency room and drug free. Successful treatment helps patients get back to work and helps them better care for themselves and their families.

To learn more about the Southwest Florida Free Pain Clinic, visit www.freepainclinic.org or call 308-7107.✱

Lee Health Website Now More Accessible

For Southwest Florida residents seeking local resources, a new online portal from Vivida Health may be the answer.

Vivida Community Connect is a one-stop guide for a host of community services that offers information about everything from low-cost health care centers and legal services to food pantries and much more. The site is open to everyone and free to use. By making human service program information more accessible to those in need, Vivida Health hopes to help more people reach self-sufficiency.

"Social determinants of health, including access to healthy food, safe shelter and reliable transportation are some of the most important things affecting a person's overall well-being. As a physician, I have seen patients experience the stress of finding these essentials and know the crucial role they play in their health. By improving access through an easy-to-use portal, we can help those in need lead healthier, happier lives," said Jon Hart, MD, chief medical officer at Vivida.

To take advantage of this resource, community members simply need to visit www.vividacomunityconnect.com and enter their zip code to start searching. Based on this information, visitors can see resources available right

here in Southwest Florida including: health care (or health services); food; housing; household goods (furniture, toys, clothing); transportation; money (taxes, financial assistance, etc.); care (adoption, foster care, animal services); education; work; and legal.

Each section contains details about the services provided, hours, directions and an option to connect with selected organizations. This allows visitors to make appointments or refer friends and family who might benefit from certain services. Visitors to the Community Connect site are encouraged to call 211 if they would like to speak with someone by phone.

Community Connect enables social service organizations, large and small, to have a streamlined, easily searched web presence along with the capability of referring community members to needed services via email and text messaging. The Vivida engagement team will help interested non-profit community organizations to help enter information into the database to close gaps where necessary.

"Our goal with Vivida Community Connect was to make resources as accessible as possible. Many people don't know where to look, what services are offered and what they qualify for. Search engines aren't always helpful in finding this information and even if they locate a resource, website information can be outdated or nonexistent. In building our portal, we're removing barriers and connecting organizations with those in need," said Lynne Thorp, Vivida contract manager.✱

Free Alzheimer's Symposium On March 4

National experts will share information about mind and brain maintenance, healthy aging and memory care during The 7th annual Symposium on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias in Cohen Center Ballroom at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) on Monday, March 4 from 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

"The symposium is planned for family caregivers, health care professionals and others interested in the care of memory-impaired persons," said Mitch Cordova, PhD. "However, this is a valuable chance for our community to learn from world-class scientists and practitioners. We invite everyone to join us for an interesting, enlightening and useful morning." Cordova serves as president of the Dubin Center board of trustees and vice president for student success and enrollment management at FGCU.

Three speakers will be featured: Ken Sharlin, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who practices general neurology, conducts clinical research and directs his functional-medicine program, Brain Tune Up!, in Ozark, Missouri. He will share information from his recent best-seller *The Healthy Brain Toolbox: Neurologist-Proven Strategies to Improve Memory Loss and Protect Your Aging Brain*. Sharlin is a three-time Ironman Triathlon finisher who shifted

from a conventional neurology practice to a holistic, lifestyle-medicine-oriented approach.

Dominic D'Agostino, PhD, is a University of South Florida research scientist focusing on metabolic-based outcomes and therapies, including ketogenic diets that advance the treatment and prevention of neurological disorders and other medical conditions. He will discuss targeting brain energy metabolism and inflammation for healthy aging.

Cameron Camp, PhD, is an applied gerontologist with the Center for Applied Research and Dementia in Solon, Ohio. He has retooled a teaching method traditionally used with young children to help people with Alzheimer's disease regain skills lost to their illness. Camp will talk about a new model of memory care in resident-driven communities.

The symposium is free to the public. Registration is required by February 22. To register, call 437-3007. Three CEUs are available for nurses, nursing home administrators, professional guardians and social workers; the CEU fee is \$50.

The symposium is presented by FGCU's Marieb College of Health & Human Services and the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center. The featured speakers sponsor is Grant Fridkin Pearson Attorneys and Counselors at Law.

To learn more about monthly support groups, the quarterly newsletter, safety program and community education and training programs, visit www.alzheimersswfl.org.✱

dearRPharmacist

Diet Drinks May Increase Stroke And Disability



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: We are so attached to our food and drink that it pains me when I have to take something away from you. But this is an old story for me. I have never ever recommended

artificially sweetened sodas or “diet” anything. To me, that whole industry is a multi-billion dollar campaign effort to get you to drink and eat things that aren’t, by definition, food anymore. The entire industry depends on the illusion of you thinking that diet drinks are healthy.

The latest research is frightening. It’s based upon data collected over 12 years and suggests that consuming just 5 diet drinks (sodas, juices, other) correlates to a much higher risk of stroke and heart disease and, in fact, a dramatically higher risk of dying early from any cause. This data was extrapolated from a study on people over age 50, who did not have other major health problems. They were essentially well, but after drinking artificially sweetened drinks for 12 years, a lot of them had a stroke.

