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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

MARCH 22, 2019

Vintage 'Base Ball' Game And Talks This Weekend

dison and Ford Winter Estates will sponsor a vintage "base ball" game at Terry Park in Fort Myers on Sunday, March 24. The gates will open at 9:30 a.m., with the first game starting at 10 a.m.

Three vintage style teams will play for the top honors in a mini tournament, featuring the Vintage Base Ball Club of Central Florida, the Mudville Base Ball Club from Massachusetts and the Springfield Long Nine from Illinois.

The "Boss Lady" will be on hand in period costume as commentator for the event and guide spectators through the rules of 1860s vintage base ball. Elizabeth Carlson, also known as Ellie, is a historian and performer. She is an award-winning international speaker with experience working as a museum curator. As a hobby, she manages a vintage base ball team called the Chicago Salmon. Base ball during the 1800s was played for the love of the game without



Springfield Long Nine vintage base ball team from Illinois

stats, stars or shame. Tickets for the game are \$5 for adults, \$1 for teens and free for children under 12.

Carlson will also give talks at Edison Ford, beginning with The Rise and Fall of Ladies' Underwear and Cup Check

Please, A Scholarly Talk on a Jocular Subject on Friday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for Edison Ford members and \$10 for non-members. There will be an intermission reception with complimentary tea and lemonade. A cash bar will also be available.

Carlson will then play the role of Mrs. Potts in A Visit with Mrs. Potts on Saturday, March 23 at 11 a.m. The story starts in 1871, when Mary Florence Potts was an inventress and just 19 years old. She spends the rest of her life perfecting and promoting her boon to women. In the presentation, she visits the modern world fresh from her appearance at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. Over the next two decades, she gives a promotional lecture as she tours around the country. Mrs. Potts will visit Edison Ford as a stop on her tour to promote her invention. She will discuss domestic life in the 19th century, the science and technology behind the development of her invention, and what it means for a woman to hold a United States patent and manage her own affairs. Carlson will share some colorful stories, information and answers to how continued on page 17



Apollo's Fire **Grammy Winner** To Perform

pollo's Fire, the chamber ensemble that recently won a Grammy for its recording *Song of Orpheus*, will be featured during the Chamber Music Series at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on Thursday, March 28. Doors open for cocktails at 7 p.m. and music begins at 8 p.m

Named for the classical god of music and the sun, Apollo's Fire was founded

photo provided

by its artistic director, Jeannette Sorrell, to revive the baroque ideal that music should evoke the various "Affekts" or passions in the listeners. The group is a collection of creative artists who share Sorrell's passion for drama and rhetoric.

The ensemble made its London debut in 2010 in a sold-out concert at Wigmore Hall with a BBC broadcast. Subsequent European tours took place in 2011, 2014 and 2015. Apollo's Fire was the recipient of a 2019 Grammy for Best Classical Solo Vocal Album for Song of Orpheus. To read more about their Grammy win, visit

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Beach Gallery Spring Art Show



Work by JC Raimondi

he Fort Myers Beach Art Association (FMBAA) Spring Art Show, titled Anything Goes, will open Saturday, March 23 and be on display through April 4. All artwork in this exhibit will be for sale. The show includes drawings, watercolor, oils, acrylic, pastel, collage, diptychs, hand pulled prints, serigraphs, woodcuts, batik, photography and sculpture. Showing in Studio 2 is the Classes Show

on display from March 23 through April 4.

The annual Student Scholarship Show will run from April 6 through 10. The

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awards reception will be held on Sunday, April 7 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Lynne Wesolowski's one-day workshop, Monoprint/Collage with Gelli Plate, will be held on Thursday, March 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FMBAA is located at 3030 Shell Mound Boulevard on Fort Myers Beach. For more information, email publicity chair Pam Flaherty at fmbaapublicity@gmail.com, call 463-3909, visit www.fortmyersbeachart. com or stop by the gallery, open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 3 Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Floating Fish Market



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

'n 1912, shoppers could purchase fresh seafood from the floating fish market pictured here.

▲ The business owned by "Alexander and Cox" advertised delivery to any part of the city. Note the sign hanging by the houseboat's upstairs window reading "City Fish Market."

By 1912, Bay Street had been constructed and the riverfront moved farther north by the construction of a new seawall. Therefore, the fish market would have been docked at the Towles & Ireland Dock about 100 feet north of the intersection of Hendry and Bay.

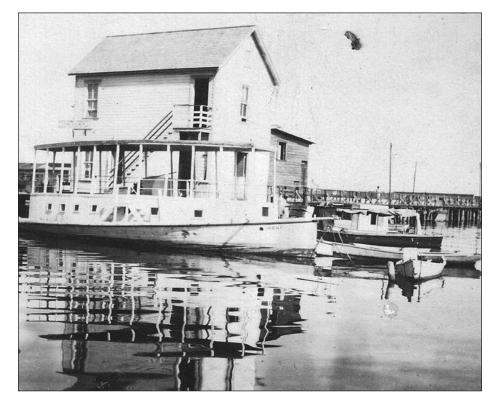
At that time, both the Towles & Ireland Dock and the City Dock at the foot of Jackson Street (also called the Jackson Wharf) doubled as busy streets where a wide variety of business were located.

The docks were major components of the working downtown riverfront of the early 20th century.

The Jackson dock had everything from a photography studio, taxidermist and Coca-Cola plant to a restaurant and plumbing business.

However, the dock at Hendry was primarily devoted to marine-related businesses, such as a steamship company, machine shop, boat storage, marine hardware, fuel tanks and a boatways.

Another important part of the waterfront economy was the Lee County Packing



In 1912, the City Fish Market is docked alongside the boat *Irene* (foreground) at the Towles & Ireland Dock at the foot of Hendry Street photo courtesy SWFL Historical Society



The riverfront has been moved northward several times over the last 107 years. The area where boats once docked has seen much change in recent years, including streetscaping, phase 1 of the Riverfront Detention Basin Project and the current Luminary Hotel construction. photo by Gerri Reaves

Plant, whose upper portion is visible in the historic photo (far left center). That plant located near the foot of Monroe Street over the Caloosahatchee

processed citrus and seafood for shipment to northern markets via the railroad. Within a couple of years, the floating fish market had set sail from the dock at

Hendry. Perhaps it was sold to John Bye, for he began operating a City Fish Market at

the neighboring Jackson dock, where it remained for years. (Note: This early City Fish Market is not to be confused with another City Fish

Market remembered by long-time Fort Myers residents, which opened in 1944.)

Walk down to Hendry and Bay, look northward and imagine a dock with a houseboat fish market.

Then visit the following two research centers to learn more about the many businesses along the early 20th century riverfront.

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 and the Fort Myers Press.‡

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American Virtuosi Concert Set For Next Friday

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will present the American Virtuosi concert, the final concert in the Chamber Music Series, on Friday, March 29. Doors open for cocktails at 7 p.m., while music starts at 8 p.m.

Each season, renowned American Virtuosi musicians perform a memorable evening of chamber music in the first floor Grand Atrium. Now in its 11th season, this year's ensemble features violinist Tai Murray, violinist Peter Winograd, violist Jim Griffith, cellist Andres Díaz and pianist Wendy Chen.

Murray's critically acclaimed debut recording for harmonia mundi of Ysaye's six sonatas for solo violin was released in February 2012. Her second recording with works by American Composers of the 20th was released in November 2013 by the Berlin-based label eaSonus and her third disc with Bernstein's Serenade in 2014 by the French label mirare.

Winograd joined the American String Quartet as the first violinist in 1990. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from The Juilliard School and has been a member of the violin and chamber music faculties of the Manhattan School of Music and the Aspen Music School (where the American is Quartet-in-Residence) since 1990.

Griffith received his master of music degree from the Juilliard School. He



From left, Wendy Chen, Andres Diaz, Peter Winograd and Jim Griffith

is a former member of the Hudson String Quartet in New York, faculty member of Point-Counterpoint Chamber Music Camp in Vermont and founding member of the Palm Beach Chamber Music Festival. He formerly served as principal violist of the New York Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra and the New York Virtuosi. Currently, he is involved in his 29th season as violist in the Naples Philharmonic and is also the executive director of the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.

Díaz has exhilarated both critics and audiences with his intense and charismatic performances since winning provided the First Prize in the 1986 Naumburg International Cello Competition. He was awarded the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant and was nominated for a 2009 Latin Grammy. His most recent release features the six Bach Suites on the Azica Records label. Díaz graduated from the New England Conservatory, and is a professor at Southern Methodist University. He holds the Koerner Chair in Cello at the Glenn Gould School of the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto.

Chen debuted at the age of 15 with the Los Angeles Philharmonic under conductor André Previn. In 1990, she became the youngest winner ever of the



Tai Murray

National Chopin Competition, was one of the inaugural recipients of the Irving S. Gilmore Young Artists Award, and was named a Presidential Scholar by the National Foundation for the Arts. Since then, her career has flourished, adding Young Concert Artists International Auditions and Washington International Competition to her numerous awards.

Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$45 the day of the concert.

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New York Brass Arts Trio

Brass Trio At Music Festival

Hailed as the first brass group ever to play with the sensitivity and musicality of a string quartet, the New York Brass Arts Trio will perform at the Sanibel Music Festival at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26 at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, located at 2050 Periwinkle Way.

Three world-class virtuoso soloists have come together to revolutionize the brass trio. Hornist David Jolley and trombonist Haim Avitsur all bring great experience to the table. Burgstaller, a former featured trumpeter and arranger with the legendary Canadian Brass, has performed with many notable orchestras, and has recording credentials that include solo CDs, three Top-10 Billboard hits, and a Top-50 Jazz Radio hit. Jolley is the pre-eminent horn soloist of his generation, performing as a soloist with major orchestras, collaborating with Guarneri, Orion and American string photo provided

quartets, and is a founding member of the Grammy-winning Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. Avitsur is the only trombonist named a 2005 and 2007 Emerging Artist by *Symphony Magazine* and has premiered over 80 compositions.

The concert is sponsored by Jackie and Roy Sweeney Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation.

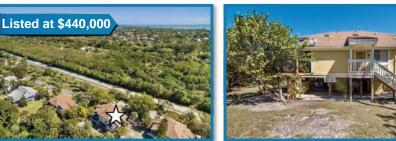
Program: Johann Sebastian Bach (arr. Jolley): Three Sinfonias; Ludwig van Beethoven (arr. Avitsur): Trio in C Major, Op. 87; Richard Strauss (arr. Jolley): Till Eulenspiegel; Igor Stravinsky (arr. Jolley): Selection from Pulcinella Suite; Bela Bartok: Romanian Folk Dances; Chick Corea (b.1941) (Arr. Burgstaller): Three Children's Songs; George Gershwin: Selections from Porgy and Bess; Astor Piazzola (arr. Burgstaller): Libertango.

Tickets may be purchased for \$50 each by calling 344-7025, or online at www. sanibelmusicfestival.org. Tickets may also be purchased at the door one half hour before each performance and are also available at Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

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Second Book On Fires In Fort Myers Now Available

The second book of a history series about Fort Myers by author Tom Hall has hit the stands.

Epic Fires of Fort Myers: How a Series of Early Fires Influenced the Town's Development, Volume II has been published by Outskirts Press and is available for ordering at local bookstores and on Amazon.com.

Volume II chronicles the nine fires that threatened the waterfront and business district between January 30, 1914 and February 28, 1915. More, it tells tales of how Fort Myers became a citrus packing center in the 1900s, details the real-life game of monopoly that was played out in the streets of the business district by Harvie Heitman, Walter Langford, William H. Towles and Peter Tonnelier, and describes the rivalry for early movie-goers between the Court and Grand Theatres. If you ever wondered what life was like in Fort Myers in the years leading up to America's entry into World War I, Volume II of Epic Fires is the book for you.

