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Siberian Virtuosi

Siberian Virtuosi At Shell Point

hell Point Retirement Community continues its 2018-19 Fine and Performing Arts Series with a performance by Siberian Virtuosi at The Village Church on The Island at Shell Point on Thursday, April 4 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40.

Eleven violinists and a pianist comprise the award-winning Siberian Virtuosi, the State Ensemble of the Republic of Sakha. Acclaimed for their energy, unique arrangements and virtuosity, the ensemble has gained an increasing

popularity in Russia and around the world since it was founded in 1994, winning numerous international awards in Russia, France, Italy and Hungary.

Siberian Virtuosi's eclectic repertoire combines Bach, Tchaikovsky and Vivaldi with de Sarasate, Shor, Sibelius and many more. During this Shell Point concert, guests will hear the Siberian Virtuosi's

photo provided masterful execution of well-known

classical pieces and music by special guests and featured clarinetist Julian Milkis.

The Village Church on The Island at Shell Point is located at 15100 Shell Point Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information and tickets, visit www. shellpoint.org/concerts or call 454-2067.



World - A Journey Microscape by Lois Selfon

Colorful Landscapes In New Exhibition

ee nature through the brush strokes of Lois Selfon in the exhibit Nature, Schmature: A Co-dependency Art Show during Art Walk at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on Friday, April 5 from 6 to 10 p.m.

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Selfon is renowned for her artistically designed and colorful gardens. Her works feature unique plants organically grown in both Naples and the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina, where she lives on 90 acres of forest in the summer.

For art education, Selfon has studied at the Museum of American Art, at the Renwick Gallery in Washington, DC, Artis-Naples, the Naples Art Association, and extensive private study with nationally recognized artists/teachers from New



Ages of Ice by Lois Selfon

Mexico, North Carolina and Miami. Selfon has been freshly inspired by the sublime plants and mountain ranges in the Smoky Mountains and the striking and resilient beauty of Southwest Florida. Drawing from the vibrant art communities of both areas and her years of study in art, her vision of nature and her strong spirituality radiate through her work. In Santa Fe, her art was recognized as being in the tradition of the famed transcendental

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Time Stands Still



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

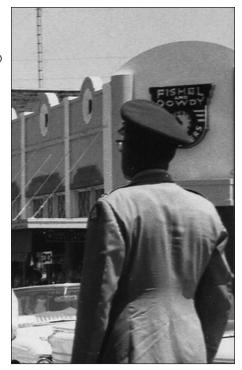
lassic analoσ clocks used to be common in business districts, but their numbers seem to have waned over the decades.

In the 1970s and 1980s, large digital clocks at banks and savings and loans

announced the time and temperature. But most of those are gone too.

Like a public phone, a working outdoor commercial or public clock is hard to find. Maybe the ever-present smartphone contributes to this scarcity. Or perhaps the expense of maintaining a large timepiece exposed to the weather and located in a difficult-to-reach spot makes them a less desirable exterior feature on a building.

Pictured here are three downtown clocks that did their time (pardon the pun) of reliably, measuring the minutes for people trying to be on time There's nothing especially impressive or grand about them. They are of a simple and practical as commercial clocks go.



Circa-1960, the stylish clock of Fishel and Dowdy Jewelers graced the entrance at the northeast corner of Main and Broadway

photo courtesy American Legion Post 38 (enlargement)

All three clocks froze at an unidentifiable moment in the recent past, a fact that invites us to speculate exactly when the hands came to a dead stop and why - and to wonder if they will ever sweep around the clock face again.

A clock at the northeast corner of Main and Broadway stopped at 6:38 is a relative newcomer to downtown. In fact, it is actually a replacement for an earlier and more decorative clock that was on that northeast corner of Main and Broadway six decades ago. The present clock's face bears the logo "GBCR&P" for the law firm occupying the building. But as you can see from the enlarged section of a circa-1960 photo, a moderne-style clock (far right behind hat) with the words "Fishel & Dowdy Jewelers" was once mounted above the catty-cornered entrance.

Walk a block east to the next corner at Hendry Street, look up, and you'll see the Lee County Bank Building's clock pointing to 6:12. The Lee County Bank, Title & Trust Company opened at the corner in 1927 and remained there until 1965. The façade of the 1914 building (rebuilt after fire destroyed the 1911 structure) was radically altered for the bank move-in. Oddly enough, 15 years ago, the clock's space was vacant; however, since then, a clock (the original one or a new one - who knows?) has restored the original look, if not the correct time, to the Neo-Classical Revival entryway.

A third clock frozen at 7:38 at The News-Press loading dock facing Central Avenue evokes a particular poignancy. The newspaper, which moved to that plant in 1965, ceased printing there three years ago. Now it has been announced that the newspaper will be moving in several months.

For the first time, Fort Myers's oldest business, founded in 1884, will not be in the continued on page 6



The GBCR&P law firm's clock, stopped at 6:38, has replaced Fishel and Dowdy's

photo by Gerri Reaves



In the early 1950s, the clock at the entry to the Lee County Bank Building showed 10 o'clock photo courtesy Florida State Archives

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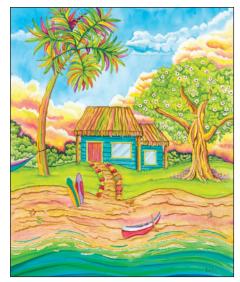
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Artists Reception At Gallery Exhibit

rts for ACT Gallery will hold an opening reception and meet-the-Lartist session during Art Walk on Friday, April 5 from 6 to 10 p.m. Artists Joe LeMay and Jeff Kriberscheck will be featured. New works by the gallery co-op artists will also be on display.

After graduating from the Savannah College of Art and Design in 2007, LeMay returned to Fort Myers and began working in freelance illustration. While his gallery work draws upon his background, it branches out into several different styles and techniques. Recent work is inspired by the sites, wildlife and architecture encountered in journeys around the world he and his wife Meagan share. The resulting artwork is derived from a combination of photography and painting



Paradise Cove by Jeff Kriberscheck

that are interwoven to convey the story of these journeys.

Kriberscheck is a graduate of Ringling School of Art & Design and Tampa Technical Institute. He has worked as a graphic designer and advertising art director for Gulfshore Life magazine by creating award-winning features and advertising layouts. Kriberscheck has also illustrated three children's books. In his spare time, he has combined his love for illustration and painting to become an

The exhibits will be on display through

Monday, April 29.
Arts for ACT Gallery is located at 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. For more information, visit www. artsforactgallery.com.以

Neil Diamond Tribute At Estates

eil Zirconia, a Neil Diamond tribute entertainer, will perform at the next Edison and Ford Winter Estates' Rhythm on the River celebration in the River Pavilion on April 5 at 6 p.m. Zirconia, dubbed the ultimate "Faux Diamond," will perform Neil Diamond hits in the river pavilion along the Caloosahatchee.

Zirconia takes his audience down memory lane, singing many of Diamond's greatest hits. With his stage presence, charisma and unique baritone voice, guests feel like they are attending a Neil Diamond concert. He has perfected all of the emotion, excitement



Neil Zirconia

photo provided

and magic that people associate with Diamond. Zirconia has a very large following, and many of his fans travel far to see him perform.

The pavilion offers space for guests to show off their dance skills, take in a river view and a chance to see a sunset. A cash bar will be available. All guests should

bring a folding lawn chair, as seating will not be provided.

Event tickets purchased in advance are \$15 for Edison Ford members and \$20 for non-members and may be reserved online at www.edisonford.org or the ticket counter at Edison and Ford Winter Estates. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door for \$25 for both members and non-members.

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Rob Green as The Teacher photos by Paula Sisk

Premiere Opens At Lab Theater On Friday

In honor of Holocaust remembrance month, The Laboratory Theater of Florida will present the Southwest Florida premiere of *Andorra* by Max Frisch, opening Friday, March 29 and running through April 14.

Artistic director Annette Trossbach said, "the citizens of Andorra don't come bearing tiki torches, swastikas, or burning



Danica Murray as Barblin and Steven Coe

crosses or wearing white hoods. They are not war criminals. They are everyday citizens that are complicit through neglect, ignorance and casual racism and prejudice; in their selfishness and intolerance, they are barely aware of how they have treated Andre... except Andre's father, who, in his cowardice, set the entire story into

One of the most oft-produced plays in Europe, this parable about racism and prejudice is a great example of epic theater. Set in fictionalized Andorra, Andre is adopted by a teacher and raised as a Jew. Throughout the play, Andre is

faced with outright prejudice and complicit silence from his fellow townspeople. Frisch's message is loud and clear: prejudice happens in every country, both in the past and the present, and we must learn to accept everyone's differences if we are to lead happy, productive lives.

Andorra is sponsored by Ella Nayor and Jeffrey Cull.

Tickets are available to purchase on www.brownpapertickets.com or by calling the box office at 218-0481. For more information and play dates, visit www. laboratorytheaterflorida.com \square

Mastersingers End Of Season Concert

The Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers perform their end of season concert, Faure and Vivaldi with the Mastersingers, at First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs on Friday, April 5 at 7 p.m. The area's premier choral ensemble will be joined by the Mastersingers Festival Orchestra in a program that includes Gabriel Faure's beautiful setting of the requiem along with Antonio Vivaldi's popular Gloria.

Tickets for the concert are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students.

In addition to the well-loved masterworks, the repertoire will also include a performance of the winning composition of the inaugural Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company Prize, Before You Kissed Me by Dr. Zack Stanton.

The composer competition is the Mastersingers latest community initiative, and Stanton's work was selected from over 200 pieces submitted. Stanton, a professor at the University of Iowa, set the music for this composition to a Sara Teasdale poem. Dr. Stanton dedicated the work to his wife, Molly. The composer will be in attendance at the concert to accept his prize.

This concert marks not only the completion of the group's 18th season, but also the end of Jeff Faux's nine-year run as artistic director. Faux has overseen incredible growth in the group's number and quality of singers, in the community outreach projects that the Mastersingers support, and in the collaborations with other area artistic ensembles.

In addition to the masterworks that the group is known for, Faux has encouraged the addition of newly composed music for the Mastersingers' repertoire. Pieces such as Dr. Jason Bahr's Symphony No. 2, Whitmans's America by Robert Paterson, and Christmas Eve at Sea by Nancy Hill Cobb have been highlights on programs in recent seasons.

Faux will lead the group in singing the same pieces in Paris in June of 2019. The touring Mastersingers along with members of Faux's church choir from First Presbyterian Church of Bonita will perform at L'église de la Madeleine, the very church that employed Gabriel Faure when he composed the Requiem.

First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs is located at 9751 Bonita Beach Road SE in Bonita Springs. For more information and tickets, visit www.

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Golden retrievers will be celebrated at GoldenFest X photo by Dennis Guyitt

Goldenfest At Shell Factory Sunday

OldenFest X will be held at the Doggy Heaven canine park at the Shell Factory & Nature Park on Sunday, March 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is hosted by Golden

Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida (GRRSWF).

The festival will include vendors, exhibits, pet portraits, dock dog diving, a doggy garage sale, refreshments, a huge raffle and silent auction, and more. Raffle and auction items range from attraction, theater, dinner cruise and hotel tickets to rounds of golf, gift cards and lavish gift baskets. Vendors include animal hospitals, boarding

facilities, trainers, groomers, rescues and pet food companies.

There will also be a reunion tent for the golden retrievers GRRSWF has rescued from South Korea. Since 2015, the rescue has saved 51 goldens from that country to raise awareness about the dog-meat industry that still exists in some countries. The group recently rescued two goldens from Iran as well.

"While the rescue continues to work with local shelters and humane societies, there are lovable pups in countries like South Korea who are routinely inhumanly euthanized through no fault of their own," said GoldenFest coordinator Mark Dahlberg, who also serves as the rescue's international rescue coordinator. "There are families here waiting and wanting to give these pups a second chance at a happy life. GRRSWF's volunteers are excited

every time they can welcome one to Southwest Florida."

"This event is our major fundraiser of the year, so community support is vital," said Alesia Galuppo, GRRSWF president. "It has grown enormously over the years, and we expect this year's event to be even bigger. We are grateful to the Shell Factory for providing such a dog-friendly venue and look forward to sharing the day with fellow dog lovers."

All breeds of well-mannered, leashed dogs are invited to attend with their owners. Admission and parking are free. Additional auction item donations and vendors are welcome.