What’s wrong with water? Water does not come with the risk that one day someone will have to change your adult diapers. Water makes sense, yet some health practitioners recommend “diet” beverages as a way to cut calories, support weight loss or improve health status. Very sad.

The study that I’ve been referring to is entitled Artificially Sweetened Beverages and Stroke, Coronary Heart

Disease, and All-Cause Mortality in the Women’s Health Initiative.

The study finds your risk for a hemorrhagic stroke is dramatically higher if you drink a lot of diet sodas. No particular brand is the problem, it’s the artificial chemicals inside of these drinks. It’s egregious that these things are not only allowed to be sold, no less pitched to you as some healthy alternative. So it’s really up to you to know better.

The newest research was published in a journal called *Stroke*. Over 80,000 women were studied, most between the ages of 55 and 79. Drinking a couple of diet drinks each day (335 ml – the amount in a typical can of soda) increases your risk for stroke by 23 percent compared to women who drink less than one per week.

Every 40 seconds, someone in the US has a stroke. If survived, a stroke can leave one paralyzed and sometimes in need of nursing home care or bed-ridden. Other post-TIA or stroke disabilities include confusion, inability to speak or understand language, poor memory, difficulty swallowing food (requiring a feeding tube) or blindness and/or hearing loss.

Other factors that further raise your risk include being overweight, sedentary, nutritionally deficient in essential nutrients or fatty acids that support brain health and, of course, your genes. Impending signs include sudden eyesight loss or visual changes, slurring, inability to speak or understand, tingling and balance problems.

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Doctor and Dietician

Brain Drain



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

Bad habits take a toll on our brain. Are you getting enough sleep, for example? Lack of sleep increases the risk of dementia. Make good sleep a priority and aim for 7 to 9 hours. Avoid the things that get in the way, like caffeine and electronics too close to bedtime. It also helps to get to bed and wake up at the same time every day.

Is fast food your go-to for most meals? Fast food boosts mental decline, while fresh foods like berries, whole grains, nuts and green leafy vegetables, preserve brain function and slow mental decline. But don’t overeat. If you overeat, even the right kind of food, your brain has a tougher time building the strong network of connections it

needs to help you think and remember.

A lack of regular exercise increases your risk of dementia right along with the higher chances of diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease. Grab a partner and take a walk at least three days a week. And if you’re still smoking, stop. Beside all of the other health problems smoking causes, it also shrinks your brain.

We’ve talked before about the importance of meaningful connections as a proven factor in living longer. Humans are wired to have a real sense of connection. Strong connections make people happier and more productive. People with meaningful connections are also less likely to suffer from brain decline and Alzheimer’s. Take a new class, join a book club, attend a trivia night, sing in a choir, or participate in other group activity that brings you joy. You’ll meet new people and challenge yourself too, while stimulating different areas of the brain. Eat right, sleep well, engage in social activities and remain physically active to keep brain drain at bay.

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.✱

Partnership To Raise Awareness, Add Funding

Susan G. Komen Florida is excited to announce its latest partnership, a new relationship with the lifestyle and fashion brand Ashley Stewart. The partnership is part of a larger, national effort with Komen to help expand Komen messages, including Know Your Girls, to a key audience that Ashley Stewart considers their constituents.

“This is an exciting new partnership that will help Komen to generate even more awareness in the fight against breast cancer,” said Kate Watt, executive director of Susan G. Komen Florida. “We’ve found that the most successful way to beat this disease is early detection. The more awareness we have, the more people we can reach, and the more cancer we can find early. And, monies raised from this national effort will help us get even closer to finding a cure for all breast cancer.”

This year-long partnership will be an important vehicle featuring various activations and engagement opportunities across the country. To celebrate the launch of the collaboration, Ashley Stewart is donating \$1 from every bra purchased and offering 40 percent off any full-price bra purchase with the code FIGHTBACK throughout the entire month of February in 2019. Funds

raised through these efforts will support the Komen’s Know Your Girls campaign, in partnership with the Ad Council to raise awareness on the health disparity and the importance of screening and early detection. By giving black women the tools to take charge of their breast health, Komen hopes to help avoid unnecessary breast cancer deaths.

Florida Ashley Stewart stores are located in Miami and Orlando, but local women can save themselves a trip by shopping online at www.ashleystewart.com to have their purchases count.

To learn more about this partnership, call 561-514-3020, Ext. 20 or visit www.komenflorida.org.✱

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Sculptural Works

primary avocation has been as a creative house painter. Her murals and faux finishes can be found in many Captiva restaurants as well as the homes of AC/DC’s Cliff Williams.

“We need humor right now,” Vince said. “There is too much drama; seriousness should be banished. Nothing is serious unless you allow it to be.”