The history book includes:

Chapter notes accompanying each fire that provides hundreds of new facts, figures and observations based upon in-depth research into the annals of Fort Myers' history.

Rare historical photos from Fort Myers' early history, including the ruins of the Michigan Hotel and 10 other buildings in the aftermath of the fire that ravaged Tonnelier Court during the early morning on November 18, 1914.

Expert analysis of each fire combined with important present-day fire prevention and life safety tips that are informed by the extensive education, training and experience of the current and past chiefs of the Fort Myers Fire Department.

Endorsements by Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson, Southwest Florida Historical Society President Glenn Miller and The News-Press senior writer Amy Bennett Williams.

Note: The Alliance for the Arts will host Hall for a presentation that will include a book singing and reading on Saturday, March 23 from 10 to 11 a.m. Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, call 939-2787 or visit www. artinlee.org/epicfires. To schedule a presentation or interview with the author, call Tom Hall at 691-2292 or e-mail tom@artswfl.com.*

Celebration Of Music Concert

The Southwest Florida Concert Band will perform a free concert In Celebration of Music at South Fort Myers High School on Sunday, March 24 at 2 p.m. Donations will be accepted.

The 50-member community band will open the concert with an arrangement of Music for a Darkened Theater by Danny Elfman. The band will play Clare Grundman's Irish Rhapsody and a trombone solo of O'Danny Boy to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, and then add Copacabana by Barry Manilow. Guest vocalist Kathy Lamade will sing You Raise Me Up. There will also be a solo based on the Italian melody Napoli. The band will play a Irish march and an overture on the western theme from Silverado. The program will also include Guardians of the Galaxy songs Hooked on a Feeling, Come and Get Your Love, Ain't No Mountain High Enough and more. The band will perform A Leroy Anderson Portrait that features classic melodies of Serenata, Syncopated Clock, Blue Tango and a fast version of Buglars Holiday. The show will conclude with Great Locomotive Chase.

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

Open Mic Night

Southwest Florida musicians are invited to share their music at Drop the Mic – Music Open Mic Night at the Alliance for the Arts on Wednesday, March 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. Performers and newcomers are welcome to share their work against a backdrop of local art during the 33rd annual All Florida Juried Exhibit.

Sign-ups are at the door, so slots are first come, first play. This event is free and open to all ages, but a \$5 suggested donation is encouraged to keep Alliance programming affordable and accessible.

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



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Fort Myers Art: Fort Myers Film Festival On The Horizon



by Tom Hall

The 9th annual Fort Myers Film Festival (FMff) descends on Southwest Florida from April 10 to 14. With historic venues, dozens of exceptional independent films and numerous meet-

and-greet/photo opportunities, this year's festival promises to be more exciting, more glitzy and more fun than ever before.

One big departure associated with this year's FMff is the venue for the April 10 black-tie red-carpet opening night gala. This year, it will be held in the palatial 86-year-old Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center smack dab in the middle of the downtown Fort Myers River District.

Doors open at 5 p.m. for cocktails and musical entertainment. With photo ops and paparazzi at every turn, the Davis Art Center's cavernous grand atrium is the perfect place to mix and mingle with the legion of local and international filmmakers who will be on hand for the opening night festivities. Then at 7 p.m., the festival gets underway with A Man and His Trumpet: The Leroy Jones Story, directed by Cameron Washington.



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Both Mr. Washington and featured jazz trumpeter Leroy Jones will be in the house for the film and a post-screening audience talk-back.

The much-anticipated, always appreciated After-Party follows the screening and Q&A. This year, it will include a fabulous full jazz concert featuring Mr. Jones, a fully-stocked bar, and a chance to meet with the stars of the evening's film, other filmmakers and event VIPs.

Tickets are \$25 for the movie only or \$150 for the movie and Red Carpet After-Party. The event, which also features a culinary experience compliments of G3 catering, will benefit the Raddatz Foundation and Florida Arts, Inc. The programming begins at 9 a.m





Star-Crossed Lovers in Opera A delightful evening of best known arias and ensembles based on the lives of ill-fated starcrossed Lovers including Mimi and Rodolfo, Romeo and Juliet, Violeta and Alfredo and more, performed by Opera Theater of Connecticut. Saturday, March 23 • \$50



New York Brass Arts Trio Trumpeter Joe Burgstaller, French hornist David Jolley and trombonist Haim Avitsur have revolutionized the brass trio. They are hailed as the first brass group to play with the sensitivity and musicality of a string quartet.

Tuesday, March 26 • \$50

Information and Tickets available on-line at www.sanibelmusicfestival.org

or by phone at 239-344-7025

Tickets may be purchased at the church one-half hour prior to each concert.



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the next morning and continues through April 14 at venues that include not only the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, but the Edison & Ford Winter Estates (for an under-the-stars screening of the iconic 1903 Black Maria silent movie The Great Train Robbery; a new documentary by Main Sail videographer Ilene Safron, A Tale of Two Halgrims; and Coach by popular homegrown filmmaker Jordan Axelrod), the IMAG History & Science Center (for a film about a movement of young girls and women relentlessly pursuing their passion for aviation); the Alliance for the Arts (for Eliades Ochoa from Cuba to the World documenting the life of the Buena Vista Social Club founder); and the Rush Library on the Lee campus of Florida SouthWestern State College.

Grande Dames Tea Sponsors

Fifteen generous sponsors have stepped forward to support Pace Center for Girls, Lee County's 2019 Grande Dames Tea, an annual event celebrating local women for their roles in business, community and philanthropy.

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre is the Golden Tea Leaves sponsor for the Grande Dames Tea. Silver Tea Cup sponsors are Edison National Bank; and Eunice and Alexandra Bremner. China Teapot sponsors include Mark Loren Designs; Fort Myers Infiniti; and Galloway Family of Dealerships. Silver Teaspoon sponsors are Markham, Norton, Mosteller, Wright & Company; Grande Dame Melvin Morgan; and Family Thrift Center.

Ruth Messmer Florist is the Floral Design sponsor, Caloosa Tent & Rental is the Table Setting sponsor, Priority Marketing is the Program Design sponsor Films are \$10 throughout the festival. The 9th annual Fort Myers Film Festival wraps up on Sunday night, April 14, with a climactic 7 p.m. champagne and dessert awards presentation at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard. That's where FMff will honor the winners in multiple categories and show one of the award-winning films. In another FMff first, the festival will confer its inaugural Fort Myers Film Festival Edison Award recognizing distinct innovation and invention in film. Tickets are \$15.

The Fort Myers Film Festival is known for world-class swagger and support of local filmmakers. The festival event offers "the most vibrant intellectual and edgy crowd to grace Lee County in decades."

The Fort Myers Film Festival supports Lee County Schools filmmakers, Raddatz Foundation, Florida Arts, Inc. and Golisano's Children's Hospital. It is proudly sponsored by UNIT A, *Florida Weekly*, Bennett's Fresh Roast Coffee, Twisted Vine Bistro, Blu Sushi, J. Bert Davis MD, FACS, Facial Surgeon, La Trattoria, Cafe Napole, Sam Galloway Ford, Black Tie Tuxedos, Best Western Waterfront, Riverside Realty, Blu Sushi, Douglas E. Spiegel, PA, Capone's Pizza and Kearns Restaurant Group.

For more information, visit www. fortmyersfilmfestival.com or join www. facebook.com/fortmyersfilmfestival for updates and events.

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.

and Media Coordinator, The News-Press Media Group is the Media sponsor and Red Door Photography is the Photography sponsor. Jason's Deli is providing meals for volunteers.

The Grande Dames Tea is an annual event honoring women who exemplify Pace Center for Girls' guiding principles and have made a significant impact on the community through decades of service and helping others. This year's honorees are Linda Brown, Doris Colgate and Mary Fischer. The event's theme for 2019, The Wisdom of Time – Honoring the Female Spirit, represents the unique perspectives and powerful insight that these women have gained throughout their life journeys, and the importance of passing this knowledge along to future generations.

The sold-out Grande Dames Tea event will be held on Tuesday, March 26 at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre.

For more information about Pace Center for Girls, visit www.pacecenter.org/ locations/lee or call 425-2366.**





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Along The River

Fiends of the Mound House hope to provide scholarships for Fort Myers Beach children to attend the Mound House's summer camp with a **strolling art auction** at the **Fort Myers Beach Woman's Club** this Friday, March 22 at 7 p.m.

Artful Intersections is a fundraiser featuring a mix of art and experiences including evenings with notable island residents versed in topics from art to island history to yoga. Art offerings include works by the Florida Highwaymen. A pop-up store will feature artisan items from Mali.

Tickets are \$75 per person. The goal is to raise \$15,000 for scholarships and other educational programs to benefit Mound House, 451 Connecticut Street on Fort Myers Beach.

Fort Myers Beach Woman's Club is at 175 Sterling Avenue on Fort Myers Beach. For more information and tickets, call 765-6472.

Dee Goodson and Kyle Anne Duggan will tell the tales behind their favorite original songs during **Songwriter Stories** at the **Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center** this Friday, March 22 at 8 p.m. Take part in this intimate concert that gives audiences a behind-the-scenes look at songwriting. Cost is \$5.

Songwriter Stories features Southwest Florida musicians who play a set of original music and discusses the craft and inspiration that went into each piece between songs.

Goodson is a Southwest Florida singer-songwriter who recently caught the attention of Miami rapper Trina



Artful Intersections committee member Cherie Smith with a piece to be auctioned in the strolling art auction at the Fort Myers Beach Woman's Club photo provided

and is signed to her new record label called Rockstarr. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/pg/ deegoodsonofficial.

Duggan is a Southwest Florida native and a student of the prestigious Berkeley School of Music in Boston. She released her debut EP Florida in 2017 and has opened for touring acts like Lung, Elisa Sun and Eli Young Band. Duggan was also the first place winner of two singersongwriter competitions in 2018.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. For more information and tickets, visit www.sbdac.



com or call 333-1933

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Scholarships Application Deadline Nears

Arch 31 is the application deadline for a number of scholarships from the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 each. High school seniors, college students and graduate students in or from Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry, and Glades counties pursuing degrees in environmental-related studies can apply.

The scholarships will be awarded at a special ceremony at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel in June 2019.

Interested students can find more

donating proceeds include:

- Bonita Springs: 8951 Bonita Beach Road, Suite 250 (10 a.m. to 9 p.m.) South Fort Myers: 6810 Shoppes at
- Plantation Drive, Suite 4 (10 a.m. to 9 p.m.)
- Fort Myers: 4600 Summerlin Road, Suite C3 (10 a.m. to 9 p.m.) Port Charlotte: 1804 Tamiami Trail,
- Port Charlotte: 1804 Tamiami Tra Suite E-6 (7 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

For more information, visit www. jerseymikes.com.

Community Shred Benefit

ighthouse of SWFL has been selected as the local nonprofit agency to benefit from donations being accepted during a Shred Day event at CPK Wealth Management and Your Advocates Jackman, Stevens, & Ricciardi on Saturday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The community is invited to bring documents to be shredded on site. Beverages, pastries and hotdogs will be provided. Representatives from the Lighthouse of SWFL will join the staff of CPK Wealth Management and Your Advocates to provide information about services offered to people who are living with blindness or visual impairment.

CPK Wealth Management and Your Advocates Jackman, Stevens, & Ricciardi businesses are located at 12381 South Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers.

information and printable application forms at www.dingdarlingsociety.org/ articles/student-scholarships.