The Shell Factory is located at 2787 North Tamiami Trail in North Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.grrswf.org, email info@grrswf.org or call 369-0415.**



When did the bank building's clock at Main and Hendry freeze at 6:12?

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Historic Downtown

downtown business district but at far-flung Colonial and Metro.

Take a "clock walk" through downtown and see how many more clocks you can find. Then visit the following two research centers to learn more about local history.

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 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



On an unknown date, the clock at *The News-Press* loading dock stopped at 7:38

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Fort Myers Art:

What To Watch At Upcoming Film Festival



by Tom Hall

The 9th annual Fort Myers Film Festival will feature five venues for showing films from April 10 to 14: the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, the IMAG History & Science Center, the Alliance for the Arts and the Rush Library on the Lee campus of Florida SouthWestern State College. Films are \$10 throughout the festival.

Following is a quick synopsis on 11 of this year's festival films.

The feature film, *Surviving Lunch*, is based on true stories about real American teenagers ripped from today's harrowing headlines. This timely and important film shines a light on bullying and school violence. The 74-minute film revolves around a Latina girl from New York who moves to Florida with her mother after her father is killed before her eyes in a school shooting.

Patrik is a short story about an accomplished elderly actor who suddenly finds himself left behind by our modern fast-paced life. It is a human story about trying to age gracefully while being pushed aside by the next generation. Ultimately, it is a story about how a real human connection is the ultimate reward any of us can hope for in this lifetime.

Bird's Eye is a spellbinding 13-minute drama, which tells the story of a rigid music professor who loses her sight only to find perfect clarity in an unexpected place—within the walls of an at-risk urban high school.

The 10-minute short film *Roaring Tides* is "a twisted love-story that dives into the deeper understanding of what we all go through as humans and couples in this



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lifetime. The film explores love, loss and the heartache of human existence – the confusion and power struggles we go through, while ultimately discovering our truth and purpose."

On the Way to Lovetown is a 15-minute love story/action film about the site of a roadside fight to the death between a hot ex-teacher named Sunny and most wanted criminal Monroe. Featuring a strong female protagonist, the story unfolds in an unexpected way, with Sunny saving her loved one and avenging her family.

The 13-minute short film Baghdad Photographer has

The 13-minute short film Baghdad Photographer has filmmaker Mejd Hameed telling the story of the hardships suffered by an Iraqi family as a result of the wars and violence that have ravaged Iraq for decades. He does this through a series of photographs taken by the family matriarch over the course of two generations.

Light in the Darkness is a documentary dedicated to illuminating Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) by director, editor and producer Daniel Gartzke.

Things We Don't Say by Soleidy Mendez is a short drama about a clinically depressed man named Pierre who, believing his death from Parkinson's disease is imminent, decides it time to have a long overdue conversation with his deceased wife Rose.

Iku Manieva is a 7-minute, 30-second black-and-white documentary filmed in 2017 in the Sinaloa Sierra, a mythical territory in Northwest Mexico now controlled by competing drug cartels.

Eliades Ochoa From Cuba To The World is a 100-minute documentary that highlights the original member of legendary Cuban band Buena Vista Social Club, but Ochoa's passion for his country's musical heritage led him to pursue a life dedicated to music much earlier than that.

CASHED follows a young woman by the name of Jess as she struggles to find peace (and pot) among the unique challenges of life as a Millennial in a super-expensive and mega-stressful urban setting like Brooklyn, New York.

For more information, visit www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com.

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

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be available

Visit www.babcockranch.com/event/food-truck-fridays to register. Registered guests in attendance are eligible to win one of three gift cards that can be used at Babcock Ranch's restaurants or Curry Creek Outfitters retail store.

The Babcock Ranch Discovery Center, staffed by ambassadors who can provide general town information, will offer extended hours until 7 p.m.

The next Food Truck Friday is scheduled for April 26.

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The Guardian Angels for Special Populations is hosting their 11th annual Fashion Show and Auction at the Westin Cape Coral Resort at Marina Village on Saturday, April 6. Doors open at 10 a.m. and the event will begin at 11 a.m. Proceeds will benefit participant programs at Special Populations.

Activities include a gourmet lunch prepared by Chef Victoria Wenning, a live auction hosted by Fox 4 News Anchor Patrick Nolan, silent auction, pic-a-prize game, wine pull, grab bags, a 50/50 drawing, a grand prize square board game and Lotto board raffle. Special Pops program participants will be the fashion show models showing summer designs from JCPenney.

Tickets are \$40 and available at the Freida B. Smith Special Populations Center, 410 Santa Barbara Boulevard in Cape Coral, by visiting www. myspecialpops.org via PayPal, at Pop's Café located in Cape Coral City Hall or by calling 574-0574.

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Along The River

he Cape Coral Animal Shelter (CCAS) and **Fathom's Restaurant** and Bar will hold their monthly Yappy Hour this Friday, March 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. CCAS merchandise will be available for sale, and a 50/50 raffle will be held during the evening. There will also be live music.

Fathom's Restaurant and Bar, located at 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.

As part of the 23rd annual Dr. Talbot Spivak Holocaust Memorial Week, Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) will have a Holocaust Boxcar on display on its Fort Myers campus. It will be open for tours this weekend through April 1 in the Building N parking lot.

Enter this replica boxcar, read the important history and get an idea of what the Holocaust victims experienced while being transported to concentration camps

during World War II. FSW is located at 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will present the American Virtuosi concert, the final concert in the Chamber Music Series, this 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



Student exhibits will be on display at The Alliance for the Arts until April 26 photo provided

Jim Griffith, cellist Andres Díaz and pianist Wendy Chen.

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

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.

Garlic Fest will be held at Centennial **Park** in downtown Fort Myers this Saturday, March 30 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The festival will feature garlicky food from local restaurants, live entertainment and family fun.

Centennial Park is located at 2000 West First Street in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.bscevent.com/ garlicfest

The Alliance for the Arts April exhibition, The Future of Art: Student **Exhibits**, will be on display from this Wednesday, April 3 to Friday, April 26. This is the 27th year the Alliance has partnered with Lee Arts Educators Association (LAEA) to display student work in a formal exhibit. The show features more than 40 schools and hundreds of works in a variety of mediums.

The opening reception for elementary and middle school students will be on April 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. and the show will remain on display until Friday, April 12. High school student works will be

exhibited with a second opening reception on Wednesday, April 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. and will remain on display until April 26. Winners will be selected in several categories and Best in Show will be rewarded. Pizza for the high school reception will be provided by Downtown House of Pizza in Fort Myers.

LAEA is a group of art teachers who recognize and promote students who show interest and aptitude in visual arts. This exhibit is sponsored by Florida SouthWestern State College and Pediatric Dentistry of Fort Myers.

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

Art And Poetry Networking Event

ulf Coast Leisure will hold its next Art & Poetry Networking Event at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on Thursday, April 18 from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10.

Sign up to perform or attend the showcase to become a part of the GCL movement, which features diverse artists. GCL founders Marco Cruz and Brian Keith Franklin Jr. value Southwest Florida voung professionals and encourages them to stay in the area by providing local events where they can network, perform and showcase.

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



Spring Fashion Show And Benefit

ee Republican Women Federated will hold a Spring Fashion Show and Fundraiser at the Forrest Country Club on Monday, April 8. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., while the fashion show begins at 11:45 a.m. with lunch to follow.

Tickets are \$35. Fashions by Razzle Dazzle and Broeder Carvelle. Bags and baskets to be won.

Forrest Country Club is located at 6100 Partridge Club Road in Fort Myers. For more information, contact Kerri Tonkin at kerritonkin@gmail.com or call 907-321-0419.☆

Charity Concert At The Ranch

ignal III will perform a concert for charity at The Ranch on Friday, March 29 from 6 to 10 p.m. in Fort Myers. Proceeds from A Knight Out will benefit the North Fort Myers High School football program.

The event will feature silent and live auctions, 50/50 raffle, food and a cash bar. Cost is \$20 per person when purchased in advance and \$25 at the door. VIP tickets are available for purchase for parties of six at \$600, or 10 at \$1,000 and include two drink tickets per person and a snack platter for the table.

Signal III is a local band comprised of five Cape Coral Police Department officers and a Lee County Sheriff's Office deputy with a combined 157 years of community service in law enforcement. With a music style described as eclectic rock, the band's name originated from the law enforcement radio code for a hit and run. All members donate their time and performances to charity.

The Ranch is located at 2158 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. Tickets can be purchased in advance at The Ranch, Anytime Fitness in Cape Coral or visit www.gofan.co/app/events/50901.☆

Beautiful Night At The Everblades

upport Keep Lee County Beautiful (KLCB) by attending the Florida Everblades versus the Norfolk Admirals hockey game on Saturday, March 30. There will be a pregame tailgate party from 5 to 7 p.m. followed by the game. There will also be live music and bounce houses for the children. Following the game, there will be a jersey auction.

A portion from every ticket sale goes to KLCB to continue beautification and awareness efforts.

Cost is \$15 for a \$20 endzone seat, with \$5 from each ticket sold donated to KLCB. For more information and tickets, visit www.everblades.spinzo. com.₩

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OBITUARY



MATTHEW RYAN HARRIS

n March 20, 2019, another life was taken too soon. Matt is at peace and at home in the loving arms of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew was born on April 5, 1992 in Framingham, Massachusetts. Matt grew up in Berlin, Massachusetts before moving to Sanibel Island, Florida in 2005. Matt attended Berlin Elementary

School, The Sanibel School, South Fort Myers High School and graduated from Liahona Academy.

Matt is survived by his loving family; parents, Paul and Kathleen (Goulet) Harris, and his caring and supportive sister, Rebecca. Matt and Rebecca were always there for one another, through thick and thin. Matt also leaves behind his paternal grandmother, Dorothy Harris of West Springfield, Massachusetts, and his maternal grandparents, Robert and Rita Goulet of Framingham, Massachusetts. He is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Matt worked as an irrigation technician for many years beside his dad for Affordable Island Irrigation, a family business on Sanibel. Matt was proud of this work and cherished working alongside and learning from his dad, who was his mentor, partner and friend. Matt's big heart, huge smile and sense of humor will be missed deeply.

There will be a celebration of life ceremony on Saturday, April 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Bring a story to share, some tears to shed and hugs to give.

A funeral mass will take place at a later date in Massachusetts with family and friends. Burial will take place at the Paucatuck Cemetery in West Springfield, Massachusetts.

Center To Host Annual Gala

he IMAG History and Science Center (IMAG) will host its annual gala Saturday, March 30 from 7 to 10 p.m. The theme of the evening is a unique exploration of the science and history of hurricanes that have impacted Fort Myers and Southwest Florida.

All funds raised through the center's signature fundraiser will support IMAG programs, advancing STEM literacy and instilling an appreciation of the rich history of Southwest Florida. Chief Meteorologist Allyson Rae and Evening Anchor Peter Busch of NBC2, IMAG media partner, will emcee with guiding the night's festivities. The gala is sponsored by a number of area businesses and institutions, including lead sponsor, Lipman Family Farms. There are several ways to help sustain and advance the IMAG's programming - purchase tickets, be a sponsor, provide a silent auction item, bid on silent auction items, and make a philanthropic donation.

IMAG gala guests will have the opportunity to: explore the major hurricanes that have swept through Southwest Florida in the IMAG's latest permanent exhibit chronicling the history of these storms; experience the wonder of live demos and hands-on activities, demonstrating the IMAG's various programs presented by the education staff; and sample cuisine inspired by tropical climates, including Mexico, the Caribbean

and Florida's Gulf Coast prepared by Dina's at Sabal Springs.

'Our annual gala is an essential tool in raising funds to further our mission. We appreciate the generosity of our sponsors and partners and their dedication to advancing IMAG's vision as an essential component of continued growth in Southwest Florida," said Matt Johnson, IMAG executive director.

The IMAG History and Science Center is located at 2000 Cranford Avenue in Fort Myers. Visit www.theimag.org/gala for more information.☆

Elvis Tribute Concert Benefit For The Blind

ighthouse of SWFL recently received \$3,000 from a fundraiser hosted by Springwood Court Assisted Living Community. The Elvis Tribute Concert was attended by over 100 people at Cape Cabaret in Cape Coral,

The organization will use the funds raised to continue providing programs and services to people of all ages with blindness and vision impairment. Classes include independent living skills, safe cooking, Braille, orientation and mobility, low vision, technology using iPhones and iPads, art, music, and more.