The exhibit closes on March 29 at 5 p.m. General admission is a \$1 entry donation.

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

Homeless Continuum Of Care Grant Funds

The Lee County Homeless Continuum of Care lead agency, Lee County Human and Veteran Services, has been awarded \$1,835,581 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Funds will be distributed to the following Continuum of Care partner agencies to provide housing and services:

The Salvation Army Fort Myers Area Command will receive \$1,426,377 in renewal funding for a rapid re-housing program, which will permanently house eligible families experiencing homelessness.

Community Assisted and Supported Living, Inc. will receive \$279,118 in renewal funding to provide permanent housing and supportive services for

persons who have experienced long-term homelessness and have disabilities.

Lee County Housing Development Corporation will receive \$55,086 in new funding for a rapid re-housing program, which will permanently house eligible households experiencing homelessness due to domestic violence.

Lee County Human and Veteran Services will receive \$75,000 to provide training and technical assistance to Continuum of Care partner agencies.

Local funding is a \$96,049 increase over the 2017 award amount.

The 2018 awards total nearly \$2 billion nationwide. Funding for local Continuums of Care is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is awarded following a national competitive application process.

For more information regarding the local homeless Continuum of Care, visit www.leegov.com/dhs/funding/coc. For more information regarding the HUD Continuum of Care program, visit www.hud.gov.✱

PETS OF THE WEEK

photos provided

Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Cadbury And Bubbles



Cadbury ID# A768440

Tired of the spending time alone at the beach or park? Want a handsome, loyal companion by your side? Well, look no further. Hello, my name is Cadbury. You can't find a guy more loyal than me. I am a 1-year-old male labrador retriever mix who will take those long walks on the beach with you or play fetch at any of the great dog friendly parks. My mid-sized frame is great for any home and family. I love to play with my friends – especially in the kiddie pools.

My adoption fee is \$14.

Hi, I'm Bubbles. I am adorable but a bit shy when you first meet me. I just need the time to blossom into my true self like I have at the shelter once I became acclimated. I am a 7-month-old female domestic shorthair who is a sweet soul that loves treats and will quickly learn to trust you if



Bubbles ID# A766331

you have just the right one with you. Are you my perfect companion that I am waiting for?

My adoption fee is \$14.

Puppy love is in the air at Lee County Domestic Animal Services. Plenty of "smitten kittens" and "devoted doggies" are available to adopt as furry valentines this year instead of the traditional roses and chocolates. From February 1 through 28, all adoptions will cost \$14 with an approved application.

The reduced adoption fee includes the complete package of services: sterilization, age appropriate vaccinations, county license, microchip ID, de-worming, flea treatment, a heartworm test for dogs, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, and a 10-day health guarantee. The adoption package is valued at more than \$500. *The shelter is open to the public Monday through Saturday at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers. Adoptions are available 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For information, visit Lee County Domestic Animal Services at www.lee.gov/animalservices or call 533-7387.*✱

Haven on Earth Animal League

Lily And Sylvia



Lily

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



Sylvia

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, call Diane at 860-833-4472 or email haveneearthanimalleague@yahoo.com.✱



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

ARTS

Alliance for the Arts	939-2787
Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall	481-4849
BIG ARTS	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	278-4422
Cultural Park Theatre	772-5862
Edison Festival of Light	334-2999
Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade	332-4488
Florida West Arts	948-4427
Fort Myers Harmonica Band	610-653-7940
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers	288-2535
Gulf Coast Symphony	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater	472-6862
SW Florida Symphony	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy	936-3239
Young Artists Awards	574-9321

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

American Legion Post #38	239-332-1853
Angel Flight	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center	731-3535
American Business Women Association	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL	339-8046
Audubon Society	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR	482-1366
Caloosahatchee Folk Society	321-4620
Cape Coral Barbershop Chorus	1-855-425-3631
Cape Coral Stamp Club	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists	415-2484
Embroiderers Guild of America - Sea Grape Chapter	239-267-1990
FM UDC Chapter 2614 - United Daughters of the Confederacy	728-3743
Friendship Force Of SW FL	561-9164
Garden Club of Cape Coral	239-257-2654
Horticulture and Tea Society	472-8334
Horticultural Society	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation	939-7278
NARFE(National Active & Retired Federal Employees	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL	667-1354
Sons of Confederate Veterans	332-2408
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association	561-2118
Kiwanis Fort Myers Beach	765-4254 or 454-8090
Kiwanis Fort Myers Edison	694-1056
Kiwanis Fort Myers South	691-1405
Iona-McGregor	482-0869
Lions Club Fort Myers Beach	463-9738
Lions Club Fort Myers High Noon	466-4228
Lions Club Estero/South Fort Myers	898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County	768-0417
Organ Transplant Recipients of SW Florida	247-3073
POLO Club of Lee County	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society	472-6940
United Way of Lee County	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour)	211 or 433-3900