It is still possible to honor friends and family members in 2019 with a conservation scholarship in their name. To learn more, contact Miller at 472-1100 ext. 4 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

Named scholarships to date for 2019 include: Richard Bailey Memorial Scholarships; Mike and Terry Baldwin Scholarship; Dr. Andrew and Laura Dahlem Scholarship; Dr. H. Randall Deming Scholarship for Conservation and Environmental Studies, a permanently endowed scholarship; Hans & Leslie Fleischner Scholarship; Mary Elaine Jacobson Memorial Scholarship; Francine & Barry Litofsky Scholarship; Tarpon Bay Explorers Scholarships; and Jane Werner Environmental Scholarship, a permanently endowed scholarship.



Adaptive Tricycles Donated To Five Children In Need

Robbie's Riders, with support from Grampy's Charities and Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, presented four adaptive tricycles, worth nearly \$8,000, to Southwest Florida children through its Freedom Program at the bank's McGregor branch in Fort Myers.

"These custom-made, adaptive tricycles give extraordinary children the opportunity to experience a level of independence and freedom," said Jack Johannemann, director of Robbie's Riders. "To be able to give that to a child is priceless."

Kelsey Edford, a 12-year-old girl born at 25 weeks, had heart surgery, hernia repair and a brain bleed while in the newborn intensive care unit. She has no means of independent mobility and lacks head control.

Jace Freeman, an 8-year-old boy, was a victim of a motor vehicle accident resulting in a traumatic brain injury and impaired use of his upper and lower extremities.

Seventeen-year-old Karolay Chirinos has a brain injury, triplegic cerebral palsy affecting her right arm and both legs, and neuromuscular scoliosis.

Allison Reyes is a 17-year-old girl with Chiari malformation, vocal cord paralysis, developmental delay, impaired mobility, syrinx of her spinal cord and dysphagia. The recent Freedom Program bike donation provided five custom-made adaptive tricycles

Brianna Godinez, an 11-year-old girl, was the victim of a car accident which resulted in her right arm being amputated above the elbow.

When riding these tricycles, the children benefit from general strengthening, new proprioceptive sensory input and improved reciprocal coordination of the legs. They can now participate in activities with their families and peers, and enjoy the normal childhood experience of riding a bike.

The Robbie's Riders program provides special adaptive bicycles and tricycles to children with disabilities, according to their individual capacities and needs. The charity works to donate special needs cycles as quickly as they can raise funds to purchase them. Working with Claire Le Boulenge, a pediatric physical therapist with Golisano Children's Hospital who donates her services to assist, each child is evaluated and fitted for their special adaptive cycle.

Grampy's Charities has supported Robbie's Riders, opening up new avenues to fundraise and deliver adaptive bicycles to children with disabilities. Sanibel Captiva Community Bank partnered with Grampy's Charities for fundraising photo provided

in 2017, making it possible for Robbie's Riders to present adaptive bicycles to Southwest Florida children.

A small, all-volunteer organization, Robbie's Riders has provided 51 custommade, adaptive cycles to Southwest Florida children. The organization is dedicated to bettering the lives of children. Learn more at www.savethekid. org.

To learn more about Grampy's Charities, visit www.grampyscharities. org. For more information about Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, visit www. SanCapBank.com.

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Soprano Comes To Symphony's Rescue

he Southwest Florida Symphony seamlessly performed Verdi's powerful Requiem on March 2 with an 11th hour cast change. The soprano that was originally cast to perform with the symphony fell ill on the afternoon of the performance during the orchestra's dress rehearsal. Enter soprano Robyn Marie Lamp, after a search for an understudy who was prepared to sing the complicated piece and capable of performing with a cast of singers, a chorus and conductor who she had never met

Southwest Florida Symphony Executive Director Amy Ginsburg and General Manager Susan Anderson called on the assistance of performing arts institutions throughout central and south Florida and up the east coast of the United States in search of a singer meeting these criteria who could be dressed, warmed up and ready to perform with approximately four hours' notice. That is when soprano Robyn Marie Lamp returned Amy's urgent phone call.

The fact that the performing arts community throughout Florida selflessly came to our rescue on a Saturday afternoon when they were all likely preparing for their own performances that night was incredibly touching," said Ginsburg. "Not only did they rush to our aid, but they found us a star. The Florida



photo provided

Grand Opera's General Director, Susan Denis, ultimately put me in touch with Robyn. I have never been more grateful."

Robyn Marie

Lamp, who has won multiple awards and performed with Florida Grand Opera, Sarasota Opera and a host of other companies, happened to be performing in Naples that afternoon. Ginsburg went on to say, "Though Robyn never publicly performed the Verdi Requiem, she had been practicing and studying it in preparation for her debut performance of this piece with Music Worcester in Massachusetts later this month. Robyn called me to accept the role at 2 p.m., pulled into the parking lot at 7:10 p.m.,

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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

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jumped out of her car in a flowing evening gown, gave me a big hug and said 'let's rock and roll!' She was onstage, cool as a cucumber and dazzling our audience by 7:30 p.m. Her performance was simply breathtaking. You couldn't make up a better story than that!"從

Holocaust Survivors Tell Their Stories At FSW

Norida SouthWestern State College (FSW) will observe the 23rd annual Dr. Talbot Spivak Holocaust Memorial Week from Monday, March 25 to Friday, March 29, with a series of events that focus on the theme The Holocaust: Unheeded Warnings. Events are free and open to the public.

The mission of the Dr. Talbot Spivak Holocaust Memorial Week at FSW is to educate students and the community about the Holocaust, to honor its victims and survivors, to cultivate tolerance and to promote awareness of modern-day genocide in support of the world's promise of "Never Again."

Throughout the week, local Holocaust survivors will speak about their experiences, the Gulfshore Playhouse will present the play In Flight: The Story of Sabine Van Dam and FSW faculty will present on a variety of topics related to the Holocaust.

Additionally, The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest

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

Sunday 7:45 and 10 a.m., www. lambofgod church.net, 19691 Cypress View Drive, 267-352

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.newhope fortmyers.org, 10051 Plantation Road,

274-1230. PEACE COMMUNITY

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

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Sunday 8 and 10 a.m., www.peaceftmyers. com, peace@peaceftmyers.com. 15840 McGregor Boulevard, 437-2599. REDEEMER LUTHERAN Sunday 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. 3950 Winkler

Ext., 274-0143 **RIVER OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD** 8, 9:45 and 11:30 a.m., 21580 River Ranch

Road, 495-0400. SAMUDRABADRA BUDDHIST CENTER Meditation classes. www.MeditationInFort Myers.org, 567-9739 SAINT COLUMBKILLE CATHOLIC

Monday through Saturday 8 a.m.; Saturday 3 and 5 p.m.; Sunday 7, 9 and 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m., 12171 Iona Road, 489-3973. ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC Monday through Thursday 6:45 a.m.; Friday 6:45 and 11 a.m.; Saturday 4 p.m.; Sunday 6:45, 9:30 and 11 a.m., 2157 Cleveland

Florida will bring the Holocaust Boxcar to FSW. The Holocaust Boxcar will be on display and open for tours through April 1 in the Building N parking lot at the FSW Thomas Edison Campus.

The full event schedule is available at www.fsw.edu/holocaust.

FSW's Dr. Talbot Spivak Holocaust Memorial Week is organized in partnership with the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida, the Kenneth and Mary Ruth Stegman Endowed Chair, and Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties.

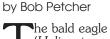
FSW is located at 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers. For more information, call Cindy Campbell, FSW faculty librarian, at 489-9367 or Rona Axelrod, FSW mathematics professor, at 489-9437.举

Yappy Hour In Cape Coral

he Cape Coral Animal Shelter (CCAS) and Fathom's Restaurant will hold their monthly Yappy Hour on Friday, March 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. Fathom's Restaurant and Bar, 5785 Cape Harbour Drive Unit 106 in Cape Coral, 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. There will also be live music.☆

Avenue, 334-2161. SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE METROPOLITAN Sunday 10 a.m., 3049 McGregor Boulevard, 344-0012. SALINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN Saturday 5:30 p.m.; Sunday 8 and 10:45 a.m., 3595 Broadway, 939-1218. SAINT NICHOLAS MONASTERY Sunday 9:30 a.m., www.saintnicholasmonast ery.org, 111 Evergreen Road, 997-2847. **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC** Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.; Saturday 4 p.m.; Sunday 9 and 11 a.m., 13031 Palm Beach Boulevard, 693-0818. SOUTHWEST BAPTIST Sunday 11 a.m.; Wednesday 6 p.m., 16940 McGregor Boulevard, 454-3336. **TEMPLE BETHEL SYNAGOGUE** Friday Shabbat 7:30 p.m.; Torah Saturday 9 a.m.; Religious School Wednesday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m., www.templebethel. com, 16225 Winkler Road, 433-0018. **TEMPLE JUDEA (CONSERVATIVE)** Friday 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m., www. tjswfl.org, 14486 A&W Bulb Road, 433-0201. THE NEW CHURCH Sunday 11 a.m., www.newchurchflorida.com, 10811 Sunset Plaza Circle #401, 481-5535. 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.举

crow Case Of The Week: Bald Eagle



is a bird of prey with a whitefeathered head (no, si it is not actually bald). When

stealing fish from hawks and other birds, bald eagles glide just above the water and snag fish from right beneath the surface.

The United States' national bird relies on its excellent eyesight. In fact, the eagle eye is rated among the strongest of all animals. For instance, an eagle soaring at 1,000 feet up in the air is said to be able to spot a rabbit nearly two miles away, and its eyesight is reportedly estimated to be four to eight times stronger than that of the average human.

One secret to an eagle's longdistance vision appears to lie in its facial contour. The eyes of a bald eagle are angled at 30 degrees away from the midline of its face, which enables it to have a 340-degree field of vision. Interestingly, they can see both forward and sideways at the same time.

At CROW, a nestling bald eagle was found on the ground below its nest in St. James City on Pine Island. At intake, veterinarians noted the eaglet had an obvious left eye injury. The eye was completely opaque and non-visual. The eaglet was also noted to be anemic, very emaciated and to have a high external parasite load. Veterinarians treated the parasites successfully with Sevin dust, a pesticide containing carbaryl.

"When we admitted the eaglet, he/ she had a heavy burden of external parasites," said Dr. Lela Larned, CROW veterinary intern. "When parasite loads are high enough, they can contribute to a lower blood cell count, transfer disease and be a drain on a patient's calories and hydration."

The patient was also given an IV catheter to provide fluids, and iron and B12 injections were administered for the anemia.

"The iron and B12 replenish building blocks that the body uses to create new red blood cells, accelerating the process. As we have repeated blood work, the eaglet has shown regeneration towards normal blood levels," said Dr. Larned. "Additionally, a special diet plan along with supplementation and eliminating the eaglet's parasite burden are also helping it to regenerate blood cells."

After a few days, the eaglet stabilized and was taken to surgery. The injured eye was removed, the socket was packed with a hemostatic sponge and the eyelids were sutured closed.

"As in any surgery, bleeding can occur when there is cutting," said Dr. Larned. "The sponge helps stop



Patient #19-0519 before and after its injured eye was removed

bleeding very quickly, which is far safer for the patient on the operating table."

Since eagles rely heavily on their binocular vision for hunting, the young eagle will be non-releasable.

"An eagle with one eye would have a difficult time surviving in the wild, finding food, hunting successfully, avoiding obstacles and defending territory," said Dr. Larned. "Since we admitted the eaglet, we have been in touch with federal agencies that ultimately decide where he/she will be placed in a permanent home. Non-releasable eagles, particularly was removed photos by Brian Bohlman

young ones, match with a variety of placements where they might help to raise/foster fellow orphaned eagles, be trained as educational ambassadors, and even help other birds via blood donation."