For more information, visit www.

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Sunday 11 a.m., www.newchurchflorida.com, 10811 Sunset Plaza Circle #401, 481-5535.

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Sunday 10:30 a.m., www.uucfm.org, 13411 Shire Lane, 561-2700.

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

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

CROW Case Of The Week:

Short-Tailed Hawk



by Bob Petcher

he short-tailed hawk (Buteo brachyurus) is a small tropical hawk that is uncommon in Florida and even rarer in other parts of the country. In fact, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology

refers to it as "one of the rarest and least-studied birds in the United States." They breed mostly and live mainly in Central America and South America.

Short-tailed hawks do not like to be in open areas much. They would rather be perching in hidden areas and soaring out of observers' eyesight when hunting. After prey is spotted, short-tailed hawks make steep free fall dives to catch mainly small birds perched on treetops

These hawks are closely related to red-tailed and red-shouldered hawks, but can have two plumages - clear and dark. Dark ones are more frequent in Florida.

At CROW, a juvenile short-tailed hawk was admitted from a Cape Coral golf course after being found lying down and unable to fly. Veterinarians noted that the patient had moderate paraparesis and was unable to stand. After a physical exam, radiographs and bloodwork, veterinarians did not notice any obvious signs of trauma or

any fractured bones, but suspected the paraparesis may be the result of a spinal

"Paraparesis is the medical term used to describe weakening or partial paralysis of the legs," said Dr. Robin Bast, CROW staff veterinarian. "Radiographs showed no evidence of spinal fractures, but severe soft tissue swelling can result in compression of

the affected limbs. The patient is continuing to receive physical therapy every day.

nerves resulting in decreased mobility of

'Physical therapy involves putting each joint in the legs through normal range of motion since the bird is not strong enough to do this itself," said Dr. Bast. "For the legs, this is often done in a bicycling motion.

Since being admitted on March 8, the patient has shown slight improvements in its ability to grip and use its legs

'Spinal trauma can cause temporary or permanent damage. At this point, the hawk is making gradual improvements, said Dr. Bast. "It is still too early to tell if it will regain enough function to be able to survive in the wild again."

After a few more days of physical therapy, overall prognosis remains guarded.

"The hawk can now hock-sit and

occasionally is able to stand for a few minutes at a time," said Dr. Bast. "Although this is an improvement, it is too early to tell if it will fully recover from its injuries."

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for



Patient #19-0543 is still undergoing physical therapy in hopes that it will fully recover from photo by Brian Bohlman

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.☆



Morning Sheepshead Then Afternoon Snook



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

ven though spring is officially here, the weather most mornings this past week certainly felt more winter-like than it has in the past few weeks.

Then as things did

warm later in the day, we had a few afternoons of crazy strong winds causing cancelled trips and making fishing about impossible anywhere but in sheltered canals and creeks.

Switching back to winter tactics of shrimp fishing was very successful during these cold mornings for sheepshead, which I thought had all but disappeared. During the warmer afternoon periods, snook fishing on shiners was the go-to and some days offered clients a slower bite than usual. With our water temperatures teeter-tottering right around the magic 70-degree mark, the time of day has meant everything when choosing which species to target.

Super moon tides had the water screaming in and out of the passes, often making it too fast to fish. Hitting the passes during the slower periods when the tide was switching provided my anglers with some of the largest

sheepshead we have seen in weeks. This window of slow tide movement was as short as 30 minutes most days. Tried and true sheepshead spots throughout the bay provided a few more keepers but nothing like the larger models that came from the passes during the ebb tide.

Schools of ladyfish both in the middle sound and between the lighthouse and the causeway brought some nonstop action of catching mackerel on calmer days. Bluefish and trout were mixed in with them. Sharks are also working these same areas, and it's often as easy as throwing a chunk of fresh-cut ladyfish out to hook up with a much harder fighting fish. Many times, drag-ripping lager sharks in Rocky Channel could simply not be stopped on the gear we had. Super low tides are the best time to get in on this big shark bite in the northern sound.

With yet another mild cold front in the forecast for this week, it will give us another few days of windy rough water. Without a doubt, the northwest wind is the toughest wind to fish the sound. All you can do is get tucked away, while fishing options become fewer.

Like with any cold front, the best bite will come right as the front approaches. Once it passes, high pressure moves in and the fish turn off.

With each passing front, we are getting closer and closer to more consistent weather and 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.₩



Bigger snook have been feeding better during the warmer afternoons

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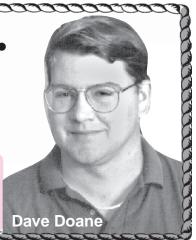
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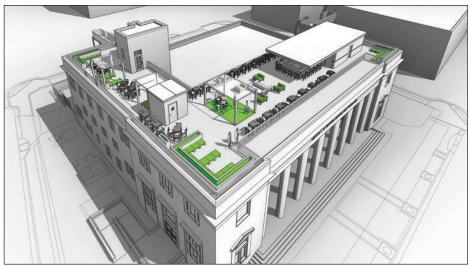
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An image of the rooftop sculpture garden

Davis Art Center **Unveils New** Sculpture Garden

Telebrate the unveiling of Sidney's, the new rooftop venue and sculpture garden at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on Thursday, April 4, starting with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$250 per person.

The Gala on the Rooftop will be revealed in support the Davis Art Center's programming. The performance and event venue overlooks the Caloosahatchee and downtown Fort Myers and is scheduled to open to the public later in 2019.

The Gala on the Rooftop will

image provided

include cocktails on the rooftop, a fine dining experience in the grand atrium, and innovative music and theatrical performances. The evening will also include a live and silent auction, which will raise money for rooftop completion and programming, and the unveiling of temporary sculpture installations. Seasonal sculpture installations will be unveiled upon opening to the public.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will go directly toward operational costs for arts education programming, art shows, concerts and special events, plus rooftop development and maintenance. Co-chairs of the event are Dwayne Bergmann, Marc Collins, Fran Fenning and Todd Schusterman.

The Rooftop Sculpture Garden will be an extension of the Art Center's existing

programs. It will include catering and event capabilities by Chefs Mike and Karen Gavala of G3 Catering, the exclusive caterer of the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. There will be full beverage service available on the rooftop.

The sculpture garden will be available to the public for viewing on a regular basis, and there will also be a stage for regular concerts and events located on the rooftop. New programming for Sidney's is already being discussed, with proposed events like special sunset dinner events, brunches, celebrity chef events, and more.

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

Fast And The **Furriest Fundraiser**

The Fast and the Furriest, a 5K race/1-mile walk with your furry friend and one of Gulf Coast Humane Society's biggest fundraisers, will be at held at Hammond Stadium on Saturday, April 6. Plenty of festivities are planned for the 9th annual fundraiser with registration running from 6 to 7 a.m. and racing starting at 7:30 a.m.

The run/walk event is dog-friendly, and many participants bring their furry friends along for the jaunt. Early registration is underway, which offers participants a \$5 savings versus signing up the day of the event.

"It is a very special event as you can walk with or without a dog or even compete in the 5K run with your pup to earn medals and bragging rights," said The Fast and the Furriest chairwoman Jill McKee.

The first 500 5K runners and 1-mile walkers will earn a Finisher Medal, with the top fundraiser receiving a trophy. Traditional age group medals will be awarded to top chipped runners and to the fastest dogs in three weight categories. The coveted Triple Crown Awards will also be presented at the

GCHS is also seeking sponsors and vendors for the event.

To register, sponsor or be a vendor, go to www.gulfcoasthumanesociety. org/the-fast--the-furriest.html or contact GCHS Event Coordinator Aimee McLaughlin at events@ gulfcoasthumanesociety.org or 332-0364 ext. 321.☼

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New Exhibition

artists of New Mexico who pioneered the concept that spirituality can also be shown in abstract.

The show will be on display in the Captial Gallery until April 23. General admission is a \$1 entry donation. For more information about the artist, visit www.selfonart.com.

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







David Seitz and Steven Fetterhoff with Dirt Pile

Alliance Mystery Dirt Pile Artists

avid Seitz and Steven Fetterhoff have been revealed to be the mystery "dirt pile" artists who decorated the dirt mound at the Alliance for the Arts with googly eyes spray-painted on plywood. The artwork is on Alliance's multiphase campus enrichment project planned for the 2.2 acres along McGregor

Fetterhoff is a Fort Myers native and digital design teacher at Fort Myers High School. He has been painting street art for over 15 years across the country and draws inspiration from Bill Watterson's historic Calvin & Hobbes comic strip, using faces and expressions to augment his personalized letterform style to bring smiles to a public art form.

Seitz is also a Fort Myers native who

photo provided

handles operations at Aloia, Roland, Lubell & Morgan, a full service law firm in downtown Fort Myers. He's an avid woodworker and an active member of the Rotary Club of Fort Myers South.

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers South has been working closely with the Alliance for the Arts, supporting their vision for an ArtsPark and WaterWall representing the local culture of our water ways," says Seitz. "The massive dirt pile had me thinking of a way to improve the eyesore by giving it some personality.

Using leftover plywood from Hurricane Irma, Seitz and Fetterhoff set about cutting out googly eyes and painting faces and expressions using MTN Colors Spray Paint for its vibrancy and high visibility. They installed the pieces over a weekend as passing drivers slowed down to see their work.

For more information, call 939-2787 or visit www.ArtInLee.org/WaterWall.\$

Plant Smart **Pickerelweed**



Flower spikes comprise many small flowers with yellow-white spots on the upper central photos by Gerri Reaves petal

by Gerri Reaves

Tative pickerelweed (Pontederia cordata) is a long-lived aquatic perennial that grows throughout the

This member of the pickerelweed family is usually found in standing fresh water no more than a foot deep, such as shallow ponds, marshes, sloughs, swamps and ditches.

The catchy name pickerel refers to the chain pickerel, a fish known to use the plant as cover. It is also called pickerelrush, pike-weed and wampee. It is related to common water-hyacinth (Eichhornia crassipes), a highly invasive species that has clogged Florida's fresh waters for decades.

Like that unwanted species, pickerelweed spreads rapidly and colonizes large areas, reaching three to four feet tall. The stalks are fleshy and the waxy leaves four to eight inches long. They are lanceor heart-shaped. The term cordata refers to the heart shape. The leaf indents at its base where it attaches to the stalk.

Dense spikes of tubular blue-purple flowers stand well above the water surface. Each of the many flowers contained in the spike is only a half-inch wide or less.

Flowers have three upper petals and three lower, with the middle upper one bearing two small yellow-white splotches.

The plant blooms all year long



Native blue-purple pickerelweed thrives on a wet roadside

and attract bees and many species of butterflies. The starchy winged seeds are eaten by fish and waterfowl. This species spreads via creeping rhizomes, or underground horizontal root-like stems, that form a thick fibrous root system.

Use this pest-resistant plant in a water garden, swale, or pond, either in or out of containers. It can be used to stabilize pond banks. It is not salt tolerant. Give it full sun to partial shade. Propagate it with seeds or by dividing the rootstock. A white-flowering variety is also available.

The young leaves are edible as salad greens and the seeds can be eaten raw, boiled, dried, or roasted. Or, they can be ground into flour for bread-making. The spikes make long-lasting cut flowers.

Sources: Betrock's Florida Plant Guide by Edward F. Gilman, Complete Guide to Florida Wildflowers by Roger L. Hammer; Florida Wild Flowers and Roadside Plants by C. Ritchie Bell and Bryan J. Taylor, A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants by Rufino Osorio, Gardening for Florida's Butterflies by Pamela F. Traas, National Audubon Field Guide to Florida, Native Florida Plants by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell, Wild Plants for Survival in South Florida by Julia F. Morton, Wildflowers of Florida by Jaret C. Daniels and Stan Tekiela, www.floridata.com, www.fnps. org, http://www.gardeningsolutions.ifas. ufl.edu/, www.plants.usda.gov, and www. regionalconservation.org.

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Robotics Classes Offered At Estates

dison and Ford Winter Estates is offering a series of robotics classes on Sundays, starting March 31 for students in grades 4 through 8. Students will learn the skills necessary to build a robot or design an invention and can enroll in the entire series or take individual classes that run from 1 to 3 p.m. each week.