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum	395-2233
Burrough's Home	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates	334-7419
Fort Myers Skate Park	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site	239-992-0311
Langford Kingston Home	239-334-2550
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center	765-8101
Skatium	321-7510
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 37

Super Crossword

BANDS TOGETHER

- ACROSS
- 1 Not meant to be heard by the audience, in a way

8 Blend in

13 Maker of stringed instruments

20 Author of Huffington

21 Nary a soul

22 In a group

23 Give a nonnative a smooch?

25 Causes of sudden fear

26 Env. alerter

27 Small drink

28 Make up for

29 Defeat Dorothy's dog decisively?

34 Trip to an underworld river?

39 Singer Buddy

40 Egg

42 Stools, say

43 Actress Mendes

44 Certain Siouan

45 "The Jerk" actor M. — Walsh
- 47 "Well well!"

48 Use a pool

49 Specialty of Windy City bakeries?

52 Uses Dixie diction

54 Door turner

55 Expire, as a subscription

59 Ballpark fig.

60 New princess of '81

63 One who doesn't succumb to a potent toxin?

68 Clean energy org.

69 Bombard with e-junk

71 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"

72 Hard wood

73 Glorious state of bliss?

79 Military units

82 Prefix with hazard

83 Achieve

84 Obi-Wan Kenobi, e.g.

85 Rob

88 Desert haven mentioned in the first book of the Bible?
- 94 Guitars' kin, for short

95 Actor Rob

99 Bits of matter

100 Car for a VIP

101 Mr., in India

102 Have a cow, with "out"

103 Ltr. insert

104 Arrangement

105 Ruler of the Sunflower State?

108 Palpitation?

111 Menu fish

112 Audiotapes' successors

114 Cato's 1,052

115 Main female character

118 Stuff hauled by Beantown trash collectors?

124 Not ceasing

125 Homer work

126 St.- — (capital of Loire)

127 Mice and whales, e.g.

128 "The Rose" singer Midler

129 Plunder
- 4 Moms

5 Notoriety

6 Noted berry farm founder

7 Turn a deaf — (ignore)

8 Musical artist DiFranco

9 Barking pets

10 Doctrine that reality is one organic whole

11 Ham-handed

12 Gen —

13 Certain boxing punch

14 Not firmly implanted

15 Pre-liftoff term

16 Jenna Bush —

17 "Kinda" suffix

18 Ballpark fig.

19 Scale notes

24 Lay to rest

28 Skating leap

29 Ice cream flavor, briefly

30 Writer Philip

31 H.G. Wells race

32 Smart- — (cocky)

33 At an end

35 Fashion inits.

36 Synthpop artist, say
- 37 Sinister

38 They may be candied

41 Wombs

45 Self-conceit

46 Unruly crowd

47 Social Security fig., e.g.

48 Delhi dress

50 Not only that

51 Vienna loc.

53 Crank (up)

56 — upswing

57 Meat stamp letters

58 Wk. day

60 The, in Paris

61 "The Simpsons" store clerk

62 Work at as a dilettante

63 Breathe hard

64 Leave out

65 Intermission

66 Bullfight cry

67 Apt. units

70 Stew veggie

74 Eye covers

75 Bettor's note

76 Tatty clothes

77 Strive (for)

78 U.N.'s Kofi

80 Hubbub

81 Call placer

84 Actor Parsons

85 Corn cover
- 86 Stew veggie

87 Part of PIN

89 Carve

90 Somber

91 In — (as found)

92 Don of radio

93 Last year's frosh

96 "Part II" films

97 Tightly strung

98 Squeak (out)

102 Cereal meal

103 Breaks up

104 Add to the batter, say

106 Charge at

107 School, in Nice

109 Writer Horatio

110 Calf catcher

113 ESPN datum

115 — and haw

116 Greek vowel

117 Dream-time acronym

118 Baby's wear

119 Lyric tribute

120 Wanna- — (aspirants)

121 Santa — (hot wind)

122 Big health supplement chain, familiarly

123 "I see mice!"

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King Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Departed

5 Id counterpart

8 Unclear view

12 Hebrew month

13 High-arc shot

14 Leak slowly

15 Wrinkly fruit

16 Biden, Cheney, etc.

17 Earth

18 Flood

20 Diner employee

22 Brains of the operation

26 Missteps

29 Individual

30 Neither mate

31 Apiece

32 Tin Man's prop

33 Old portico

34 Rd.

35 Nintendo console

36 Lost in reverie

37 Visa rival

40 Retain

41 Handy

45 Rivers or Collins

47 Make a choice

49 Oxen's onus

50 Doing

51 Pi follower

52 English river
- 19 Antelope's playmate

54 "— the sea-son ..."