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



12 THE RIVER - MARCH 22, 2019 Spring-Like Variety



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Tet another fabulous week of outstanding weather made for excellent fishing on what continues to be a crazily wide variety of fish. There is

something out there for you no matter what kind of fishing you are into. Not having just one single target species in mind has kept things interesting and the rods bent. My clients have enjoyed what the day has given us as we deal with some really slow-tono tide periods. We had to mix it up to catch any fish. I'm very happy to see the better tide pattern for this week because the tide simply did not move a few trips this week.

Catch-and-release snook fishing continued to be my main staple with the action being very consistent while the tide was moving. With water temperatures warming, these snook are in a transition period as they are moving from the back country to the passes. I'm managing to stay on these fish for a few days at a time, then they move closer to the beaches where they will be in the summer. Oyster bars and islands in the middle sound have been the hot spots. Chumming live shiners in these places will let you know if the snook are there and feeding. This week, we did catch a few snook in and around the passes.

During the slower tides, we were hunting moving water as much as snook.

Spanish mackerel fishing has also been heating up with the best bite coming around the passes and out along the beaches. Sandbar dropoffs in Redfish and Captiva passes had some real giant macs this week with a few almost king mackerel sizes. Light single-strand wire leader was critical to landing these larger mackerel without getting bit off. Tide rips around these shallow bars in the passes has also produced ladyfish, jacks and even a few bluefish.

More and more tarpon are being sighted along with some of the first catches of this year reported. These early season fish have been very random with them popping up all over. This week, I ran into a few rolling fish at Fosters Point on North Captiva and then again a few days later on the clam leases in the middle sound. There are not close to as many fish here as when the migration is in full swing, like it will be in another month or so. But seeing the early season tarpon being active is very cool. It's certainly worth taking some tarpon tackle on your next outing just in case your lucky enough to run into these fish.

The shark bite has also been strong both out on the beaches and in the bay. Soaking cut baits in rocky channel and inside the passes in the deeper natural channels has been a good bet. Blacktips and bull sharks have been the majority of the species and are a blast to catch. With all the ladyfish in the sound right now, it's just a matter of catching a cooler of fresh ladyfish and working your way up the food chain.

Yet another cold front is forecast for



Pete with a 36-inch snook caught on the last cast of the charter while fishing with Capt. Matt photo provided

mid-week as I'm writing this. Things will get messed up again for at least a few days until conditions gradually improve. Though this cold front is not forecast to be very cold, it will bring strong winds and small craft advisories which will keep anglers home for a day or two. As we are approaching April, we should be just about done with any more cold

fronts that temporally stall our quickly improving fishing.

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

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The small cylindrical flowers resemble tassels, paintbrushes, or shaving brushes

Lilac Tasselflower

by Gerri Reaves

Lilac tasselflower (*Emilia sonchifolia*) is one of three tasselflowers found in the U.S. and is native to south Asia and the western Pacific.

All three species are naturalized, and some plant experts contend that lilac tasselflower is native to several states, including Florida.

This wildflower volunteers in many habitats, including lawns, pinelands, roadsides and vacant lots. It lacks ray florets, as do the other tasselflowers, photos by Gerri Reaves

but has up to 30 disk florets. This characteristic makes the flowers resemble buds on the verge of bursting open. The narrow flowers are shaped like compact urns, bells, or brushes, thus two other common names, Flora's paintbrush and cupid's shaving brush.

and cupid's shaving brush. The cylindrical flowers range in color from lilac to pink. They attract bees, butterflies and birds. Flowers appear at the ends of branching stems that sometimes have fine hairs. The central stem can be two to three feet high.

The upper clasping leaves are narrow, alternate, stalkless, or sessile, and sometimes coarsely toothed. The larger lower leaves vary in shape, but



Non-native lilac tasselflower's lower leaves have winged leaf stalks

are generally triangular or rounded and sometimes toothed. The way the winged petioles, or leaf stalks, surround the stem gives the impression that the stem is growing or threading right through the leaves.

Like a dandelion, another member of the aster family, lilac tasselflower produces round fluffy seedheads – puffballs – once the flowers are spent. The seeds attached to the delicate fibers are distributed by the wind.

This species is drought tolerant and prefers full sun and moist well-drained soil.

It readily reseeds, so if you don't want it to spread, deadhead the spent blooms.

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Puffballs distribute seeds on the wind

Some of the plant parts are toxic if ingested. However, the leaves of plants that have not yet flowered are said to be edible either raw or cooked.

Exercise caution: The plant contains the alkaloid pyrrolizidine, and the danger of toxicity is at least partially determined by how many leaves are consumed and for how long.

It has many medicinal uses.

Sources: www.eattheweeds.com, www. hawthornhillwildflowers.blogspot.com, www.pfaf.org, www.uswildflowers.com, and www.wildlifeofhawaii.com.

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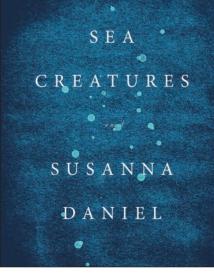
March 2019



Susanna Daniel photos provided Bestselling Author Offers Writer's Workshop/Lunch

New and established writers are invited to take part in Susanna Daniel's Famous Author Writing Workshop titled Great Beginnings at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on Monday, April 8 from 3 to 5 p.m. The Famous Author Lecture & Lunch with Daniel will proceed the workshop from noon to 2 p.m.

Daniel's debut novel *Stiltsville* was awarded the PEN/Bingham prize for best debut work published in 2010. Her second novel *Sea Creatures* was a Target Book Club Selection. She is a graduate of Columbia University and the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop. She was a Teaching-Writing Fellow at the writers' workshop, and a Carl Djerassi Fiction Fellow at the Wisconsin Institute for Creative Writing. For more info about



Daniel, visit www.susannadaniel.com. In Daniel's workshop, students will look at examples of powerful story beginnings and break down why they make an impact. Point of view, tone and imagery, setting and drive will be discussed – and then attendees each set out to craft a stunner of a story opening.

The Famous Author Writing Workshop aims to help emerging authors create their best work. Putting new writers in workshop sessions with bestselling authors helps hone skills and develop material. In the workshop environment, students can benefit from both the instructor's and classmates' comments.

Cost is \$50 for the workshop. Tickets for the lecture and lunch are \$40 per person or \$300 for a table of eight.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. For more information and registration, visit www. sbdac.com/famous-author-workshopsusanna-daniel or www.sbdac.com/ famous-author-lecture-susanna-daniel.*



Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) employees, family and friends work at Manatee Park, as part of FPL's Power to Care initiative on March 9 photo courtesy Will Vragovic of FPL

FPL Beautifies Manatee Park

Forida Power & Light Company (FPL) employees recently cleaned up Manatee Park in Fort Myers as part of the company's Power to Care initiative. The volunteers spent the day completing landscaping projects, weeding and beautifying the park's grounds. This was one of 30 volunteer efforts that are part of Power to Care Week, now in its 11th year, where more than 1,000 FPL employees tackled community projects in 11 counties throughout Florida.

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Will Power Homestead Problems



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

ony owned a home on Sanibel for several years before claiming Florida residency. He was a resident of New Jersey, but he noticed the tax savings were worth the change of residency status. Twelve years ago, when he and his wife Carmela last updated their estate plan, they created New Jersey-based trusts. When Tony died last year, the trusts were not up-to-date with Florida law.

Back when they last completed their planning, the New Jersey attorney told Tony to put the Sanibel home into his trust to use

against his estate tax exemption. At Tony's death, his trust was to be held for Carmela for the remainder of her life, with Carmela as the trustee and the primary beneficiary.

When Tony died, Carmela was surprised to learn that the devise of the Sanibel residence, which was now their primary residence, was invalid under Florida law. Under Florida law, absent a nuptial agreement to the contrary, one must leave their home to his or her spouse. A devise into a trust, even for that spouse's benefit, is invalid.

Once there's an invalid devise, Florida law does not consider what Tony's trust says about who should now own and enjoy the home. Instead, Carmela, as the surviving spouse, may choose between a "life estate" interest or half of the home as a Tenants-in-Common interest. The decedent's children, in this case their son Anthony and daughter Meadow, take the remainder.

In other words, Anthony and Meadow have current vested ownership in the residence. The only fact that changed relative to the Sanibel residence between the time that Tony and Carmela prepared their New Jersey estate plan and the time of their death was that they became Florida residents. Yet, the disposition of the home changed dramatically because Florida law regarding the descent and devise of the home now applied.

Many attorneys up north do not recognize the nuances of Florida law, and they commonly instruct their clients that the estate plan drafted in the northern state is "just fine." This is bad advice. While the will and trust remain valid if properly signed in another state in accordance with that state's laws, the disposition of the assets may be different because of Florida law.

This is especially true when one owns a Florida homestead residence, as evidenced by Tony and Carmela's dilemma.

Ďue to this invalid devise, Anthony and Meadow can prevent Carmela from selling the Sanibel residence. They need to sign off on any contract of sale and must sign a deed to a buyer. Anthony and Meadow are also entitled to a portion of the sales proceeds. If

either Anthony or Meadow go through a divorce or have creditor problems, this may affect the title to the residence.

These problems are difficult enough to navigate when the children of the decedent are also the children of the surviving spouse. When step-relations are involved, however, it can become a completely different and oftentimes more adversarial process.

If you've become a Florida resident, whether you claim homestead status on your primary residence or not, these descent and devise laws apply.

I've been practicing estate planning law for 29 years here in Southwest Florida, and am a board-certified specialist in wills, trusts and estates. Most of the clients that I visit with already have estate plans that were drafted in their former state of residence, and the invalid devise of the homestead is a common issue that I find in many of the plans that come across my desk.

I'll admit my frustration at my colleagues up north who tell their clients that their "wills and trusts are perfectly valid in Florida." Yes, they're valid, but they may have unintended consequences. That's why it's important to update your documents to Florida law when you become a Florida resident. The Florida homestead is just one issue. There are several more, for example, with a Durable Power of Attorney.

Carmela was fortunate that Anthony and Meadow cooperated to quit claim their interests back to her. While those are "taxable gifts" requiring the filing of a Federal Gift Tax Return 709 (and consumed a portion of each of their lifetime exemptions from federal gift and estate tax), neither Anthony or Meadow have an estate that is likely to be taxable, so the problems were resolved.

It's always better to head off those problems in the first place. If you're a homeowner and have become a Florida resident or are considering Florida residency, have an estate planning specialist review your plan for these and other common problems. ©2019 Craig R. Hersch. Learn more at www.sbshlaw.com.

From page 1 Grammy Winner

www.cleveland.com/arts/2019/02/ apollos-fire-wins-2019-grammy-award-fororpheus-album-with-karim-sulayman.html.

At home in Cleveland, Apollo's Fire frequently performs to sold-out audiences at its subscription series, which has drawn national attention for creative programming. The group has released 26 commercial CDs and currently records for the British label AVIE. Since the ensemble's introduction into the European CD market in 2010, the recordings have

won rave reviews in the London press.

Tickets are \$40 per person in advance or \$45 the day of the concert. Purchase tickets to both Apollo's Fire on March 28 and American Virtuosi on March 29, and receive \$20 off the total price. American Virtuosi features violinist Tai Murray, violinist Peter Winograd, violist Jim Griffith, cellist Andres Dia and pianist Wendy Chen.

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





Protecting Sanibel And Captiva Islands



by Di Saggau

Protecting Sanibel and Captiva Islands by Betty Anholt and Charles LeBuff is dedicated to the island's families, past, present and especially future. The conservation

story is a testament to those who have shaped Sanibel and Captiva islands and what is continuing to be done today. The authors review the evolution of the islands' conservation ethics and how it perseveres even today.

The history of conservation efforts on the islands involve a unique, long-established mindset of many conservationists. One name known to all is Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling who said, "Land, water and vegetation are just that dependent on one another. Without these three primary elements in natural balance, we can have neither fish nor game, wildflowers nor trees, labor nor capital, nor sustaining habitat for humans."