Introduction to LEGO Mindstorms, March 31 - Get introduced to the key concepts of robotics and learn about the Mindstorms hardware, software and mechanics. This robotics foundation class teaches the basic skills needed to advance from concept to a roving robot.

Motors and Movement, April 7 - This class focuses on mechanical designs that become more complex as students begin to learn about the motors, manipulators and attachments.

Sensors and Loops, April 14 - Learn to program a robot to escape a maze. They will be introduced to EV3 sensors as they learn more advanced coding skills.

Advanced Sensors and Loops, April 21 - In this class, students will apply previous knowledge with code and mechanics to participate in a battle of the

Advanced Competition Techniques, April 28 - Robotic complexity continues to increase as students are taught advanced techniques that can be deployed at robotic tournaments.



Students learn robotics skills at Edison and **Ford Winter Estates** photo provided

Complete the Mission, May 5 - In this final class, students will apply all they have learned to accomplish as many LEGO-based problems as possible by the end of the class.

Advance registration is required for all classes. Cost is \$15 per class for Edison Ford members and \$25 per class for non-members.

Edison and Ford Winter Estates is located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. Register online at www. edisonford.org or email Leeanne Criswell at lcriswell@edisonford.org.\$

World Wine Tour Fundraiser At Bell Tower

oldwell Banker presents the 11th annual World Wine Tour, benefiting Ronald McDonald House Charities Southwest Florida at Bell Tower Shops on Thursday, April 4. Beginning at 6 p.m., wine enthusiasts will sample a variety of domestic and international wines hand-selected by CRU Executive Chef Bob Boye. Guests will indulge in lite bites from participating Bell Tower Shops restaurants, all while enjoying the musical entertainment of New

Beginnings Events.

The annual event was moved from November to April in anticipation of recent enhancements being made to the Bell Tower Shops. The event space boasts new gathering areas, redesigned storefronts and a newly designed center court featuring a new stage and

contemporary lighting.
Admission is \$40 per person. VIP tickets are available for \$150 per person or \$250 per couple and include event entry, plus a tasting certificate to a delectable four-course pairings dinner, presented by CRU Executive Chef Bob Boye to use at guests' leisure.

Bell Tower Shops is located on the corner of Daniels Parkway and US 41 in Fort Myers. Tickets can be purchased at www.rmhcswfl.org/events.\$\\displantarrow\$

Benefit Concert For ACT Services This Saturday

he Rock Out Against Domestic Violence concert, featuring Razing Cape, will be held at Top Rocker Plaza on Saturday, March 30 from 5 to 9 p.m. All proceeds will benefit Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. (ACT) and their many services.

There will be food trucks, beer, raffle prizes worth \$500-plus, a 50/50 raffle cash prize and vendors.

"We are incredibly excited by the

generosity afforded to us by Razing Cape," said Jennifer Benton, chief executive officer with ACT.

The title sponsorship is from Roger and Aimee of The Bireley Family Foundation and the gold sponsorship is from Kathleen Johnson, CPA.

Admission is \$15 per individual and includes parking. Tickets are available at http://events.constantcontact.com/ register/event?llr=6dl6x9dab&oeidk=a0 7eg1rbgrrec91d2ad or at the door.

Gold Record sponsorships of \$500 and Silver Support sponsorships of \$250 are still available.

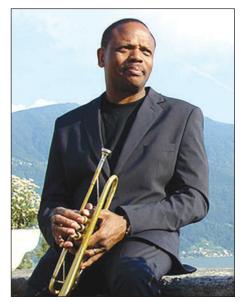
Top Rocker Plaza is located at 9510 Thunder Road in Fort Myers. For more information, call 939-2553.☆

Fort Myers Film Festival Opening Night Gala

he 9th annual Fort Myers Film Festival will be held at select venues from April 10 to 14. It kicks off with the Black Tie Red Carpet Opening Night Gala at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center at 7 p.m. Then, from April 11 to 14, take part in movie viewings.

The Black Tie Red Carpet Opening Night Gala will roll out the red carpet at 5:30 p.m. for drinks, mingling and musical entertainment with local and international filmmakers prior to the featured movie.

The opening night film is A Man and His Trumpet: The Leroy Jones Story, directed by Cameron Washington. Washington and featured jazz trumpeter Leroy Jones will be in attendance. Tickets are \$25 for the movie only. VIP tickets are \$150 for the movie, the pre-party and the Red Carpet After Party, which will include a jazz concert featuring Jones, a fully-stocked bar and a chance to meet with the stars of the evening's film, other filmmakers and event VIPs. The event will provide culinary creations from G3 Catering. The event will benefit the Raddatz Foundation and Florida Arts Inc.



Leroy Jones

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The Fort Myers Film Festival is an intelligent independent filmmaker's preferred event to create, unite and showcase the finest artistic cinematic works.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in the historic downtown Fort Myers River District. For more information, visit www. sbdac.com/fort-myers-film-festival-2019.

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Book Review All We Ever Wanted



by Di Saggau

In Emily Giffin's latest novel All We Ever Wanted, three very different people must choose between their families and their most deeply held values. Nina Browning is living the good life,

having married into Nashville's elite. Their adored son, Finch, has been accepted to Princeton, and her husband Kirk has made a fortune selling his tech business. All seems perfect until Finch snaps compromising pictures of an unconscious young woman at an alcohol-fueled party. Photos of the young woman, Lyla Volpe,

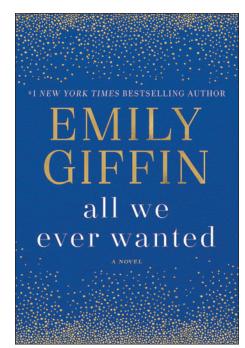


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a sophomore on scholarship to Windsor Academy, spread like wildfire through the town, leaving her devastated. Her father, Tom Volpe, is a single dad

Her father, Tom Volpe, is a single dad working multiple jobs while struggling to raise his headstrong daughter. Lyla's mother deserted them, and Tom is determined to exact justice from the school's Honor Council. Nina is upset to find Finch and Kirk rather unconcerned about Lyla's feelings or Finch's crime. They feel certain that the Browning family wealth will convince the school and Tom to turn a blind eve.

Amid so much wealth and privilege, Lyla doesn't always fit in, but in most ways she's a typical teenaged girl, happy and thriving. One photograph taken during a drunken moment at a party changes everything. The community is instantly polarized, buzzing with controversy and quick to assign blame.

Nina becomes friends with Tom and Lyla, which starts to expose what's occurring in her own family. All the characters question their closest relationships, asking themselves who they really are and searching for the courage to live a life of true meaning. Nina is outraged at her son's racist, sexual behavior but her maternal instincts to protect her son remain strong. She also realizes that Kirk may not be the husband, father or man she thought he was.

Both Nina and Lyla must contend with a world centered on patriarchal beliefs. Choosing their own ways forward places them on a painful path. There are losses and gains, and not the ones you might expect. All We Ever Wanted is a thought-provoking read and a timely portrait of

modern life complexities.☆

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Sunday, The New York Times had a headline that implied that being a "Snowplow" parent was best. It came as a surprise to me,

especially since I had no clear idea of what being a "Snowplow" parent means. So, I thought an article about the new names of parenting styles might be helpful as you read information about parenting.

I used to teach my students about the classic styles of parenting: authoritarian – a parents-know-best approach that emphasizes obedience; permissive – which provides few behavioral guidelines because parents don't want to upset their children; and authoritative – which blends a caring tone with structure and consistency. For many years now, the authoritative parenting style has been widely regarded as the most effective and beneficial parenting style for typical children.

Things seem to be changing and new styles of parenting are now making headlines daily. How to know and decide on what's best for you? Here's a primer on parent labels to help you decide on a new style, but feel free to stick with what has been researched and proven over the years as most beneficial for children, (hint: the authoritative style).

Snowplow parent – These parents are the ones who constantly forces obstacles out of their kids' paths. They have their eye on the future success of their child, and anyone or anything that stands in their way has to be removed.

Lawnmower parent – These parents are called lawnmower parents because they "mow down" a path for their children removing all obstacles that may cause discomfort, challenges or struggles. This parent not only helps their child with schoolwork but probably does a lot of the work for the child or at least checks to make sure that everything is correct.

Tiger parent – The tiger parent is known for putting excellence in academics and carefully chosen extracurriculars above leisure time. Parents are authoritarian and have high expectations. This is tough-love parenting where children are expected to respond to challenges.

Elephant parent – As close to opposite of tiger parenting as possible. These parents value emotional security and connection. Independent sleeping may not occur during the first five years. These parents seek not to raise their voices and value encouragement over academic or athletic success.

Helicopter parent – Parents that tend to hover, and this can continue through college. Child-development researchers Foster Cline and Jim Fay coined the term "helicopter parent" in 1990 for parents who may be over-involved and always assessing risk, thus preventing children from developing that skill.

Dolphin parent – Shimi Kang writes in The Dolphin Way: A Parent's Guide to Raising Happy, Healthy, and Motivated Kids Without Turning Into A Tiger that these parents seek collaboration, flexibility and balance. This parenting is further defined by the acronym POD. P for play and exploration, O for others and D for downtime, which includes rest, exercise and sleep.

Attachment parent – Attachment parents desire close contact between baby and caregiver through baby wearing, breastfeeding and co-sleeping. These parents use natural closeness rather than the clock to determine their babies' needs. Parents also emphasize role modeling and positive discipline by using praise and rewards for good behavior and loss of privileges for poor behavior.

privileges for poor behavior.
Free-range parent – These parents allow their kids to walk to school or a nearby playground alone. Young children may be allowed to ride public transportation or shop alone. Free-range parents believe this freedom promotes independence and self-reliance. But it's not been without controversy as others have seen it as dangerous and neglectful.

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



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educational mission with gusto. 2018 was going great... until it wasn't...until we all got hit by red tide and the awful blue-green algae. It's a reminder of how fast and hard the winds of change can blow.

This year's annual report letter is a love letter: a letter to all of you who helped and cared. It's a letter of gratitude and thanks. During those awful autumn days, our members called to see how we were doing. Volunteers asked how they could help. Neighbors and fellow business owners commiserated, comforted, and reassured. When one of us became pessimistic, another would remind us all that the positive winds of change blow just as strong. Donors stepped up as never before. It all helped. You allowed us to not only survive, but thrive through our difficulties. After the red tide crash and recovery, we emerged into 2019 just like the bionic woman...we're better, stronger, faster.

So please accept this expression of my great appreciation for all of you who helped repair our part of the world in ways large and small. I am honored and humbled by your generosity.

2019 will be a year full of marvelous, transformational growth because you gave us a strong place upon which to stand and build. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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Executive Director Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum

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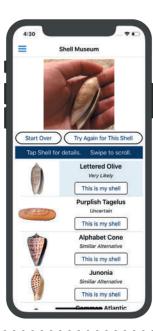
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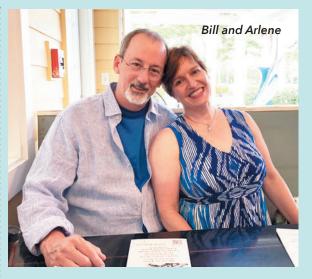


t all started when Arlene Drack decided to volunteer to become a Shell Ambassador for the Museum. She was successful in earning the coveted blue Ambassador "Ask Me" shirt in March of 2017 and enthusiastically took up the Museum's educational mission.

Then, Arlene's husband Bill Emerson asked her what topic he should consider when he wanted to have his business team experiment with deep learning and artificial intelligence. He was considering birds, trees, and a variety of topics when Ambassador Arlene said "Why not shells?" It turned out that there were no cell phone apps for photo identification of shells. Bill thought it an interesting project and called Museum Director, Dorrie Hipschman, to ask it if might be ok to create and donate a shell app. The

response could not have been more positive. In fact, the Museum has been longing for just such an app for nearly five years. In late 2017, a partnership was born.

Many months of work and tens of thousands of photographs later (we've learned that teenagers beat out the rest of us hands-down in taking shell pictures) we have an unequaled piece of art and science which is the National Shell Museum's identification guide for cell phones. Bill, and his team of Meindert Niemeijer and Justin Blackburn, have developed a tool that beachgoers near and far will use to increase their knowledge of our SW Florida shells and the animals which create them. It will not only educate, but advance our mission of stewardship for these amazing animals and the ocean that sustains them.