55 Equal
- 10 Submachine gun

11 Kin (Abbr.)

19 Petrol

21 Raw rock

23 Poisonous

24 Midday

25 Small wagon

26 Line of fashion?

27 Volcanic outflow

28 Emulate

32 Logan or LAX

33 Fizzy drink

35 Teensy
- 36 "— Doubtfire"

38 Barbershop quartet member

39 Cars

42 Sad

43 Misplace

44 Basin accessory

45 "Oklahoma!" baddie

46 Unclose, in verse

48 — Beta Kappa
- DOWN
- 1 Praise highly

2 Lip

3 Autumn

4 Win

5 Pole staff?

6 Republicans

7 X-rated

8 — buddy (close pal)

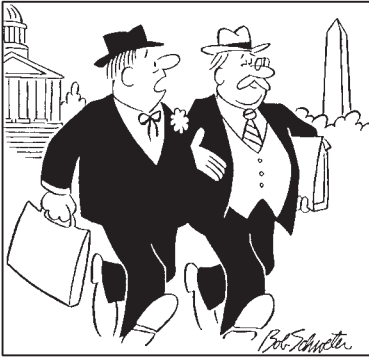
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

- Bedroom
- Home
- Memorial
- Town Car
- Center
- Illinois
- Nebraska
- Tunnel
- County
- Library
- Park Zoo
- University
- Green
- Logs
- Tomb



"The first thing we have to do in our fight against high prices is to vote ourselves a

_____."
answer on page 39

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!

Wary
TRALE _____

Ardor
LAZE _____

Strive
PRAISE _____

Layer
RITE _____

TODAY'S WORD

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		4		8		7		
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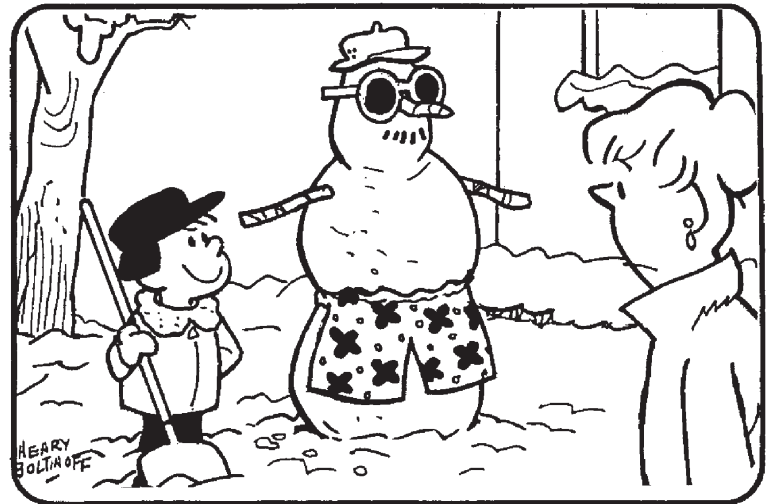
To play Sudoku:

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.

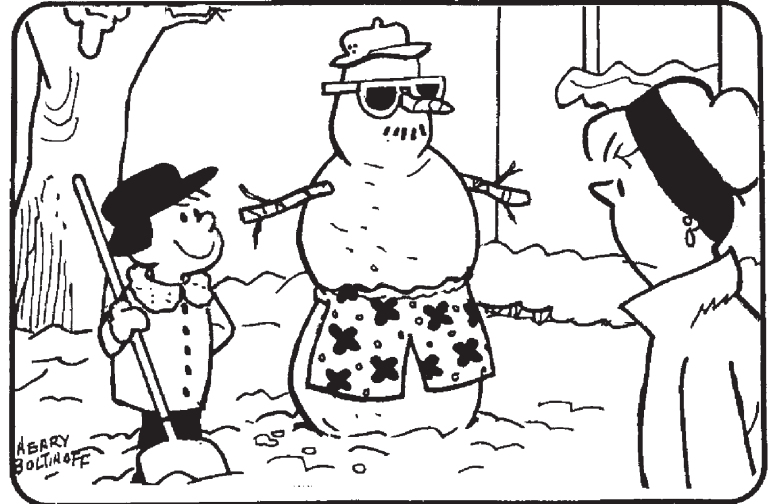
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Woman has headband. 2. Sunglasses are different. 3. Boy's shirt has buttons. 4. Tree is wider. 5. Showman's "arms" are different. 6. Boy is taller.