Fourteen chapters take the reader on a fascinating journey from the early Spanish influence to island conservation efforts today. Sanibel became a city in 1974, comprised of 11,600 acres of uplands and wetlands. Archeologist Frank Hamilton Cushing explored the islands of Southwest Florida in the 1800s. He stopped at Sanybel, which translates to "South Level Port." Various other spellings were Sinnabel, Sanybal, Sannibal until they evolved to the spelling of Sanibel.

The fight for a lighthouse on Sanibel took nearly 50 years. In 1872, former Florida lieutenant governor WH Gleason,

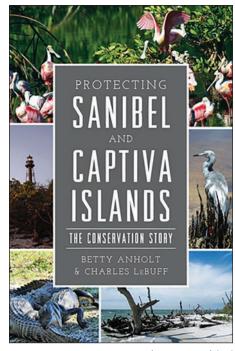


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wrote to the U.S. Congress in support of a lighthouse on Sanibel Island and Congress took note. In 1883, Congress finally appropriated funds, in the amount of \$50,000, and authorized construction of the Sanibel Island Light Station. The story of how it all worked out is a most interesting story.

The book is filled with numerous photos depicting the history and beauty of the islands. In the very early days Sanibel was not considered an ideal place to live. Permanent resident families lived under harsh environmental conditions with no indoor plumbing and electricity. When the first causeway was completed in 1963, allowing easy access from the mainland, residents knew more than ever that protecting the wildlife and natural beauty of the islands was of the utmost importance. These two islands are ecological marvels, and the history of how this came about can be found in Protecting Sanibel and Captiva Islands. The book was a labor of love by the authors, and I'm sure you will enjoy reading it as much as I did.☆

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

> ear Shelley, I've heard

that math games are a good way to help kids review and practice math skills. I'd like to know some math games that are not on the

phone or computer. Do you know of any? Rosemary C, Fort Myers

Rosemary,

Math games are a great way for kids to review math skills, social skills and problem-solving. A math game typically has the following elements: set rules and structure for play; a clear ending point or winning goal and obstacles; like competition from other players or an

individual's score.

These elements are what make games fun. They require kids to choose and use strategies as they play, to problem-solve and to make decisions. When there are two or more players, those decisions also should take into consideration the moves other players make. The best math games focus on specific math skills and have just the right level of challenge.

Beyond just being fun, games have many benefits. They are a great change from pencil-and-paper schoolwork and can reduce academic stress. Kids are typically less self-conscious during a game because they're having fun and usually, they worry less about failing or making mistakes than they do with school-based math practice with reduces stress and math anxiety.

Here are some other benefits of math games: kids can discover practical, real-life ways to apply math skills; kids who have differing levels of skills and problemsolving skills can learn from each other; kids can explore math in formats they know; and kids can test new strategies and ideas without feeling the pressure of being graded.

Math games aren't limited to skills like basic math facts. Games come in all levels and really help kids practice all kinds of math skills. Here are some different categories of math games that involve a variety of math skills:

Matching games ask kids to keep track of where they saw items and patterns. For example, Go Fish and dominoes let kids practice matching numbers and sets.

Mystery games ask kids to keep information in mind to use as a strategy for narrowing down to the correct answer. Consider games like 20 Questions, Clue or Guess Who? for these skills.

Spatial strategy games ask kids to come up with ways to move pieces to block or capture other pieces. This includes games like chess, checkers, Connect Four and Battleship.

Numerical strategy games involve removing, getting rid of or rearranging pieces to win. This includes games like mancala and Uno.

Resource management games, like Monopoly or Carcassonne, ask kids to think about how much money or resources (such as property) they have and how they can use them to get to a goal.

Remember that a good math game focuses on a specific math skill and has just the right level of challenge. Many board and card games, like Uno and Monopoly, can help kids with math, and there are many types of math games, from matching to resource management, that can help your child practice different skills.

This column was adapted from www. childmind.org, Math Games.

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Vintage Base Ball

vintage base ball was played. Included with admission to Edison and Ford Winter Estates.

Two special deals are being offered for visitors. Anyone attending any of Carlson's presentations on Friday or Saturday will receive a free wooden nickel pass to attend the vintage base ball game at Terry Park on Sunday. For visitors that do not get into the game free and purchase a \$5 adult admission ticket at Terry Park on March 24, they will receive a wooden nickel for \$5 off one adult admission to visit Edison and Ford Winter Estates.

Terry Park is located at 3410 Palm Beach Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.edisonford. org. 🛠





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The Color Of 2019



by Marcia Feeney ach year, the color authority

Pantone releases the color of the year to guide the interior design industry in what they believe to be current trends. For 2019, the color is

"Living Coral" and is indicative of the current discussion that interior color palettes may be veering towards warmer colors.

Pantone suggests that Living Coral presents a familiar comforting response reflecting its connection to nature. It can be incorporated as a punch of color, whether as a light accent or as a bolder statement. This formulation of coral can be perceived as playful, inviting, or even soothing when paired with natural woods.

Although there is a common thread

in Living Coral to suggest its relation to pink (which happens to be having a design moment right now), it can lend itself to a neutral palette. This hue could be paired with whites, creams, grays, blues, or greens, to both neutralize and compliment.

Natural wood, white and a feature wall of Living Coral would suggest a new contemporary twist on a coastal theme. If you love color, don't be afraid to go bolder and use Living Coral as the room backdrop to saturated jewel tones or mixed metallics.

You can also add touches of Living Coral by including decorative art, picture frames, scented candles, or accessories in this shade. These accents will add personality and interest to the space while giving you a chance to "try on" the color and see if you might what to incorporate it into your space a grander way. Although it may be Pantone's 2019

color of the year, we believe that it's here on our shores for the long haul.

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

Financial Focus Who To Trust To **Reduce Stress Of** Estate Planning?



by Jennifer Basey Then it's time to do your estate planning - and it's actually never too soon to begin you may find the process, at first, to be somewhat bewildering.

You'll have many questions: What sort of arrangements should I make? Who should get what? And when? How can you address these and other issues?

You'll need to get some help. In drawing up your estate plan, you will need to work with an attorney. And for guidance on the investments that can help fund your estate planning arrangements, such as a living trust, you can draw on the help of a financial advisor. You also may want to connect with a trust company, which can help facilitate your estate plans and coordinate the activities of your legal and financial professionals.

Of course, you might think that only the very wealthy need a trust company. But that's not really the case - people of many income levels have long used these companies. As long as you have a reasonable amount of financial assets, you likely can benefit from the various services provided by a trust organization.

And these services can range from administration of a variety of trusts (such as living trusts and charitable trusts) to asset-management services (bill-paying, check-writing, etc.) to safekeeping services (such as providing secure vaults for jewelry and collectibles).

In short, using a trust company can

make things a lot easier when it's time to plan and execute your estate. A trust company can help you in the following wavs:

Avoiding family squabbles - It's unfortunate, but true. Dividing the assets of an estate can cause ill will and turmoil among family members. But a trust company can act as a neutral third party, thus minimizing any feelings of unfairness.

Providing greater control – When you establish an arrangement such as a living trust, administered by the trust company, you can give yourself great control over how you want your assets distributed. For example, you can specify that a certain child receive portions of your estate spaced out over several years - a move that may appeal to you if you think this child might not be ready to handle large sums all at once.

Saving time and effort – As mentioned above, when you work with a trust company, you can let it do all the "legwork" of coordinating your plans with your financial professional, tax advisor and attorney. And these professionals are used to dealing with trust companies.

Gaining Protection – Trust companies assume fiduciary responsibility for your financial well-being - which means that your best interests will always be considered in each service and transaction performed.

You can choose from among a variety of trust companies, large and small. Before choosing one, you may want to check out the services and fees of a few different firms. In any case, as you move toward that time of your life when estate planning becomes more essential, talk to your attorney, tax advisor and financial professional about whether using the services of a trust company might be right for you.

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Law Seminar To Be Held At Marriott Resort

enderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, PA will hold the 27th annual HR Law & Solutions seminar at the Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa on Friday, March 29. Florida Board Certified Civil Trial Expert Robert Shearman will moderate this annual seminar designed to update and educate business owners, managers, human resource professionals and in-house counsel on legal issues impacting the workplace.

Topics and speakers include:

Love is in the Air: Best Practices for Handling the Consequences of Romance in the Workplace – Attorneys David Roos, Russell Whittle and Scott Atwood will discuss multiple scenarios in which a workplace romance could potentially lead to legal claims, as well as the employer's obligation to keep the workplace safe.

Some Baggage Included: An Employer's Guide to Hiring – Recruiting and maintaining a strong workforce is crucial to an organization's success. Attendees will learn day-to-day hiring practices to safeguard an organization from potential risk, strategies to mitigate the volume and severity of claims, as well as learning potential pitfalls for failing to apply best practices.

Employment Law and Legislation Update – Attorneys Richard Akin and Kyle

East Lee High Grant To Begin Theater Program

ast Lee County High School is going to establish a permanent theater program thanks to a Classroom Resources Grant from the Andrew Lloyd Webber Initiative. The \$9,669 grant will allow the school to purchase the tools needed for a set shop, buy costumes for future productions and manage their own

props. "This is a big deal," said East Lee County Theater Teacher Dennis Hall. "We are the only school in this part of the country to get a grant, and I'm really proud of that. I want to make it so kids who really like theater want to go to East Lee County High School.

The fledging theater program at East currently relies on the generosity of other theater departments for sets, costumes and props. They are in the process of planning their spring play Love/Sick right now. The musical You're a good man, Charlie Brown in the fall of 2019 will be the first performance where every aspect is handled in house because of the Classroom Resources Grant.

"I have seen this art form change lives," Hall said. "I'm on a mission now. This is the biggest honor I've gotten as a teacher.'

East Lee County High School is located in an area of Lehigh Acres that has one of the highest concentrations of persons living below the 200 percent poverty threshold. The school itself has an 86 percent poverty rate.

Dudek will provide an interactive update on notable court decisions, including cases addressing contentious employment policies and contract provisions. discrimination against protected classes of workers, as well as other noteworthy employee claims.

Run. Hide. Fight: Surviving an Active Shooter – Lee County Sheriff Staff Officer Scott Griffith will provide active shooter training. He will also explain what happens mentally and physically in these types of situations and how to use them to your advantage

HR Leadership Lessons from Hollywood – Guest Speaker Andy Masters creatively uses the magical imagery of Hollywood to help HR leaders develop and empower their organizations in this challenging era of having to "Do More With Less.

Continuing education credit is available from the HR Certification Institute (HRCI) and from the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM). Registration is \$50 per person and includes a continental breakfast, plated lunch and valet parking.

The conference is presented with the support of Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Lykes Insurance, Advance Medical of Naples and Health Evolution, Commute with Enterprise, Charlotte County SHRM, SHRM SWFL and HR Collier.

Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa is located at 17260 Harbour Pointe Drive in Fort Myers. For more information or to register, visit www.henlaw.com/ news-events/eventspage/hr-law-solutionsseminar.芬

"By creating a sustainable theatre program with funding," stated in the East Lee County High School application, "residents of this area will be able to see in their students all the gifts that this particular art form can give and what it can do for the school overall

The American Theatre Wing presents the Tony Awards to Broadway's best every year and uses theatre to advance human experience, empathy and cultural growth. The Andrew Lloyd Webber Initiative provides students at all levels with enhanced theatre education to initiate meaningful relationships with theatre in childhood and open doors for pursuing theatre as children become young adults. Classroom Resources Grants provide funding directly to under-resourced public schools to purchase instruments, dance floors, lighting grids and other necessary materials to help create and enhance existing theatre programs.☆

Dean's List

even Southwest Florida natives were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester at Tallahassee Community College. They are Abigail Ferry of Cape Coral, Brigette Linden of Cape Coral, Cristian Marzullo of Cape Coral, Connor Mackay of Fort Myers, Emma Peterman of Fort Myers, Eliphetejo Supervil of Fort Myers and Megan Gustason of Fort Myers.