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Marketing Pro Honored By Saluscare

susan Bennett, APR, CPRC, of Susan Bennett Marketing & Media, LC, was honored by SalusCare, Inc., for her 28 years of public relations and fundraising service to the non-profit organization and its predecessors.



Susan Bennett

SalusCare presented Bennett with an award recognizing her "many years of service and support" to SalusCare along with its predecessors Lee Mental Health and Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS).

Bennett began working with SWFAS in 1991 as a fundraising consultant and subsequently provided public relations and marketing counseling to Lee Mental Health in the 1990s as well. When the two agencies merged in 2013, Bennett was tapped to lead the rebranding effort for what is now known as SalusCare.

Among Bennett's major accomplishments for the behavioral health organizations are:

Raised \$22.2 million for the agencies through capital campaigns, grant-writing and personal introductions;

Donated more than 3,000 documented in-kind hours and contributed more than \$25,000 in personal gifts;

Earned 89 awards from the Florida Public Relations Association, including the state's highest honor, the Dick Pope All Florida Golden Image Award for the SWFAS capital campaign that produced \$9 million and made possible the Evans Avenue campus;

Founded Laughter Is the Best Medicine Comedy Night in 2015, which has become the signature event of SalusCare.

"The most satisfying reward of all is knowing that thousands of people with mental health and substance use disorders received the treatment they needed," Bennett said.

In addition to Laughter Is the Best Medicine Comedy Night, Bennett is the founder of the Grande Dames Tea for the PACE Center for Girls and the Founders' Society of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, which she has served as a past board chair and trustee for 28 years.

Bennett is a high honors graduate of the University of Florida with a bachelor of science degree in journalism and a master of arts degree in mass communications.

For more information, call 277-5255 or email sbennett@susanbennett.biz.\$\%

FSW Welcomes New Dean

r. Paula Tropello is the new dean of the School of Health Professions at Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW).

"We are pleased to welcome Dr. Tropello to FSW," said FSW Interim Provost Dr. Eileen DeLuca. "She



Dr. Paula Tropello

brings a rich history of teaching, practice and leadership in nursing. The School of Health Professions will benefit from her perspective and leadership."

Dr. Tropello was the founding dean of Wagner College's School of Nursing in Ne York City. She started the first doctorate for nurse practitioners program at Wagner College. She has also taught associates, bachelors and masters level courses. Dr. Tropello earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Virginia, her masters at the University of Florida and her doctorate from Rutgers University. She is a nationally boarded nurse practitioner and has worked per diem for many years with a small rural practice. Dr. Tropello also serves as an accreditation/curriculum consultant.

"FSW's School of Health Professions has wonderful opportunities for interprofessional simulation training among all of our programs," said Dr. Tropello.
"I look forward to bringing this type of training to our students as well as responding to any new healthcare needs in the community."
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University Hires Creative Designer

antiago Arenas has joined Hodges University as the senior creative designer of marketing content.

In this position, he will be responsible for creating all university branding and design, and overseeing the



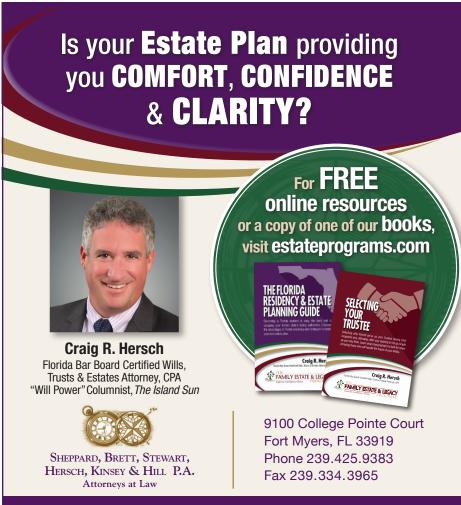
Santiago Arenas

design and production of university marketing materials. He will also assist with the marketing, advertising and promotion initiatives.

Arenas brings 10 years of expertise in marketing and creative services. Prior to joining Hodges University, he was the marketing coordinator for auxiliary services at Florida SouthWestern State College. He graduated from Florida State University with a bachelor of arts degree in graphic design and earned his master's degree in media design from Full Sail University in Orlando.

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Academic Pressures



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

Most of us are familiar with the college admissions scandal in which wealthy and accomplished parents allegedly lied, cheated and bribed to get their children admitted to elite universities. Wall Street Journal columnist Peggy Noonan wrote an excellent essay on the topic in the March 14 edition. In it she offered her explanation that these parents view their children as narcissistic extensions of themselves, and consequently used whatever means necessary to gain advantage.

Noonan added that her experience teaching Ivy League students was less than ideal. She didn't like their attitudes toward other

classmates and considered themselves superior simply because they were admitted to a prestigious university. She contrasted her experience with how polite, sincere and genuine students acted at a second-tier school in Tennessee.

Regular readers of this column know that I have three daughters, one of whom graduated with bachelor's and master's degrees from Brandeis University, which is often viewed as an elite university. It certainly was expensive enough! My middle daughter is graduating from the University of Florida this May and will continue for her doctorate in physical therapy while my youngest earned an honors fellowship at Elon University in

While I can assure you that I didn't bribe any coach or admissions officer, today's application process is emotionally grueling both for student and parent. The process seems arbitrary and often makes no sense as to which kids are admitted and which aren't into a given institution.

Criminality aside, the competition to gain admittance to even popular state schools like the University of Florida is fierce. I'm a three-time UF grad but I'm not certain that my high school grade point average and SAT scores would gain me admission today.

The high school and college experience of today, I'm afraid, is exponentially more difficult and stressful than what my generation experienced. All three of my daughters graduated summa cum laude from Fort Myers High School's International Baccalaureate (IB) program. The studies were rigorous. Over my daughters' high school years, my wife and I had to calm down several anxious crying spells leading up to exams as our daughters were overwhelmed with projects and homework.

Gaining admission into even the best state schools requires building not only an academic resume but one that highlights athletic, civic and community involvement. It seems that our modern pressures have stolen at least some of the innocence and the

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carefree nature of youth. And even with all that, the high school counselors will tell their students that certain schools will be a "reach." Students are encouraged to apply to one or two "safe" schools into which they're certain to gain admittance, and then concentrate

mainly on good "match" schools.

During one of the dozens of college tours my wife and I endured, an admissions officer at Emory University in Atlanta provided the most candor. "How do we decide between two A+ students who have equally impressive extracurriculars?" he rhetorically asked. "It's the luck of the draw. Say, for example, our orchestra professor tells us that he needs a tuba player. That applicant might gain advantage over others who have higher grades and test scores. Or if we need less pre-meds and more liberal art candidates to keep a professor's class full, then that applicant who checked he's pre-med will lose out to the one that checked general liberal arts studies on her application. It varies year by

I understand that this is hardly comforting to parents of current high school juniors and seniors. The pressure is on. We want the best for our children. And since it costs so much anyway, we want our kids to come out with a degree from an institution that will hopefully lead to gainful employment.

I've been trapped into that thinking for sure.

What's the solution? There's no easy one. I was talking to a parent of a current high school freshman who told his son not to enroll in the IB program. "I want him to enjoy high school. If he doesn't get into the University of Florida or some other highly ranked state school, I'm okay with that. It's what you do after college that's important.' Maybe we need more parents like that.

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Community Foundation Adds Officer

he Southwest Florida Community Foundation has named Peter Ocsody as its chief strategy and operations officer.

An avid entrepreneur and an educator of entrepreneurship, Ocsody has been working with



Peter Ocsody

the foundation and the FutureMakers Coalition's guiding team on various projects for the past five years as well as providing workshops to its staff and its non-profit tribe members.

In his new role, he is responsible to assess, formulate and execute various organizational changes in order to prepare the foundation for its next phase of growth.

"I'm excited to refine and enhance the organizational strategy of the foundation so that it can serve its mission of regional change for the common good," he said. "As the head of both strategy and operations, I will also work hard to ensure high-quality alignment between those two, making the operations able to efficiently support the organization's strategic development for applicable social impact-making and innovation."

Ocsody has worked with and developed several tech-based startups since the beginning of his career. As a consultant, he advised and helped the development of startups and small businesses as well as developed workshops, bootcamps and progressive courses for aspiring entrepreneurs and business owners. He has also taught university entrepreneurship courses as an adjunct instructor.

Ocsody completed his undergraduate studies in economics from the University of Miskolc in Hungary while minoring in engineering.

Ocsody received his MBA from Maharishi University of Management with an emphasis in organizational development. He studied advanced project management at Stanford University and he is expected to receive his PhD in management this June from Maharishi University of Management.

In addition to the Community Foundation and FutureMakers, Ocsody is an active community member and has volunteered as a martial arts instructor for the last 18 years. He has also volunteered on advisory and judging panels of entrepreneurial projects led by high school and university students and is a member of the advisory board of Dunbar High

Airport Report For February

uring February, 1,117,409 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers, an increase of 6 percent compared to February 2018. Yearto-date, passenger traffic is up 7.3 percent compared to last year.

The traffic leader in February was

Southwest Airlines with 195,690 passengers traveling to and from Fort Myers. Rounding out the top five airlines were Delta (186,744), American (144,787), Spirit (139,907) and Frontier (119,081).

Southwest Florida International Airport had 9,079 aircraft operations, a decrease of 1.2 percent compared to February 2018. Page Field saw 9,003 operations, a 6.5 percent increase from February 2018. In addition, slightly more than 2.6 million pounds of air freight moved through Southwest Florida International Airport in February 2019.

Southwest Florida International Airport served nearly 9.4 million passengers in 2018 and is one of the top 50 U.S. airports for passenger traffic. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for airport operation or construction.

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Lee Clerk Receives National Award



From left, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs Karen Christensen, Lee Clerk Recording Manager Sharon Smith; Lee Clerk Recording Supervisor Vanessa Sowers; Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services Rachel Arndt photo provided

he Lee County Clerk of Court was honored on February 22 for its passports program by the U.S. Department of State with its Special Recognition Award. Representatives from the Clerk's office accepted the prestigious award at the ceremony in Washington, DC. The local clerk's office was the only passport acceptance facility in Florida to be honored at the ceremony. Two other federal agencies were also recognized with the Special Recognition Award.

This honor is a reflection of our dedication to providing customers with quality passport services," said Linda Doggett, Lee County Clerk of Court. "Our passport processing team did a wonderful job of boosting our program in recent years by bringing this muchneeded service directly to our citizens.

"We were very impressed with the number and variety of outreach events that your facility conducted to educate customers on applying for passports and

international travel" said Rachel Arndt, Department of State representative. Representatives from the offices of Senator Marco Rubio and Congressman Francis Rooney were in attendance at the award ceremony.

The clerk's office actively partners with local universities and government agencies to educate citizens about passports. The clerk recently began providing passport services at the Tax Collector's Bonita Springs branch. In 2018, the clerk's office processed 8,961 passport applications.

The Special Recognition Award recognizes passport acceptance facilities and agents who have gone above and beyond in offering superior customer service or implemented innovative

To learn more about applying for a passport or having the clerk's office participate in your local event, visit www. leeclerk.org.🌣

Housing Authority Names Director

he Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers has appointed Marcia Davis as its executive director.

Davis has more than 15 years of public housing experience and previously served as director of real estate development for the



Marcia Davis

Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers from 2006 to 2013. Six years ago, she relocated to Richmond, Virginia to take on the role of chief real estate officer for the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority. In that role she managed all aspects of their real estate and community development programs as well as Richmond's Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) sustainability plans.

Davis holds a bachelor's of science degree in psychology from Cameron University in Oklahoma. She was a 2007 recipient of Gulfshore Business Magazine's 40 Under 40 award; chairwoman of the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Lee County from 2009-11 and a board member from 2004-13; and a national committee member of the National Association of Housing Redevelopment Officials from 2015-17.

Davis has directly designed and managed several complex affordable housing redevelopments and is experienced with administering HUD programs including Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) programs, Capital Funds, CDBG, HOPE VI implementation and utilization of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit to further the redevelopment of communities.

The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers serves as a catalyst for increasing access to safe, stable and sustainable housing and to help develop, preserve and revitalize communities through affordable rental housing. For more information, call 344-3220 or visit www.hacfm.org.\$\times\$

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Refreshing Kitchen And **Bath Trends**



by Trinette Nelson

he rooms that get the most use in a home are easily the kitchen and bathrooms. Yet somehow, they are often the last to get the attention they deserve in terms of upgrading or

refreshing. If your kitchen and bathrooms seem to distract from the beauty and functionality of your home, this may be the time to consider a redo.