Wild Turkey Salad

3 cups cooked wild turkey meat, diced or shredded

1/2 cup bell pepper, diced small

1/2 cup carrots, grated

2 scallions, chopped

1 teaspoon fresh ginger, minced

1 tablespoon fresh cilantro (or parsley), finely chopped

1/2 cup mayonnaise

2 tablespoons low sodium soy sauce

1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil

1 teaspoon Sriracha (optional)

Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste

In a small bowl combine the mayonnaise, soy sauce, toasted sesame oil, fresh ginger and sriracha. Season with salt and pepper, set aside. In a large bowl mix together the turkey meat, bell peppers, carrots, and scallions. Add the mayonnaise mixture and stir to combine. Sprinkle with fresh cilantro or parsley. Store in refrigerator until ready to serve. Serve over your choice of salad greens, such as arugula or spinach.✽



Wild Turkey Salad

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My Stars ★★★★★ FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 2019

Aries (March 21 to April 19) Try to say as little as possible about the work you're doing through the end of the month. Then you can make your announcement and accept your well-deserved plaudits.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) You face a more difficult challenge than you expected. But with that strong Taurean determination, you should be able to deal with it successfully by week's end.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) Before you act on your "feelings" about that upcoming decision, it might be wise to do a little fact-checking first. You could be very much surprised by what you don't find.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) A recent workplace success can open some doors that were previously closed to you. On a personal level, expect to receive some important news from a longtime friend and colleague.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) Put your wounded pride aside and do what you must to heal that misunderstanding before it takes a potentially irreversible turn and leaves you regretting the loss of a good friend.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) One way to kick a less-than-active social life into high gear or rebuild an outdated contacts list is to throw one of your well-organized get-togethers for friends and associates.

Libra (September 23 to October 22) Getting out of an obligation you didn't really want to take on can be tricky. An honest explanation of the circumstances can help. Next time, pay more attention to your usually keen instincts.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) Use your Scorpion logic to push for a no-nonsense approach to a perplexing situation. This could help keep present and potential problems from creating more confusion.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) A friend's problem might take more time than you want to give. But staying with it once again proves the depth of your Sagittarian friendship and loyalty.


Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) The Sea Goat can benefit from an extra dose of self-confidence to unsettle your detractors, giving you the advantage of

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Harry Chapin Food Bank OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA



FRIDAY
Sunny
High: 78 Low: 70



SATURDAY
Sunny
High: 77 Low: 69



SUNDAY
Sunny
High: 79 Low: 67



MONDAY
Sunny
High: 77 Low: 69



TUESDAY
Sunny
High: 78 Low: 70



WEDNESDAY
Sunny
High: 77 Low: 69



THURSDAY
Sunny
High: 79 Low: 67

Redfish Pass Tides					Point Ybel Tides					Punta Rassa Tides					Cape Coral Bridge Tides				
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Sat	3:34 am	9:20 am	3:43 pm	10:07 pm	Sat	2:39 am	9:22 am	2:48 pm	10:09 pm	Sat	3:38 am	9:39 am	3:43 pm	10:21 pm	Sat	5:44 am	12:19 am	5:53 pm	12:36 pm
Sun	4:41 am	9:46 am	4:15 pm	11:19 pm	Sun	3:46 am	9:48 am	3:20 pm	11:21 pm	Sun	4:41 am	10:12 am	4:26 pm	11:23 pm	Sun	6:51 am	1:23 am	6:25 pm	1:02 pm
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PUZZLE ANSWERS

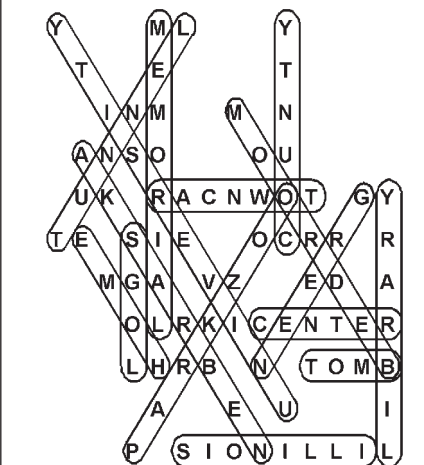
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putting on a strong presentation of your position.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) You might want to ask a friend or relative for advice on an ongoing personal matter. But be careful not to give away information you might later wish you had kept secret.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20) Use the weekend for a creativity break to help restore your spiritual energy. Once that's done, you'll be back and more than ready to tackle whatever challenge you need to face.

Born This Week: You get great joy out of creating beautiful things and sharing them with others who appreciate them.

MOMENTS IN TIME

• On Feb. 28, 1844, President John Tyler cruises the Potomac with 400 others aboard the U.S. Navy's new steam frigate USS Princeton. The Princeton carried a new 12-inch, 27,000-pound cannon called the Peacemaker. During a test firing, the cannon exploded, killing several aboard, including two members of Tyler's cabinet.

• On March 3, 1875, the first indoor game of ice hockey is played in Quebec. Prior to the move indoors, ice hockey was a casual outdoor game, with no rules regarding the number of players per side. For the 1875 Montreal game, the ball was replaced with a wooden disc, now known as a puck.

• On March 2, 1929, The Jones Act, the last gasp of the Prohibition, is passed by Congress. The act strengthened the

federal penalties for bootlegging.

• On Feb. 27, 1936, Shirley Temple receives a new contract from 20th Century Fox that will pay the 7-year-old star \$50,000 per film, equal to \$910,264.49 in today's dollars. The studio also altered her birth certificate, making it appear that she was a year younger.