Fort Myers native Mikayla Ries, a junior at, was recently named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Georgia. She is a junior majoring is psychology.☆

Fort Myers DAR Chapter Honoree

he Caloosahatchee Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently presented a Certificate of Award for Women in American History in honor of Melvin Morgan, Lee County's first and only African-American – male or female - to serve as a Lee County Commissioner as well as a trailblazer and role model for young people. Franklin Mann, current Lee County Commissioner, introduced the resolution and presented her with the framed certificate.

Born and raised in Dunbar, Morgan was a standout athlete in basketball (scoring 63 points in one game) at Dunbar High School, where she graduated as salutatorian in 1954. She graduated with honors from Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina in 1958, and received a master of education in 1969 from Florida A&M University, with honors. After graduating from Allen University, where she was senior class president, Morgan began teaching physical education at Finley High School in Chester, South Carolina, returning to Lee County in 1961 continuing her teaching career with the Lee County School District and serving as a mediator during the de-segregation years.

In September 1983, Florida Governor Bob Graham appointed Morgan to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners as the first (and since then only) African American to serve as



From left, Lee County Commissioner Franklin Mann, Melvin Morgan and Mary Lee Mann photo provided

Lee County Commissioner.

Morgan was inducted into the Lee County School District Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012, and named by The News-Press as One of 125 Most Influential Citizens in the History of SW Florida. In 2013, the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County renamed the Lee County Constitutional Complex the Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex.

Morgan later re-focused on education, helping create alternative and neighborhood schools to better

serve all students. She helped lead community efforts for improved housing, local history, and historic preservation, including board membership on the Edison-Ford Winter Estates and serving on the Southwest Florida Community Foundation as trustee. Her work has been honored by the PACE Center for Girls and was a leader in the establishment of the Dunbar Heritage Scholarship.

Morgan has gained respect for her leadership in groups that challenge youth, provide improved family housing and exhibit local history. To the thousands of

youth she mentored, her message was consistent: "Getting an education should be your top priority. Stay in school."

Adds Mary Lee Mann, current regent, Mrs. Morgan has dedicated her life to helping others better theirs. We are proud to add to her many honors."举

University Hires Director Of Admissions

hristopher MacNeil has joined Hodges University as the director of admissions for the Fort Myers campus.

In this position, MacNeil will oversee the admissions team based on the university's Fort Myers campus. He



Christopher MacNeil will also continually

develop and train the admissions representatives, in addition to establishing

enrollment goals. MacNeil brings nearly 10 years of expertise in admissions. Prior to joining Hodges University, he was the school enrollment administrator for Gateway Charter Schools. He has also worked as an admissions director for the Culinary Institute of Virginia, Fortis College Richmond and The Art Institute of Washington.☆



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Doc Ford's Sponsors Tarpon Tournament

100-percent purse and the new allure of winning a coveted tarpon Ljacket promises to make the 7th annual "Ding" Darling & Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament on Friday, May 3 the hottest competition on the water.

Doc Ford's has again committed to being the title sponsor for the 2019 tournament, along with the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS). Proceeds will benefit wildlife and conservation education at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel.

The tournament pays out 100 percent of the entry fees, which could amount to \$25,000 or more, as tournament awards go to the top five teams. This year, 55 spots in the tournament were filled shortly after opening registration online late last year. Interested parties can contact DDWS Executive Director Birgie Miller at 472-1100 ext. 4 or director@ dingdarlingsociety.org. to add their names to a waiting list. In 2017, Marty Harrity, co-owner of

Doc Ford's, added a new incentive for taking first place in the tournament. He introduced the exclusive "tarpon jacket," a pink sports jacket swimming with tarpon.

"It's kind of like the green Masters tournament jacket in golf," said Harrity. "The winning captain gets the honor of wearing the pink tarpon jacket.

"Doc Ford's has been a faithful supporter of our efforts at 'Ding' Darling, helping greatly to bolster refuge programs and research to balance federal budget

photo provided shortfalls," said Miller. "Last year we raised \$120,000 for the refuge as a result of sponsorships, donations and auction proceeds. In its seven years of existence, the tourney has raised nearly \$450,000. We're so grateful to Doc Ford's for this

huge effort in our behalf.' For more information on the tournament, visit www. dingdarlingtarpontourney.org. Anyone interested in becoming a tournament sponsor should contact Dot Vorhees at 472-1100 ext. 239 or director@ dingdarlingsociety.org.

Tournament sponsors for 2019 include: Title Sponsor – Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille; Starting Position – Nimrod; Champion Sponsor – Raiser's Edge; Premier Sponsors – Mark and Gretchen Banks, Diversified Yacht Services Inc.; Presenting Sponsors - Captiva Diva, Custom Tees Now, Joseph M. Kelley Plumbing & Heating, Stockyards Brick & Timber; Platinum Sponsors – JJ Taylor Distributing Florida Inc., Law Office of Christopher G. Hill PC, Mabry Brothers Inc., "Let's Take It Outside," Organized Chaos, Suncoast Beverage Sales; Gold Sponsors – Congress Jewelers, Fort Myers Marine, Gulf Star Marina, The Historic Bait Box, Jensen's Twin Palm Cottages & Marina, Law Office of Janet M. Strickland PA, Lee County Sports Development, Nautical Mile magazine, On Island, RS Walsh Landscaping, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Whitney's Bait & Tackle; Silver Sponsors – Anisa Stewart Jewelry, Bailey's General Store, Florida Weekly, Bonita Bill's Waterfront Café, Fort Myers Brewing Company, Freedom Boat Club, Island Inn, Island Sand Paper, Island Sun, The River Weekly News, Semmer Electric, Tarpon Bay Explorers and Trophy Case of Fort Myers.

Student Gains Hockey Honor

•ort Myers bative Matthew Cuce was one of four student-athletes at Elmira

College recently recognized by the United Collegiate Hockey Conference (UCHC).

Cuce was selected to the All-UCHC Second Team for a second consecutive season, after finishing third on his team in points (33) and goals (13) and second in assists (20).

Tournament To **Benefit** Autism

amily Initiative, Inc., a Southwest Florida nonprofit dedicated to supporting children who have autism and strengthening their families, will hold a fishing tournament event and silent auction at Nervous Nellie's on April 27. The tournament takes place from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the silent auction is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be music and raffles from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The family-friendly event, in support of Autism Acceptance Month, will be a fundraiser and an opportunity for families of children with autism to connect with one another.

The fishing tournament winner will be paid \$1,500; second place will receive \$1,000; and third place will receive \$500.

Last year's event raised more than \$8,000 to support Southwest Florida

families and help children on the autism spectrum.

Nervous Nellie's is located at 1131 First Street on Fort Myers Beach. To register for the event, email info@fi-florida.org.*

Inaugural Walk For Inclusion

est Buddies of Southwest Florida will host its first Friendship Walk in support of the local community with intellectual and development disabilities living in isolation at Miromar Outlets on Saturday, April 6. The walk is dedicated to ending the social, physical and economic isolation of the 200 million people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

Best Buddies has transformed from having two school chapters to now over 20 school chapters. It is bringing elementary- to college-aged students together through the "buddy" system.

Participants that raise a minimum of \$50 will get a Best Buddies T-shirt. This celebration will include the walk, music from a live DJ, face painting, food and many more fun activities for people of all ages.

To register for the walk, join a team or get your friends, coworkers or family together and create a team and register at www.bestbuddiesfriendshipwalk.org/ southwestflorida.

Sponsor levels begin at \$500. Call 275-2510 for more information. To learn more about Best Buddies, visit www.bestbuddies.org.☆

SPORTS QUIZ

- 1. When was the last time before 2015-17 that the Chicago Cubs reached the postseason for three consecutive years?
- 2. În 2017, Arizona's J.D. Martinez tied Ralph Kiner's 1949 record for most home runs in September. How many home runs was it?
- 3. Name the last NFL team before the Cincinnati Bengals in 2017 to open a season with two home games and not score a touchdown in either game.
- 4. Who was the last Purdue men's basketball player before Carsen Edwards in 2018 to score at least 40 points in a game?
- 5. Name the last coach before Barry Trotz of the Washington Capitals in 2018 to leave a team due to a contract dispute after winning the Stanley Cup.
- 6. In 2019, Fernando Alonso became just the third Formula One champion to win the 24 Hours of Daytona sports car race. Name either of the first two to do it.
- 7. How many times has Serena Williams been named The Associated Press' Female Athlete of the Year?

ANSWERS

1. It was 1906-08. 2. Sixteen. 3. The 1939 Philadelphia Eagles. 4. Glenn Robinson, in 1994. 5. Mike Keenan of the New York Rangers in 1994. 6. Phil Hill in 1964 and Mario Andretti in 1972. 7. Five times (2002, '09, '13, '15 and '18).





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Local Man Graduates From Navy



Volunteers package food into bags for the COACH outreach program

Silent Auction Set For Child Hunger Program

Members of the Fort Myers Police Department will hold their second family friendly fundraiser and silent auction for COACH (Community Outreach Against Child Hunger) at Millennium Brewing Company on Saturday, April 6 from 4 to 7 p.m.

The community outreach program supplies children and families of Franklin Park Elementary a week of daily dinners **h program** photo provided

each month of the school year. The threehour event will feature a 50/50 drawing, raffle prizes food trucks, kid's area and a variety of silent auctions items.

All proceeds raised will be used to purchase fresh and non-perishable food items that are distributed to families in need. The COACH program is coordinated by Sergeant Jackie Garrett who accepts donations of food, auction items and money.

Millennium Brewing Company is located at 1811 Royal Palm Avenue in Fort Myers. For more information on the event or to donate to COACH, email jgarrett@fmpolice.com.**



Aviation Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class David Lumene and Capt. John J. Cummings photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Brett Walker

apt. John J. Cummings, USS Gerald R. Ford's (CVN 78) commanding officer, presents the Navy Security Forces Sentry certificate of graduation to Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 3rd Class David Lumene.

Dean's Award

Two Southwest Florida natives recently earned the fall 2018 Dean's Award for Academic Excellence at Colgate University in Hamilton, New York. Dunbar High School graduate Regine The Fort Myers native was assigned to Ford's air department during an in-port security force (ISF) class graduation. Ford is currently undergoing its post-shakedown availability at Huntington Ingalls Industries-Newport News Shipbuilding.**

Cooper of Cape Coral is a member of the Colgate Class of 2019 and is currently a political science major.

Canterbury School graduate Chloe Mansell of Fort Myers is a member of the Colgate Class of 2019 and is currently a geography major.

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Funds Raised At Wine And Food Fest



From left, Co-Chairs Brooke Denson, Christin Collins and Debbie Toler photos courtesy Vanessa Rogers Photography

Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest with live auction proceeds totaling more than \$1.9 million in



Karen Locke and Rachel Kaduk



Dave and Pat Gibbons

support of the nonprofit's efforts to build healthy minds and lives for the children of Southwest Florida. More than 225 bidders came together for the grand tasting and live auction of the 11th annual event at the Hyatt



Tina Gula and Donna Hanna

Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa in Bonita Springs. The majority of the proceeds will be directed to local children's mental and behavioral health initiatives. In addition, 2019 funds raised will also be granted to



Kelly and Jason Stephens

Golisano Children's Hospital, Florida SouthWestern State College and Florida Gulf Coast University and nine additional beneficiaries providing vital children's health care services and education throughout the region.