Changing your cabinets and countertop can help make a dramatic change to your home. Although cabinet replacement can offer a completely fresh new look or layout, there are other options available, such as refacing or refurbishing to update these spaces. Whichever approach that is taken, it's important to know what is trending before making this investment.

Painted finishes are still holding the market in popularity. Gray has been favored for some time now and is moving into cabinetry as a stained woodgrain finish as well. Black is being shown in kitchen cabinetry, either on its own or

in combination with colored painted finishes, warm woods and gold finishes

Black is also translating back to the current trend of the "tuxedo kitchen" which highlights the use of dark lower cabinets paired with white (or light hued) upper cabinetry or open shelving. Two-toned cabinetry is having a strong hold on the market and is expected to stay in favor for quite a while.

Countertop trends for kitchen and bath vary depending on desired effect and durability. Quartz, the strongest commercial grade stone, has superb color consistency and long-term durability without maintenance of previously favored surfaces.

Concrete is being shown as a compliment to the industrial style of décor. Various colors, textures and finishes can be achieved. Concrete can be prone to (repairable) cracks and require sealing to the surface for usage.

Reclaimed wood is a top new trend for countertops for both kitchen and bath. Using wood is a more sustainable and environmentally friendly solution to sourcing natural products like granite or marble and will establish warmth and interest to a space.

Whether considering a complete remodel or just a refresh, it is recommended to consult a design professional to assist you in making material selections that will stand the test of time.

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

Financial Focus

Professional Team Can Help You Reach Your Goals



by Jennifer Basey

s you work toward achieving your goals in life, you will need to make moves that contain financial, tax and legal elements, so you may want to get some help - from more than one source

Specifically, you might want to put together a team comprised of your financial advisor, your CPA or other tax professional, and your attorney. Together, this team can help you with many types of financial/tax/legal connections.

For starters, you may decide, possibly upon the recommendation of your financial advisor, to sell some investments and use the proceeds to buy others that may now be more appropriate for your needs. If you sell some investments you've held for a year or less and realize a capital gain on the sale, the gain generally will be considered short-term and be taxed at your ordinary income tax rate. But if you've held the investments for more than a year before selling, your gain will likely be considered long-term and taxed at the lower, long-term capital gains rate, which can be 0, 15 or 20 percent, or a combination of those rates.

On the other hand, if you sell an investment and realize a capital loss, you may be able to apply the loss to offset gains realized by selling other, more profitable investments and also potentially offset some of your ordinary income. So, as you can see, the questions potentially raised by investment sales – "Should I

sell?" "If so, when?" "If I take some losses, how much will they benefit me at tax time?" - may also be of importance to your tax advisor, who will need to account for sales in your overall tax picture. As such, it's a good idea for your tax and financial advisors to communicate about any investment sales you make.

Your tax and financial advisors also may want to be in touch on other issues, such as your contributions to a retirement plan. For example, if you are self-employed or own a small business, and you contribute to a SEP-IRA - which is funded with pre-tax dollars, so the more you contribute, the lower your taxable income - your financial advisor can report to your tax advisor (with your permission) how much vou've contributed at given points in a year, and your tax advisor can then let you know how much more you might need to add to move into a lower tax bracket, or at least avoid being bumped up to a higher one. Your financial advisor will be the one to recommend the investments you use to fund your SEP-IRA.

Your financial advisor can also help you choose the investment or insurance vehicles that can fund an estate-planning arrangement, such as an irrevocable living trust. But to establish that trust in the first place and to make sure it conforms to all applicable laws, you will want to work with an attorney experienced in planning estates. Your tax professional may also need to be brought in. Again, communication between your various advisors is essential.

These are but a few of the instances in which your financial, tax and legal professionals should talk to each other. So, do what you can to open these lines of communication - because you'll be the one who ultimately benefits from this teamwork.

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

Public Safety Topic Of Luncheon

mergency preparedness and public safety issues will be discussed at the Real Estate Investment Society's (REIS) luncheon meeting at Pelican Preserve's Clubhouse on April 9 at 11:45

Lee Mayfield, director of Lee County's Department of Public Safety, will be the featured speaker. He will address lessons learned from Hurricane Irma and preparations for the approaching hurricane season as well as respond to questions of specific interest to the real estate investment and development industry.

In addition to emergency management and medical services, the Department of Public Safety also oversees the government communications network and administers distribution of fire and EMS impact fees. Following the presentation,

Lee Mayfield, CEM, FPEM, joined Lee County Emergency Management in 2014. He previously served as emergency management coordinator with Collier County Emergency Management and as state emergency management regional coordinator for Southwest Florida.

The meeting, held in the Osprey Room at Pelican Preserve's Clubhouse, is being sponsored by Iberiabank. Cost with lunch is \$30 for members and \$40 for guests.

Pelican Preserve's Clubhouse is located

at 9802 Pelican Preserve Boulevard in Fort Myers. Reservations are required by April 4 and may be made at www.reis-swfl.

Contract Given To Create **Artificial Reef**

he Lee Board of County Commissioners recently awarded a contract to create an artificial reef at Chris Koepfer's ARC Reef Site using a \$120,000 grant from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

The contract awarded to Kelly Brothers, Inc. is for the creation of an artificial reef using 1,000 tons of donated concrete or limestone within the Chris Koepfer's ARC reef site. The reef site is located approximately 14 nautical miles southwest of Redfish Pass.

The project is expected to be completed in July.

Lee County has had an active artificial reef program since the early 1990s. Grants from federal, state, and private sources help create a range of recreational opportunities from inshore to the deep water of the Gulf of Mexico. Chris Koepfer's ARC Reef Site is named in memory of the pioneer of Lee County's artificial reef program. For a video on Lee County artificial reefs, visit www.youtube.com/ watch?v=q2rHEAB9gQM☆

Acting Social Workshop

he Alliance for the Arts CHANGE Program is offering its next class: Acting Social Workshop – What Is Your Mask? this weekend, March 30 and March 31. Saturday workshop hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday hours are 1 to 3:30 p.m. with the performance and talk-back

beginning at 2:30 p.m.

The CHANGE Program (Communities Harnessing the Arts to Nurture and Grow Equity) provides performance opportunities and a platform to convene dialogue on social issues that challenge our community through creative, artistic expression.

This course explores how society connects through a lens of diverse identities: who we are, how we were raised, experiences, economic status and contributions. Students will utilize the arts and social discourse to explore ways to articulate and express identity. The workshop promises to foster an appreciation of the common and unique experiences that shape our character, our personality, our distinctiveness and the

essence of our identity.

Students will view a performance introducing the theme and then participate in a group exercise and group discussion exploring race, stereotyping and privilege. With guidance from the facilitators, the participants will then collaborate to create an artistic demonstration of their exploration of identity. Family and friends are invited to attend the demonstration on the second day of the workshop and participate in the talkback activity. Talkbacks allow the audience to ask questions and express their thoughts and ideas on issues revealed in a work of art or performance through the form of meaningful discussion.

Workshop cost is \$20 for Alliance members or \$25 for future members. The performance is free to attend. Registration is required and can be completed online at www.artinlee.org/education or by calling 939-2787.

This project is supported in part by the Southwest Florida Community Foundation and the Florida Humanities Council.

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

LCEC Director

CEC recently welcomed Inge Kocher as its new director of business alignment and performance. In this role, she will be responsible for leading teams in areas of enterprise business strategy and planning, governance, prioritization.



performance management, process development and redesign, and project management.

Before joining the LCEC team, Kocher served as the director/regional head of Business Services Americas for Commerzbank AG in New York.☆

Greeters Club Luncheon

eteorologist Matt Devitt of WINK News will be the guest speaker at ■The Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers luncheon at the Plantation Country Club on Thursday, April 18. Registration will be from from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. Lunch begins at noon.

Devitt's broadcasting career includes stints at KTEN-TV & KHOG-TV in Tornado Alley and WSAV-TV in Savanah, Georgia. He joined the WINK News weather team in 2016 just in time to cover Tropical Cyclone Irma in 2017.

Cost for luncheon is \$25. To register, email greetersclub@gmail.com and provide your name, email address and phone number. You will receive a return email confirming your reservation.

Plantation Country Club is located at 10500 Dartington Drive in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.

Hodges Director

ranislav Lujic has joined Hodges University as the assistant vice president of enrollment management. In this position, he oversees the admissions, first impressions and student experience teams. He will also continue developing



Branislav Lujic

the university's international student recruitment and outreach.

Lujic brings over 10 years of expertise in student recruitment and admissions. Prior to joining Hodges University, he was the director of admissions and marketing, Europe, for Schiller International University

Lujic earned his bachelor of science degree in economics and international trade from the University of Belgrade, Serbia, and his master of science degree in international management from the University of Phoenix in Tempe, Arizona. He is fluent in Serbian and English. \$



FMPD Promotions To Command **Positions**

he Fort Myers Police Department (FMPD) recently promoted two officers in a ceremony held at City Hall. Sergeant Jesus Řamos was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and Officer Robert Kerbs was promoted to



Sgt. Robert Krebs

the rank of sergeant.

With family, friends and fellow officers in attendance, Chief Derrick Diggs welcomed the men to the command staff of the agency and commented that they "are immediately gaining new responsibilities for a growing police department and a

growing city."

Both Lt. Ramos and Sgt. Kerbs were sworn-in to their new positions by City Clerk Gwen Carlisle and will be supervising the FMPD Patrol Divisions.☆





From left, Stefanie Edwards, Kyle & Elizabeth Gibson, Sarah Garver and Jordan Parker

photos provided

Twins Wives Take On Rays Wives In Softball Game

n March 8, the wives of the Minnesota Twins players battled the wives of the Tampa Bay Rays players in a softball game supporting a local charitable organization. Following the Twins vs. Rays Spring Training game

at the CenturyLink Sports Complex, the ladies took the field to raise money for Community Cooperative, a nonprofit organization fighting to end hunger and homelessness in Lee County.

Each team donated \$5,000 toward the cause, and a \$10,000 check was presented to Stefanie Edwards of . Community Cooperative before the Spring Training game. The Minnesota Twins Wives Organization raised additional funds before the game by selling Twins

SPORTS QUIZ

- 1. When was the last time before 2017-18 that the Colorado Rockies reached the postseason in consecutive years?
- 2. Name the player who hit the most home runs in a season for the Chicago White
- 3. When was the last time before 2017 that Penn State's football team was ranked as high as No. 2 in The Associated Press poll?
- 4. Who was the last player before Philadelphia's Joel Embiid in 2017 to have at least 40 points, seven assists and seven blocked shots in a game?
- 5. In 2018, David Quinn became the fifth head coach to go directly from an NCAA Division I team to an NHL team (New York Rangers). Name two of the other four
- 6. When was the last time before 2018 that England's men's soccer team reached the semifinals of the World Cup?
- 7. Who was the last American male chess player before Fabiano Caruana to compete for the World Chess Championship?

ANSWERS

1990. 7. Gata Kamsky, in 1996. (Philadelphia, 2015), Bob Johnson (Calgary, 1982) and Ned Harkness (Detroit, 1970). 6. It was I. It was the first time. The Rockies also made the postseason in 1995, 2007 and 2009. 2. Albert Belle belted 49 home runs for the White Sox in 1998. 3. It was October of 1999. 4. Philadelphia's Julius Erving, in 1982. 5. Jim Montgomery (Dallas, 2018), Dave Hakstol



Minnesota Twins Wives Softball Team

merchandise at their table, with any purchase or donation of \$25 or more getting ticket-holders the chance to meet and get autographs from select Twins players. A few of these players were pitcher Blake Parker, catcher Willians Astudillo, and two-time MLB All-Star and Twins Hall of Fame inductee Michael Cuddyer.

Twins pitcher Kyle Gibson, a champion supporter and volunteer for Community Cooperative, served as the emcee for the wives' softball game. Between innings, he raised awareness for the organization and its mission by sharing about its programs and statistics, shedding light on homelessness and explaining why so many in Lee County need assistance from Community Cooperative.