• On Feb. 26, 1949, from Carswell AFB in Texas, the Lucky Lady II, a B-50 Superfortress, takes off on the first nonstop round-the-world flight. The Lucky Lady II was refueled four times in the air and returned after 94 hours.

• On Feb. 25, 1964, Cassius Clay shocks the odds-makers by dethroning world heavyweight boxing champ Sonny Liston in a seventh-round technical knockout. Later that year, Clay took the Muslim name of Muhammad Ali.

• On March 1, 1971, a bomb explodes in the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., destroying a bathroom and barber shop but injuring no one. A group calling itself the "Weather Underground" claimed credit for the bombing, done in protest of the ongoing U.S.-supported Laos invasion.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

• It was British Prime Minister Winston Churchill who made the following sage observation: "All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope."

• In Washington state it once was illegal to carry a concealed weapon that was more than 6 feet in length.

• Dominique Bouhours, a Frenchman who lived in the 17th century, was a priest, an essayist and a grammarian. The love of language may have been closest to his heart, though; it's been reported that the final words he uttered on his deathbed were, "I am about to – or I am going to – die; either expression is used."

• You might be surprised to learn that Italians spend more time on social media than people of any other nationality.

• England's virgin queen, Elizabeth I, went bald at the age of 29. Smallpox was the culprit.

• According to a survey by the National Association of Convenience Stores, 11 percent of adult Americans have at some point in their lives worked at a convenience store or gas station. For 3 percent of adults, that was their first job.

• Those who study such things claim that to get a truly random mix in a deck of playing cards, the deck must be shuffled seven times.

• Chocolate lovers like myself may not believe it, but the most popular flavor of ice cream in the United States is actually vanilla. Chocolate comes in second place.

• In 1875, a locust plague of epic proportions descended upon the Great Plains. Observers say it was 110 miles wide, and at 1,800 miles long, stretched from Canada all the way down to Texas.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"We may not imagine how our lives could be more frustrating and complex – but Congress can." – Cullen Hightower

TRIVIA TEST

- Medical:** What is the medical name for joints that pop and crack?
- Literature:** What is the name of the annual award for the best science fiction or fantasy writing?
- U.S. Presidents:** What was the Secret Service's code name for President John F. Kennedy?
- Movies:** What was the name of the girl gang in the movie *Grease*?
- General Knowledge:** Which top college's motto is "duty, honor, country"?
- Personalities:** In which state was author Tennessee Williams born?
- Food & Drink:** Which popular liquor is made from fermented and distilled sugar cane juice or molasses?
- Animal Kingdom:** What is a group of parrots called?
- Television:** What was the name of the detective agency in the 1980s comedy *Moonlighting*?
- History:** How wide is the Korean Demilitarized Zone?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Crepitus 2. The Hugo Award 3. Detective Agency 10. 2.5 miles wide. 7. Rum 8. A pandemic 9. Blue Moon Academy at West Point 6. Mississippi Lancer 4. The Pink Ladies 5. U.S. Military 3. Crepitus 2. The Hugo Award

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King Robert Sheppard Brinson and Queen Megan Angelina Sushil
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King And Queen Of Edisonia Crowned

Robert Sheppard Brinson and Queen Megan Angelina Sushil were crowned the 2019 King and Queen of Edisonia at the Westin Resort recently. They were crowned by the Lord Chamberlain, Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson.

King Brinson and Queen Sushil, who were chosen by a vote of the membership of the Edison Pageant of Light and the Fort Myers Woman's Community Club, will serve a one-year term.

Brinson is a 2016 Summa Cum Laude graduate of Fort Myers High

School Finance Academy where he was a member of the Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society. He is an Eagle Scout, a Lee County Do the Right Thing recipient and served as an intern for State Representative Heather Fitzenhagen.

Brinson studied in Innsbruck, Austria and traveled extensively throughout Europe. Currently he is a resident assistant at Stetson University and is a participant in the school's prestigious Roland George Program, where selected finance majors are given control of a real world portfolio of stocks and bonds to manage for one year.

Sushil received an Advanced International Certificate of Education diploma from North Fort Myers High School where she was a four-year varsity tennis letterman and elected to the Hall of Fame. A junior at the University of Florida majoring in pre-professional biology, she

is a dean of students office peer leader, a member of the Society for Collegiate Leadership and Success and the American Medical Students Association.

Sushil also teaches the "First Year Florida" class to incoming freshmen. In recognition of her outstanding service to

the university, in addition to being named to the college of Agriculture Philanthropy Council and the Alpha Zeta Agricultural Honor Fraternity, she was inducted into the Golden Key Honor Society. In 2018 she completed an Internship for the Sant'Anna Institute in Sorrento, Italy.✧

LCDAS Pet Safety Program This Saturday

Lee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS) will host a Pet Safety Program for children of all ages in its conference room on Saturday, February 23 from 1 to 3 p.m.