From left, Wayne and Maria Wiles, Andie and Don Vogt with Dan Creighton



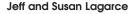


Rich and Sandy Heinrich





From left, Fred Hawkins, Patrick Denson and Mark Anderson





From left, Patricia Winter, Felicia Hayward, Sonia Santiago, Sandie End, Maryann Nails and Sol Trebing

Cancer Center Fashion Show Fundraiser

he 12th annual Colors of the Sea Fashion Show at the Crowne Plaza Fort Myers raised more than \$90,000 to benefit the Regional Cancer Center and assist Southwest Florida patients in their fight against cancer.

The midday affair featured an awards luncheon, benefit auction and fashion show. Attendees had opportunities to bid photos by Michael Caronchi

on dozens of silent auction baskets that included gift certificates, cruises, food and wine, electronics, rounds of golf, hotel stays, spa treatments, fashion accessories, jewelry, chocolate and more.

The lively fashion show featured a viewing of contemporary and stylish apparel modeled by local residents and provided by retailers at Sanibel Outlets, Razzle Dazzle and House of Wu. Lee Health Foundation and Regional Cancer Center recognized five individuals who have made significant contributions to cancer care in Southwest Florida and offered unwavering support to individuals undergoing cancer treatments.

Honorees include:

Kim Barber, Guardian Award: honors a family member supporting a cancer patient through treatment.

Ian Cameron, Angel Award: honors a non-family member supporting a cancer patient through treatment.

Marie Springsteen, Phoenix Award: honors a community member who, through education or development of new resources, has contributed to reshaping cancer care in our community.

Hayden Henke and Sami Henderson, Pediatric Angel Awards: honors nonfamily members who have supported a pediatric cancer patient.

Proceeds from the show will support the new integrative medicine program at Lee Health at the Regional Cancer Center.

For more information about future fundraising events, visit www. leehealthfoundation.org or call 343-6950.袋

New Resident Physicians At Leé Health

sight new family medicine residents • will begin their training at Lee Health ⊿through The Florida State University College of Medicine Family Medicine Residency Program.

The first-year residents were announced at the annual Match Day celebration on Friday, March 15. The new residents include:

Gabriela Aviles, MD - Miami, Tulane University School of Medicine

Brandon Bentley, MD - Orlando, Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University of Buffalo

Silvia Caswell, DO – Bunnlevel, North Carolina — Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine

Christopher Galletti, MD – Tallahassee. Florida State University College of Medicine

Moises Perez, DO - Miami, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

Jordan Reid, MD – Bonita Springs, American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine

Tiffany Smith-Sutton, MD - West Palm Beach, Florida State University College of Medicine

DeLayna Sterling, MD – Punta Gorda, St. George's University School of Medicine

The residency program, based at Lee Memorial Hospital with The Florida State University College of Medicine as its institutional sponsor, accepts eight new doctors each year for a three-year residency. Medical school graduates are required to complete residency training in their specialty of choice to become independently practicing physicians.

Lee Health launched the residency program in 2012 to address the shortage of primary care physicians in Southwest Florida.

About 60 percent of family medicine residents practice medicine in the same area where they undergo training. Of the 18 Lee Health program graduates, 12 (67 percent) have chosen to remain in the region to practice.☆



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24 | THE RIVER - MARCH 22, 2019 Beautifulife: Roots To Fruits

by Kay Casperson



by Kay Casperson What are your roots? What kind of fruit do you bear? I ask this because I believe firmly in the fact that the foundation that was created for you as a

young person can determine your outcome in life in so many ways. This is indeed where your roots begin. I also, however, believe that if your foundation was not as stable as it should or could have been for whatever reason, you could change the outcome, but it takes time, effort and commitment to do so.

Everything starts with a foundation

including an idea, a business, a building and most importantly a life. The foundation then grows to become all that it was meant to be, but the outcome varies dramatically based on how stable that foundation was in the very beginning. This is why I believe it is so important to think through everything and to be prepared before introducing an idea, launching a business, constructing a building and especially raising a family.

It is indeed a simple formula to follow, and it goes like this:

Your roots become your values – what is important to you.

Your values determine your priorities – what you put first and foremost in life.

Your priorities influence your decisions – good or bad.

Your decisions determine your outcome – who you are and where you land.

This is great stuff to know for people just starting out building a family, a business or something new, but what if

experience health and longevity. Could the olive oil be the main reason that residents of Ikaria (Greece) commonly live to be over 90- or 100-years old?

The most recent news about olive oil is fantastic. Olive oil contains natural phenolic compounds, which are strong antioxidants and anti-inflammatory agents. They also have anti-thrombotic activity, which means it helps reduce the formation of blood clots, which as you know, block the flow of blood to your brain (and/or the heart). Avoiding clots is the way to avoid stroke.

Oleocanthal, a phenolic component of extra virgin olive oil, acts a little bit like the famous drug ibuprofen. Extra virgin olive oil is like a natural NSAID.

New research from March 2019 confirms that eating olive oil just once a week will help lower platelet activation (meaning reduce risk of clots). In turn, this lowers risk of heart attack and stroke. People in this study were all obese. Could olive oil confer even higher benefits in those who have healthier eating habits, a faster metabolic rate and/or lower BMI? More than likely, yes.

The take-home point is that olive oil appears to have strong health benefits in people who are high risk for stroke. Don't worry about the fat because it's a healthy fat. One tablespoon of olive oil contains the following nutritional information, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. It contains zero sugar, zero cholesterol, 10 grams of monounsaturated fat and about 120 calories.

I believe this oil is among the most healthiest natural oils you can consume. I'm not in favor of vegetable oil, rapeseed oil, canola oil or MCT. I do like olive oil, grape seed, avocado, tea seed and pumpkin seed oil.

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit www. SuzyCohen.com.[‡] you never had that great foundation as a child and want to change the outcome of who you have become? Good question. Here is my answer:

First of all, know that it is never too late to change who you are, what you believe and what your outcome is today. There is always room to improve, grow and learn a new way of thinking and doing, regardless of what you were taught by example or maybe even not taught at all. You need to start by taking a look at your life, your attitude, your desires, your thoughts and your feelings.

Ask yourself the following questions: Are you happy, fulfilled and exuding positivity? Are people drawn to you or are you lacking the confidence, good energy and aura that attracts the right people into your life? Are you prospering in all areas, and ultimately heading in the direction that you desire for having your most beautiful life?

The first step to changing an outcome is to recognize the very thing

Doctor and Dietician Un-Retirement



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

Retirement is an enviable prospect to many people, and a day most of us look forward to. Many stressed out people in the middle of their career dream of trading the hours spent sitting behind a desk, commuting, meeting deadlines and completing mountains of paperwork for time to travel and visit with friends and family, or just relax and do nothing.

But once you get over the emotional and physical exhaustion from years of work, the reality of retirement might not be all it's cracked up to be. Many folks find that when they retire, the reality isn't as appealing and begin going stir-crazy looking for ways to fill the time. It can cause some to respond by "un-retiring" because they're not quite ready to call it guits. Some may un-retire for a financial boost as well. The extra income can build confidence and savings in extended retirement years. Others have the desire for a purpose-filled life that involves contributing in one way or another within their community. Thus, working part-time is a good consideration to beat boredom and resolve the isolation that can result from leaving the workforce, especially if the work brought significant meaning and purpose to his or her life. What retired people typically miss about work include the challenges, accomplishments, and professional camaraderie. A recent study showed that 39 percent of employed Americans who are age 65 and older had that needs to change and then to accept it, affirm to yourself that you will replace it for the better, claim that change and watch the transformation in your life happen every single day. Remember, your roots become your fruits, but you have all the power within you to make sure they are the best fruits, which are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. My affirmation for you this week is:

"I will take a good look at my life to ensure that my roots are producing beautiful fruits as my gift to the world

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

previously retired. And half of those who are 50 and older who are not currently working said they would work if the right opportunity came along.

If the retirement "vacation" has lost its allure, you might want to consider volunteering or even part-time work. Feeling connected and having a heightened sense of purpose through work just might be the ingredient needed to reignite your personal vitality.

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.☆

Scholarships Available

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center is accepting scholarship applications from local Lee County high school seniors for its 2019 Scholarship Award Program. The Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center offers scholarships to college-bound students who have had personal experiences with someone suffering from Alzheimer's disease or related disorders.

Seniors from local high schools are invited to submit applications for \$1,000 scholarships. Each applicant is asked to write a narrative about his/her positive experience with a family member or friend who is affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia. A panel of advisory council members of the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center will review the applications focusing on the narrative as well as the student's volunteer experience and future goals.

Completed applications, including letters of recommendation, must be postmarked by March 31. Recipients will be announced in May. The center has awarded over \$30,000 in scholarships. To obtain an application, go to www. alzheimersswfl.org.

Olive Oil Reduces Cancer And Risk Of Stroke



deaRPharmacist

Part Readers: Olives are something I'm fanatic about. I'll eat any kind, any flavor, any time of

day or night. I'm obsessed with them. Olive oil is the liquid fat which comes from the

olive tree. It is extremely high in oleic acid, which is known to reduce blood pressure. It also contains a good amount of natural vitamin E, carotenoids and oleuropein. That compound has strong anticancer and anti-inflammatory effects.

Olives are fruits, and both the fruit and the oil have medicinal benefits. The main active ingredient in olive oil is oleic acid, some phenols and squalene.

Extra virgin olive oil or EVOO is sometimes referred to as cold-pressed. This type of oil is higher quality, better flavor and lower acidity than plain olive oil. When you see "extra virgin" on the label, that means something good. It means that the oil was mechanically pressed out of the olives, as opposed to using a bunch of chemicals to extract it. When the oil is squeezed and pressed from the olives mechanically, the vitamins, amino acids and fatty acids are not destroyed.

Olive oil consumption may help reduce incidence of cancer, including colorectal, uterine, breast, prostate, endometrium, ovarian, bladder, lung and pancreatic cancer. Have you heard of the Blue Zone project? These are areas of the planet where people

PETS OF THE WEEK photos provided

Lee County Domestic Animal Services Mattie And Sam I Am



Mattie ID# A771229

ello, my name is Mattie. I am a 4-yearold female pit bull mix who is equal parts energy and snuggles. I will run and play and then settle right down for some love. I have a heart of gold and am just waiting for the right person to come along and recognize it, because I will love you just the way you are. If you are the

one for Mattie, stop by today... I am waiting. My adoption fee is \$50, but pick a four-leaf clover and the adoption fee is just \$25

Sometimes the questions are complicated, and the answers are simple. Hello, I'm Sam-I-Am. I am as sweet as I appear. This itty, bitty kitty is a 1-year-old female domestic shorthair who is just 5 pounds of love and fun. Throw in the bonus of adopting me and get a feline friend at no additional charge. You cannot go wrong. My aoption fee is \$50, but pick a four-leaf

clover and the adoption fee is just \$25.



Sam I Am ID# A770950

Lee County Domestic Animal Services invites you to find a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow in the adoption center. From March 1 through March 31, all adoptions will be reduced to \$50 with an approved application. Adopters will also get the chance to pick a lucky shamrock to reduce the adoption fee to just \$25.

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.leegov.com/animalservices or call 533-7387.举

Haven on Earth Animal League Chester And Hannah



Chester

i, I'm Chester! I'm a beautiful ginger boy with my own built-in eyeliner. I was dropped on a doorstep and now I am looking for someone to love me forever. I am currently staying with a foster mom. I have been fully vetted, neutered and brought up to date on all vaccines. My adoption fee is \$100.

Hello, I'm Hanah. Aren't I just beautiful? I'm only 1-year old and a very sweet girl with a big,



Hanah

fluffy tail. I'm currently staying at Petco in Gulf Coast Town Center, so stop by to see me. I hope to get out of this cage soon. My adoption fee is \$100, which includes up-to-date vaccines. I am also spayed.