Each softball team consisted of several talented women. Janie Reed (wife of Twins player Jake Reed) was among the players on the Twins Wives team, who was a pitcher for Team USA in the 2017 World Cup of Softball. The game ended with a 6-4 score in favor of the Rays Wives, who made a comeback this year after losing to the Twins Wives in last year's matchup. The Twins Wives didn't go down without a fight, and kept the score close for most of

To support Community Cooperative by volunteering, contact Rachell Mays at rachell@communitycooperative.com or call 332-7687 ext. 100. Learn more about the organization's many programs online at

Flip This Kennel Event

ee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS), along with various county agencies, area shelters, rescues and businesses, will decorate kennels and catteries for the Flip This Kennel event to highlight shelter pets in the county's adoption center on Saturday, March 30.

Visitors can vote for their favorite flip between 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. People also can vote at www.facebook. com/leecountydomesticanimalservices by liking the picture of a favorite kennel

or cattery all day Saturday and Sunday. Winners will be posted on the Facebook page on Monday, April 1.

This year's Flip This Kennel event is themed in Highlighting Southwest Florida. This can be what best spotlights their favorite place to visit, their business or place to go with their pet. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, third place and honorable mention in both in-house and Facebook votes.

Lee County Domestic Animal Services is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers. It is open 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, visit www.leelostpets.com.☆

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Assistive Technology Specialist Crystle Fliss teaches students writing techniques while using vision simulators photos provided

Glimpse Of Vision Loss For FGCU Students

Students in the occupational therapy program at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) spent a day learning what it's like to live with vision loss, giving them an educational, hands-on approach to their future as occupational therapists. Through the community partnership established

over three years ago with Lighthouse of SWFL, students under the direction of Dr. Edwin Myers, assistant professor at FGCU's department of rehabilitation sciences, visited the vision rehabilitation agency and experienced the programs and services Lighthouse provides to individuals living with blindness and vision impairment.

As the only vision rehabilitation agency in Lee, Hendry and Glades counties, the Lighthouse of SWFL provides a unique opportunity for university students to experience a



Early Intervention Specialist Diane "DC" Colburn, along with Youth Services Specialist Tina Paulsen and Children's Program Coordinator Roselyn Batista demonstrate teaching strategies for children with vision loss.

hands-on training environment with people of all ages living with major vision loss. Students experienced instruction in orientation and mobility, assistive technology, low vision, and the blind babies and children's programs.

FGCU's occupational therapy program prepares students to function in a wide variety of settings, utilizing principles and intervention approaches related to occupation as well as supervising occupational therapy support personnel. Since the partnership was established, over 100

occupational therapy students have been introduced to the Lighthouse of SWFL and its vision rehabilitation services.

For more information, visit www. lighthouseswfl.org, or call 997-7797.

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Spring Teacher Recruitment Fair

The School District of Lee County is looking to expand its teaching family for the upcoming school year by seeking passionate individuals who are ready to provide a positive and rich educational experience to its most important customers – students.

important customers – students.

The 2019 Spring Teacher
Recruitment Fair will be held on
Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to
12 p.m. at the Lee County Public
Education Center. During this event,
principals and assistant principals will be
conducting interviews and hiring onsite
for 2019-20 vacant teaching positions.

All candidates must pre-register at http://apply.leeschools.net and apply for the position titled Pool – Spring Teacher Recruitment Fair (Job ID 20190012). Once an application is submitted, candidates will be screened and invitations will be emailed by March 29.

Since offers of employment will be extended at this event, candidates must meet one of the following requirements to be eligible for an invitation:

Hold a valid standard teaching certificate (Florida or out-of-state) or Expected to graduate from a college of education by August 2019 or

Hold a bachelor's degree in an area where certification can be obtained.

To see if your bachelor's degree can lead you towards certification, visit www.fldoe.org.

If your degree major does not equate

to a certification area, register to take a subject area exam.

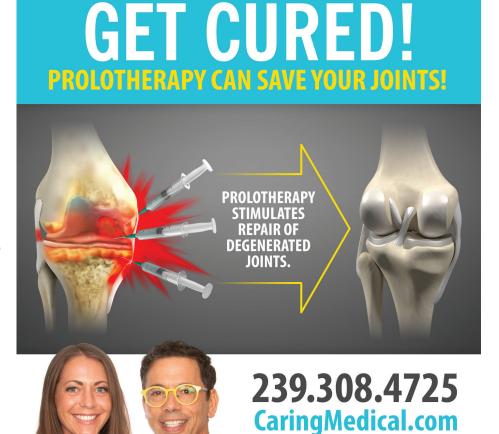
For further questions, send an e-mail to careers@leeschools.net. A team member will respond to provide guidance.

Chronic Pain Workshops

ee Health will hold a free six-week workshop, entitled Chronic Pain Self-Management, on Mondays beginning April 1 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at The Sanctuary Outpatient Center, and on Thursdays beginning April 4 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Brookdale College Parkway. The research-based program developed by Stanford University will help participants learn how to better manage chronic pain conditions such as arthritis, fibromyalgia, back pain, headaches and more.

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

The Sanctuary Outpatient Center is located at 8060 Colonial Center Drive in Fort Myers. The Brookdale College Parkway is located at 8351 College Parkway in Fort Myers. Seating is limited and registration is required. Call 343-9264 for more information.



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Charity Group Wine & Food Fest VIP Celebration

WFL Children's Charities, Inc. recently hosted a VIP Celebration dinner in advance of the 2019 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, bringing trustees, sponsors and supporters together to commence the weekend of spirited philanthropy.

Hosted at Venue Naples, the evening

featured a sophisticated reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a four-course dinner with uniquely paired wines. The meal was expertly prepared by four celebrity chefs including Chef Dustin Valette of Valette Restaurant in Healdsburg, California, Chef Brian Roland of Crave Culinaire, Chef Todd Johnson of Rumrunners and Chef Bob



photos courtesy Elaine and Fred Hawkins Vanessa Rogers Photography



From left, Kelly Stephens, Mic Lundon and Lynn Beverly



Debbie Toler and Sandy Stilwell-Youngquist



Michelle Graham and Peter Vamvakaris



From left, Glenn Gonzales, Jacob Patrick and Rob Black



Vicki and Richard Pitbladdo



From left, David Collins, Donna Caruso, Jennifer Rinden, Anna "Boots" Tolles and Scott Rinden



Ester and Steve Machiz



Participants at the Secret Garden Gala at Shangri-La Springs mingle prior to dinner

disorder.

Kids' Minds Matter Benefits From Gala

fficials from Kids' Minds Matter raised more than \$725,000 at their third annual Secret Garden Gala, which raises awareness and philanthropic support for pediatric mental and behavioral healthcare initiatives in Southwest Florida. Held at historic Shangri-La Springs in

Bonita Springs, the Secret Garden Gala featured hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, an exquisite dinner, music and a live auction that offered far-away travels, fine wine, gourmet food and exquisite fashion.

Over its three-year history, the Secret Garden Gala has raised nearly \$2.2 million to support Kids' Minds Matter," said its founders, Susan Goldy and Scott Spiezle. "This support will ultimately help provide more families in Southwest Florida with a proper diagnosis, resources and treatment options for youth with mental and behavioral health disorders.

It's estimated that 46,000 local

photo by Michael Caronchi children are impacted by these disorders, which include anxiety, depression, eating disorders, psychosis, substance abuse, autism and attention deficit hyperactivity

Kids' Minds Matter is the pediatric mental and behavioral healthcare fund at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, and it has grown into a regional movement to align Southwest Florida providers in the development of strategic solutions that improve access to highquality care. The Secret Garden Gala is the largest annual fundraising event benefiting Kids' Minds Matter.

The Secret Garden Gala was co-chaired by Goldy, Spiezle and Jennifer Parisi. NBC2 anchor Kellie Burns emceed the event, while Richard Keelan, a child advocate at Golisano Children's Hospital, and Dr. Paul Simeone, vice president of mental and behavioral health for Lee Health, delivered the keynote addresses.

For more information about Kids' Minds Matter and future fundraising events, please visit www.KidsMindsMatter. com or call the Lee Health Foundation at 343-6950.☆

Storybook Ball Benefits Ronald McDonald House

Tuests went "loco for Coco" at the 25th annual Storybook Ball honoring Kellie Burns and benefiting Ronald McDonald House Charities Southwest Florida. Some 300 guests arrived in colorful evening resort attire to celebrate family, love, music and Mexican culture themed to the Disney movie Coco. NBC-2 News anchors Rachel Pierce and Peter Busch emceed the evening with celebrity auctioneer Jay Severson.

Piñatas hung from the light fixtures, guitar and flower arrangements graced the auction area, sugar skull characters posed for photos and an authentic mariachi band provided a fun and festive sound while guests sipped cocktails and perused silent auction tables.

The popular photo area featured a colorful Mexican serape backdrop, adorned with paper flowers crafted by a very gracious mother staying at the Fort Myers Ronald McDonald House with her son while he is undergoing treatment at Golisano Children's Hospital.

Dance music for the evening was provided by local favorite Karribean Groove. In an emotional testimonial, one of the band members spoke about his own experience with Ronald McDonald House, due to his daughter's battle with Spina bifida.

All proceeds support Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida in its mission to create, find and support programs that directly impact the health and well-being of children and their families.

Since its founding in 1996, Ronald McDonald House Charities has helped thousands of children and their families in Southwest Florida through the Ronald McDonald House, Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Program, Ronald McDonald Family Room in the Golisano Children's

For information on sponsorship opportunities for 2020, contact Amy Blanco at 437-0202.🌣

Good Neighbor Citizenship Grant



State Farm agents with Rep. Spencer Roach

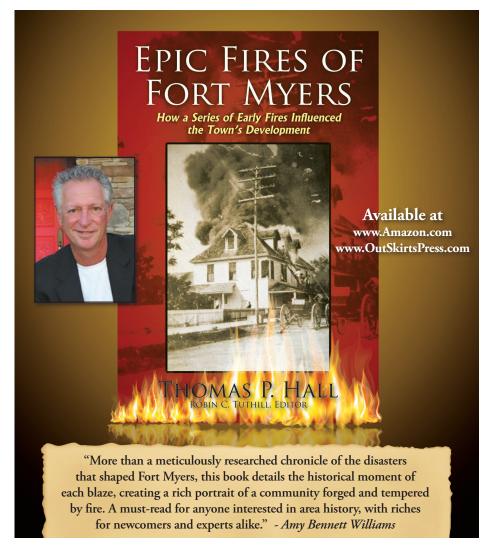
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abitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties was recently ■awarded a \$5,000 grant from the State Farm Good Neighbor Citizenship Grant program. The funds will be used to purchase materials for the affiliate's homebuyer education classes, and add materials to the Habitat homebuyers' resource library. State Farm not only supports the Habitat mission financially, but also through volunteerism by gathering staff from the area to participate in multiple build days throughout the year.

Future Habitat homebuyers volunteer 300 sweat equity hours, contribute \$1,700 towards closing cost and

complete homeowner education classes to learn how to become a self-sufficient homeowner, including post-purchase counseling. The curriculum includes information on budgeting, money management, banking, credit, homeowners' insurance, mortgages, and safety and maintenance. Participants receive hands-on training in minor home repairs and fire safety. Then families sign a mortgage to purchase their Habitat home.

Since October 1, 2018, 362 people have attended a Habitat information meeting and currently 26 families have been selected to partner with Habitat.



Colon Cancer **Grows Faster** With Sugary Drinks

by Suzy Cohen, RPh

ear Readers: It's more bad news for sugary drinks that contain high fructose corn syrup (HFCS).

According to a new animal study, consuming a small amount of this sweetener can speed

up the growth of tumors. The study focused on intestinal (colon) tumors and the amount of HFCS was equivalent to the amount found in one can of soda. I'm concerned because I know somewhere out there, children are celebrating their birthdays with lots of candy and beverages that are high in HFCS.

The amount of corn syrup found in a can of soda appears to give mice bigger colon tumors. You might be thinking that other factors came into play such as weight, or illness, but the results of this mouse study were actually independent of compounding factors. This finding comes at the same time as another concerning trend is coming to light. That is more and more young adults being diagnosed with colon or colorectal cancer in their 30s and dying from it.