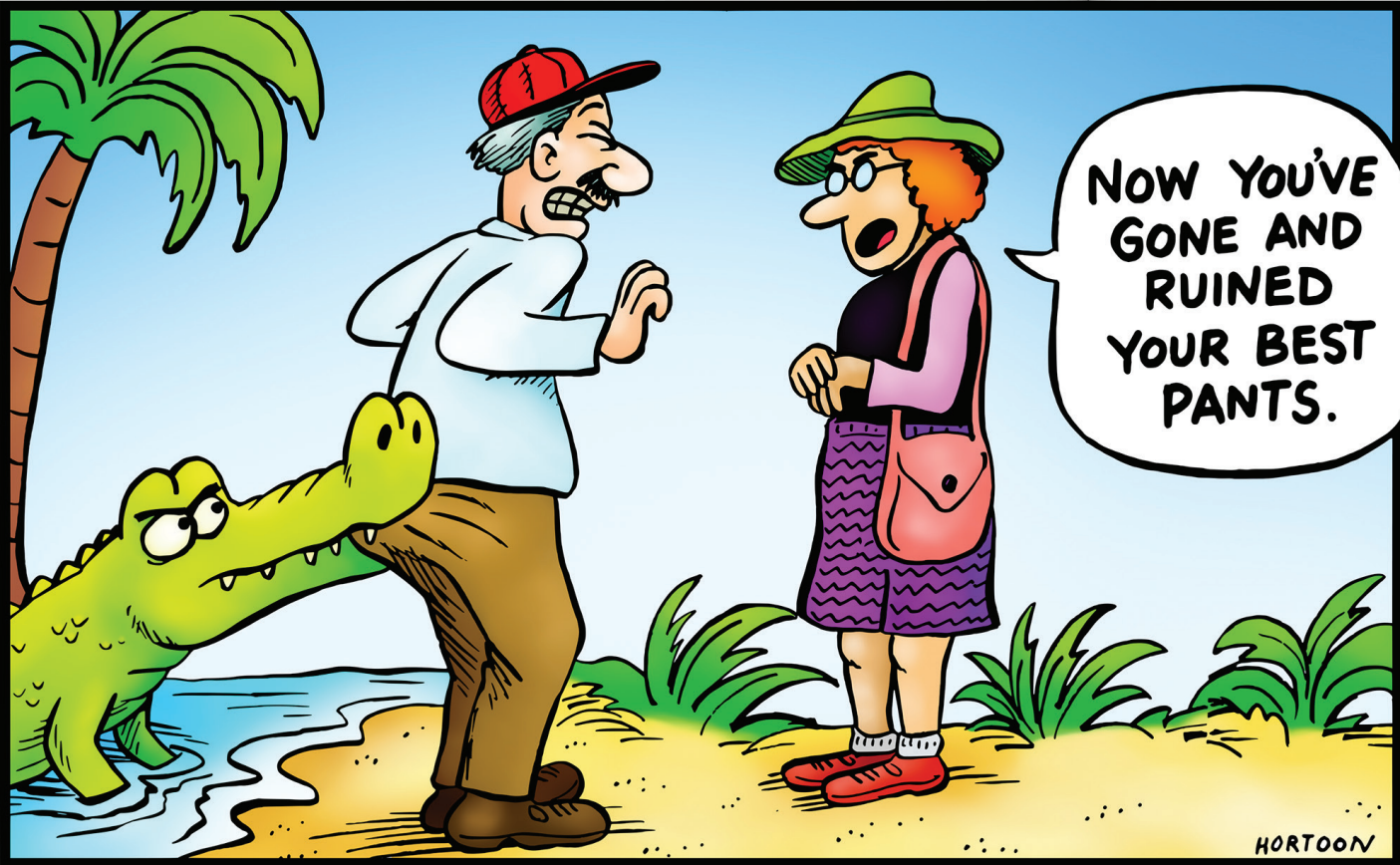
This is an opportunity for parents to learn along with their children how to

safely interact with a dog and read its body language. The program will teach things such as socialization, responsible pet ownership and avoiding risky situations. This will be interactive for the entire family, so parents are asked to stay with their child.

There will be games that will allow for fun learning. Seating is limited to 35 people on a first-come basis.

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Savona	Cape Coral	2015	3,150	\$1,598,000	\$1,412,000	82
Volterra	Miromar Lakes	2006	3,091	\$1,350,000	\$1,025,000	325
Cape Harbour	Cape Coral	1999	3,199	\$1,095,000	\$965,000	25
Devonwood	Fort Myers	2006	3,507	\$899,000	\$899,000	3
Fairview Isles	Fort Myers Beach	1972	1,800	\$869,000	\$838,000	27
Briarcliff	Fort Myers	1999	4,432	\$855,000	\$815,000	162
Riverside	Fort Myers	1951	3,199	\$835,000	\$795,000	143
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