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



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SUDOKU

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

answer on page 29



Fruit Sangria

1 bottle of fruit wine 1 to 2 cups orange juice 1 to 2 cups of berries, such as strawberries and blueberries 1 to 2 cups of cubed fruit, such as watermelon, passion fruit, papaya and mango 1 to 2 cups of sliced

fruit, such as star fruit and muscadine grapes

1 to 2 cups ginger ale Pour the wine and orange juice into a large pitcher. Add all of the cut fruit, except the berries. Place in the refrigerator to chill. Before serving add the berries and ginger ale. Serve in a tall glass over ice.☆



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My Stars *******

Aries (March 21 to April 19) You'll want to discourage well-meaning but potentially ill-advised interference in what you intend to accomplish. Your work has a better chance to succeed if it reflects you.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's welldeserved reputation for loyalty could be tested if you learn that it might be misplaced. But don't rely on rumors. Check the stories out before you decided to act.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) You've been going on adrenaline for a long time, and this unexpected lull in a recent spate of excitement could be just what you need to restore your energy levels. Enjoy it.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) Friends can be counted on to help you deal with a perplexing personal situation. But remember to keep your circle of advisers limited only to those you're sure you can trust.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) Security-loving Lions do not appreciate uncertainty in any form. But sometimes changing situations can reveal hidden stresses in time to repair a relationship before it's too late.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time for single Virgos to make a love connection. Be careful not to be too judgmental about your new "prospect" – at least until you know more about her or him.

Libra (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of justice helps you resolve a problem that might have been unfairly attributed to the wrong person. Spend the weekend doing some long-neglected chores.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) You might feel justified in your anger toward someone you suspect betrayed your trust. But it could help if you take the time to check if your suspicions have substance.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) Ignore distractions if you hope to accomplish your goal by the deadline you agreed to. Keep the finish line in sight, and you should be able to cross it with time to spare.

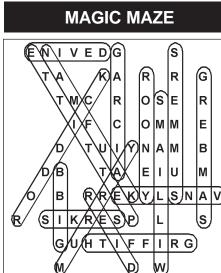
Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) Your creative self continues to dominate through much of the week. Also, despite a few problems that have cropped up, that recent romantic connection seems to be thriving.

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Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) As curious as you might be, it's best to avoid trying to learn a colleague's secret. That sort of knowledge could drag you into a difficult workplace situation at some point down the line.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20) Instead of spending too much time floundering around wondering if you can meet your deadline, you need to spend more time actually working toward reaching it.

Born This Week: You have a natural gift for attracting new friends, who are drawn to your unabashed love of what life should be all about.

MOMENTS IN TIME

• On March 30, 1855, in territorial Kansas' first election, some 5,000 "Border Ruffians" invade the territory from western Missouri and force the election of a proslavery legislature. Although the votes cast exceeded the number of eligible voters, Kansas Gov. Andrew Reeder reluctantly approved the election to prevent further bloodshed.

• On March 28, 1915, the first American is killed eight months into the conflict that would become known as World War I. Leon Thrasher, a 31-year-old mining engineer and native of Massachusetts, drowned when a German submarine torpedoed the cargo-passenger ship Falaba off the coast of England.

• On March 31, 1931, Knute Rockne, the legendary Notre Dame football coach, is killed in a plane crash near Bazaar, Kansas, at age 43. His players included All-American George "Gipper" Gip, the inspiration for Rockne's now-famous motivational line "Win one for the Gipper."

• On March 25, 1958, boxer Sugar Ray Robinson defeats Carmen Basilio to regain the middleweight championship, the fifth and final title of his career. Robinson is considered by many to be the greatest prizefighter in history.

• On March 26, 1969, a group called Women Strike for Peace demonstrates in Washington, D.C., in the first large antiwar protest since President Richard Nixon's inauguration in January. Criticism of Nixon's handling of the Vietnam War mounted steadily during his term in office.

• On March 29, 1971, Lt. William Calley is found guilty of premeditated murder at My Lai by a U.S. Army courtmartial. Calley, a platoon leader, had led his men in a massacre of 200 Vietnamese civilians, including women and children, in Quang Ngai Province in March 1968.

• On March 27, 1990, the U.S. government begins broadcasting TV programs into communist Cuba. TV Marti was conceived in the 1940s to beam news and propaganda throughout the world, particularly to communist nations.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

• It was 20th-century American author and futurist Robert Anton Wilson who made the following sage observation: "Only the madman is absolutely sure."

• Lightning isn't solely a phenomenon of Earth: Astronomers have noted lightning bolts on Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Venus. • Historians say that Russia's Peter the Great was nearly 7 feet tall.

• Athletes playing baseball on steroids have been in the news in recent years, but drugs are nothing new in America's national sport. During the late 1960s and '70s. Dock Ellis was a valued pitcher who played for several teams, including the Pittsburgh Pirates. On June 12, 1970. Ellis took LSD, thinking it was an off day for his team. By the time he realized that the Pirates were scheduled to play the San Diego Padres that evening, it was too late. The drug proved to have no ill effect on Ellis; in fact, he pitched a no-hitter. When he recounted the event to a reporter 12 years later, he said he remembered only bits and pieces of the game, though he felt euphoric. Many years later, after being treated for addiction, Ellis became a coordinator for an anti-drug program in California.

• A woman in Tennessee was once arrested for biking while intoxicated – and she was on a stationary bike at the gym at the time.

• A newspaper reporter once asked Gen. Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French Forces during World War II and later president of the French Fifth Republic, if he was happy. De Gaulle replied, "What do you take me for, an idiot?"

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Before you become a writer, you must first become a reader. Every hour spent reading is an hour spent learning how to write." – Robert Macfarlane

TRIVIA TEST

- 1. **General Knowledge**: What is the international word (NATO phonetic alphabet) for the letter "O"?
- 2. **Geography**: Which U.S. city lies further west: Los Angeles, California, or Reno, Nevada?
- 3. **Music**: Which Latin rock band had a hit with the 1999 album Supernatural?
- 4. **Literature**: Which 19th-century author wrote a book of short stories called *Twice-Told Tales*?
- 5. **Language**: What does the phrase "fifth column" refer to?
- 6. **Anatomy**: What part of the human body is referenced by the adjective "hepatic"?
- 7. **U.S. Presidents**: What was the name of President Bill Clinton's family cat?
- 8. Nicknames: Which West Coast city's nickname is "Emerald City"?
- 9. **Organizations**: How many countries are members of Interpol, an international police organization?
- 10. **Movies**: Who played the character *Iceman* in the 1986 movie *Top Gun*?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

I. Oscar 2. Reno 3. Santana 4. Nathaniel Hawthorne 5. A group of spics or traitors within your own defensive line 6. The liver 7. Socks 8. Seattle 9. 194 10. Val Kilmer.

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Pioneer Club Picnic April 27

The Pioneer Club of Lee County will celebrate the 70th anniversary of its founding at the Lee Civic Center -Tinsley Pavilion on Saturday, April 27. Registration and visiting begin at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon, followed by presentations and a raffle at 1 p.m.

The Pioneer Club of Lee County was founded in 1949 by RA Henderson, Jr. It was formed to honor those living persons who had been residents of old Lee County for 50 or more years. The initial meeting was held in 1950 at the Lions Park on Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers.

The classes of 1969 from Alva High School, Bishop Verot High School, Cypress Lake High School, Dunbar High School, Fort Myers High School and North Fort Myers High School will be recognized at the picnic as celebrating their 50th class reunions. Also recognized at the picnic will be the eldest pioneer man and woman born in Lee County, the couple married the longest (both spouses need to be in attendance), pioneer who traveled the longest distance to the picnic and the eldest person in attendance.

Approximately 1,200 invitations are mailed out for the picnic of which two-thirds are sent to local residents and the remainder to those people who live out of the area. There are usually 600 to 700 people in attendance. Barbecued chicken or pork, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, chocolate chip cookies and iced tea or lemonade will be available to the attendees for \$10 per plate.

SCRAMBLERS

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 Today's Word
 VOLUNTEER

The eligibility requirement for membership is that the person was a resident of Lee County prior to 1969. Email pioneerleecounty@gmail.com to receive registration information or you may register the day of the picnic. There are no membership dues.

Through the generosity of the City of Fort Myers, free admission on that weekend is given to the members of the Pioneer Club by presenting their membership card to the Edison and Ford Winter Estates on Thursday, April 25, Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27; and the Burroughs Home and Garden Tour on Thursday, April 25 at 11 a.m. To RSVP for the Burroughs Home tour, call 337-9505.

Lee Civic Center-Tinsley Pavilion is located at 11831 Bayshore Road in North Fort Myers.‡

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Yard Waste Bag Giveaway

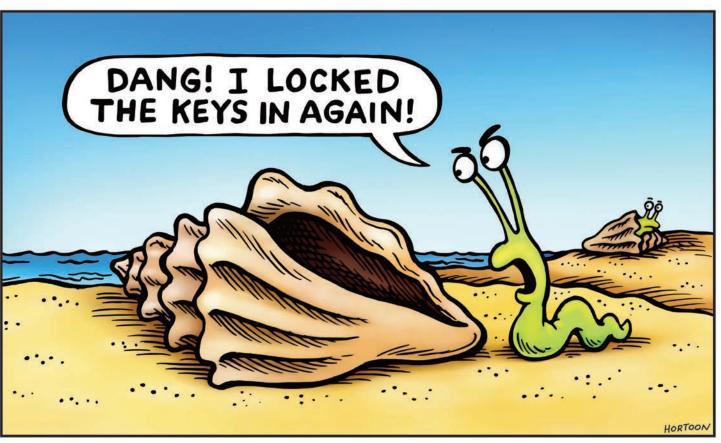
Now there's extra incentive for learning how to get rid of yard waste the right way. Lee County Solid Waste is working with Lowe's stores in Fort Myers to give away Garbax 30-gallon paper yard waste bags. The bags will be available while supplies last at the Lowe's at 14960 South Tamiami Trail on Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to noon, and at the Lowe's at 8040 Dani Drive on Saturday, March 30 from 9 a.m. to noon. Shoppers can find the bags at the Keep Lee Plastic Free table inside both stores.

"It's easy to remember not to use plastic once you know about it, but a lot of people don't understand what to do with their yard waste," Lee County Solid Waste Director Pam Keyes said. "We're out to change that, and we're grateful to Lowe's for their collaboration and hospitality."

Using paper bags instead of plastic for yard waste keeps the debris out of the landfill, allowing it to be turned into mulch or compost. Almost 10,000 tons of material taken every year to landfills from Lee County could be saved if all residents avoid using plastic bags for yard waste.

Waste cans, another viable alternative, are easy for workers to handle and also save yard waste from landfills.

Representatives from the Solid Waste division will be at the table to answer questions from residents. For more information, visit www. keepleeplasticfree.com.



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Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Cases	Fort Myers Beach	2018	5,825	\$4,795,000	\$4,650,000	139
Spring Ridge	Bonita Springs	1997	5,244	\$2,650,000	\$2,600,000	2
Enclave At Fiddlesticks	Fort Myers	1996	6,055	\$1,649,000	\$1,580,000	25
Verona Lago	Miromar Lakes	2005	3,008	\$1,025,000	\$850,000	250
Sanctuary	Bonita Springs	2003	2,784	\$915,000	\$875,000	127
Belle Lago	Estero	2010	3,122	\$869,000	\$815,000	7
Glenview At Shadow Wood	Estero	2002	3,018	\$849,900	\$797,000	20
Fairview Isles	Fort Myers Beach	1979	1,728	\$844,000	\$810,000	97
Gulf Acres	North Fort Myers	1972	2,586	\$815,000	\$760,000	324
Hills TP	Fort Myers Beach	2014	1,483	\$795,000	\$750,000	23

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