High fructose corn syrup is a liquid sweetener, derived from corn, that consists of both glucose and fructose in a ratio of 45 to 55. So it's a blended sugar that contains two different natural sugars, and it is mainly fructose which is a fruit

The fact that sweet drinks accelerate tumor growth within the colon begs the question about other tumors. Does it drive tumor growth for other cancers, or just the colon? And it raises the question about soda, candy, yogurt and frozen foods which use HFCS as the sweetener

Does sugar directly feed cancer cells? Or is it the weight gain associated with HFCS that is really driving the problem? Is it because these types of sugars are 'drug muggers' of your probiotics? You cannot have a healthy immune system to even recognize cells that have gone rogue, if you don't have a healthy gut

If you have a sibling or parent who suffered colon (or colorectal cancer), you should take this research seriously as I do. My brother died of colon cancer and so I stay tuned in to research, especially because it's so easy to choose another beverage over the ones that are suspect when it comes to tumor growth. Maybe it's not "easy"... as I type that sentence I'm reminded of a conversation I had with one of my sweet friends today. I don't normally lecture friends, because I love them just they way they are. However, this friend drinks 15 cans of soda a day, every day. Remember, the HFCS studied was the same amount as that found in one can of soda. Today, while we were driving home from lunch, I mentioned this article I was writing and the new

research. I asked her point-blank, if she would consider consuming just 10 cans a day, and replacing 5 cans with fresh water. This was her reply:

Water? No. It's only good for showers, and for flushing your toilet."

I tried. You should at least try once, if you care about someone, right? My intentions were good.

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.☆

Free Health Care Workshop

he Southwest Florida community is invited to take part in a free educational workshop at Dunbar Community School on Saturday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lee Health and 100 Black Men of Southwest Florida are hosting health experts, area physicians and community members for a day of education surrounding health issues that are prevalent in the African-American community, including diabetes, cardiovascular disease and HIV.

100 Black Men of Southwest Florida is the local chapter of 100 Black Men of America, Inc., a national nonprofit dedicated to improving the quality of life within the communities it serves and enhancing educational and economic opportunities for all African-Americans.

The goal of this free workshop is to improve the knowledge and health of our community through outreach and education. A free lunch will be provided to

Dunbar Community School is located at 1857 High Street in Fort Myers. To RSVP, call 834-2870.❖

O Positive Blood **Donors Needed**

ee Health is asking the community for O positive blood donations to help refill inventory levels. As home to the region's only trauma center, it is vital that Lee Health's blood supply remains at healthy levels in order to quickly care for patients needing an urgent transfusion. Blood and blood products also treat cancer patients. premature babies, anemia and a variety of other conditions.

About 800 units of blood are needed per week, and the blood centers rely on life-saving donations from the community to maintain inventory levels. No blood donated at the centers is ever exported out of Southwest Florida.

Donors of all blood types are welcomed and encouraged to help serve the needs of the community. Anyone who is at least age 17, or age 16 with parental permission, weighs at least 115 pounds and is in good overall health is eligible to donate blood. A person can donate blood approximately every eight

For more information, call 343-2333 or visit www.leehealth.org/bloodcenter. **Doctor and Dietician**

What Makes A Person Happy





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

That exactly is it that makes us happy? Money? Social status? Larger homes or material possessions? Even though we might think more money is the easy answer, it doesn't seem to be true. The people of Denmark routinely rank among the happiest country and most satisfied, but they are 17th in income rankings. The U.S. is No. 1 financially, but falls far behind in satisfaction and work-life balance. Research just does not demonstrate that more money equals more happiness

What does make a person happy then? People who express gratitude, practice optimism, extend forgiveness, engage in fun events and who participate in acts

of kindness are actually those who are the happiest. The feel-good chemical dopamine is released when we experience pleasurable activities, such as listening to music. Do you know which action results in the most happiness? Gratitude! Practicing gratitude on a regular basis beats out pleasurable activities as far as making us happy. Where you live makes a difference too! Floridians and others who live in the South are the happiest, and those in the Northeast, well...not so much. All of the sunshine and southern hospitality can do a person good! Guess which age is the happiest? It's not the younger folks. The increased wisdom and emotional health that come with age apparently make those over age 50 less stressed and

Think you're not hardwired to be one of the happy ones? Not necessarily. We really aren't naturally happy or unhappy, or powerless to change. True, we do have our individual personalities that can make a person seem more naturally positive or happy, and we can encourage others to engage in activities that bring out a happier and more satisfied version of themselves. Positivity can be contagious!

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.

Community Prepares For 20th Celebration

ypress Cove at HealthPark Florida, the nationally recognized life plan community that opened its doors on April 5, 1999, will begin a week-long 20th anniversary celebration on Monday, April 1. Commemorative activities for residents and staff focus on an anniversary theme of Remembering Yesterdays, Appreciating Today, and Creating Tomorrows. They begin with the unveiling of a 26-poster historical display around the community's main courtyard.

On Tuesday, Cypress Cove's 21 resident pioneers (those individuals who were among the 127 first-year residents) will be honored during an afternoon celebration in the community's Edison Hall. Also feted during the afternoon event will be the current and seven past resident council presidents still living on campus.

Celebratory activities for Cypress Cove 400-plus employees are scheduled throughout the day on Wednesday.

Week-long festivities conclude Friday evening, April 5, with a resident-only dinner and dance gala event. That event will be held under tent at the community's administrative entrance – the same location where on March 28, 1999 a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held and where seven days later Cypress Cove's first residents were greeted during their move-ins.

Simultaneously on that evening, 20th anniversary festivities are also planned at Cypress Cove's assisted living facility, its memory care assisted living households,

and the community's skilled nursing and rehabilitation center.

Construction and facility enhancements have continued throughout Cypress Cove's 20-year history. Most recently, the upscale community opened an expansion to its villa neighborhood. Over the past five-years, Cypress Cove has completed a multi-million-dollar upgrade and renovation to its assisted living, its skilled nursing/rehabilitation and its independent living areas. The campus has added its multi-household, national award-winning memory care facility (The Cottage), a state-of-art high tech rehabilitation center (The Mead Therapy Center) and a multiple purpose Resident Park complex.

New Scholarship At Cypress Cove

press Cove at HealthPark Florida has added its fifth named scholarship fund to its employee educational scholarship program.

The Perry and Susan Ahrens Scholarship is available for financial assistance to a staff member, preferably working at Cypress Cove's assisted living community - The Inn at Cypress Cove.

The newest scholarship, explains Cypress Cove Philanthropy Specialist Allen Abbott, will be awarded annually beginning

Since beginning the staff scholarship program in June of 2017, the program has already provided assistance to 22 staff, seven of whom have since graduated. Program gifts, including endowed and named scholarship fund have exceeded \$250,000.\$

PETS OF THE WEEK

photos provided

Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Vera And Ambrose



Vera ID# A772455

ello, my name is Vera. I am a 1-year-old female terrier mix who is the sweetest soul that yearns to be loved. I came to LCDAS with a severe case of demodex that is healing quickly now that I am getting the care that every dog deserves. Once I look up at you with my puppy dog eyes, I have no doubt you will fall instantly in love. Any family would be lucky to add me to their home. I am just waiting for them to come to the shelter to find me.

My adoption fee is \$50, but pick a four-leaf clover and your adoption fee is just \$25.

Hi, I'm Ambrose. I am a 11-year-old male domestic shorthair who is one of the 'Super Senior' spotlights this week and am best friends with another senior, Boots. Both are front declawed. I have a more laid back personality than Boots and like to give head bumps. Rub my ears and I will be your best friend. Senior cats are often overlooked, but I think we come with so many advantages. One is we can be better with children.



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,



Ambrose ID# A500434

We are much gentler and more accustomed to interaction with people.

My adoption fee is \$10, and you can adopt one and get a feline friend at no addition charge.

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.



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.



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Emergency	
Lee County Sheriff's Office	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
Poison Control	.1-800-282-3171
HealthPark Medical CenterFt. Myers Chamber of Commerce	
Foundation for Quality Childcare	425-2685
Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce	454-7500
Fort Myers Beach Library	463-9691
Lee County Chamber of Commerce	931-0931
Post Office	.1-800-275-8777
Visitor & Convention Bureau	338-3500
Alliance for the Arts	939-2787
Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	278-4422
Cultural Park Theatre	772-5862
Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade	332-4488
Florida West Arts	948-4427
Fort Myers Harmonica Band	610-653-7940
Gulf Coast Symphony.	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic	239-597-1111
SW Florida Symphony	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy	936-3239
Young Artists Awards	574-9321
American Legion Post #38	239-332-1853
Angel Flight	877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center	731-3535
American Business Women Association	
Audubon Society	472-3156
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Caloosahatchee Folk Society	.1-855-425-3631
Cape Coral Stamp Club	542-9153
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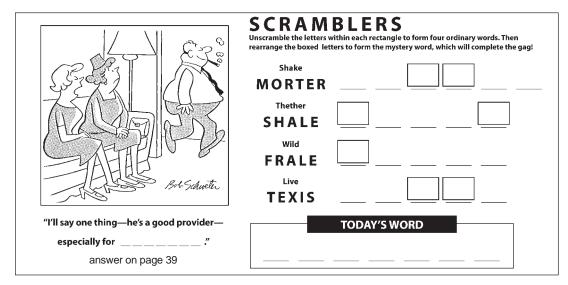
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally Left Right About Face to Bearded

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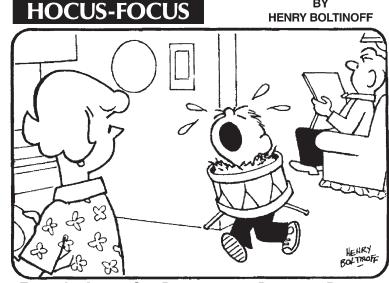
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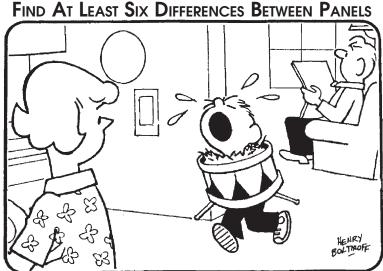
SUDOKU

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 37





Differences: 1. Window has been added. 2. Drum design is different. 3. Chair ruffle is missing. 4. Picture has been moved. 5. Mom's earning is missing. 6. Mom's hand is not seen.



Grouper with Snap Beans and Three Pepper Relish

4 (6-ounce) grouper fillets

1 pound snap beans, snapped at the end that was attached to the vine and blanched

3 bell peppers (red, yellow and green), diced small

2 cloves fresh garlic, minced

2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped

1 cup low-sodium soy sauce

olive oil for cooking

sea salt to taste

fresh ground pepper to taste

Preheat a small sauté pan over medium-high heat.

Add 1 teaspoon of oil to the preheated pan.

Add the diced peppers and garlic to the pan.

Cook peppers and garlic until just crisp

tender, 3 to 5 minutes.

Season the pepper mixture to taste with salt and pepper and remove from the pan.



Grouper with Snap Beans and Three Pepper Relish

photo courtesy Fresh From Florida

Using the same pan, add the soy sauce and reduce by half.

Once the soy sauce is reduced by half, remove it from the heat and set aside.

Preheat a large sauté pan over medium-high heat.

Add 1 tablespoon of oil to the preheated pan.

Lightly season each grouper fillet with salt and pepper.

Carefully add the fillets to the preheated pan.

Cook fillets for 3 minutes on each side or until fish is just barely done all the way through.

Remove fillets from pan and let them rest.

Add the blanched snap beans to the pan used for the fillets.

Cook snap beans until hot and lightly browned.

Season the snap beans to taste with salt and pepper.

To plate up dish, add an even amount of snap beans to each plate.

Place a grouper fillet over the snap

Garnish the top of each fillet with the pepper relish sauté.

Drizzle each plate with the reduced soy

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FOR WEEK OF APRIL 1, 2019

Aries (March 21 to April 19) Putting yourself in someone else's shoes isn't easy for you. But if you do it, you'll gain a better perspective of what you need to do to achieve your goals. Be open to new ideas. **Taurus** (April 20 to May 20) There are still some

problems you might have to deal with before moving on to your next project. It's a good idea to accept help from those who share your objectives.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) It's time to recognize the difference between those who are truly concerned for you and those who simply plan to use your good nature to their advantage. New ideas become increasingly attractive.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) Depending on a promise made becoming a promise kept could be more than a mite unwise at this time. It's best to proceed on your own rather than wait for aid that might never arrive.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) A recently revitalized relationship might not be quite what the Big Cat expected. But give yourself more time to deal with the changes. A little flexibility can go a long way. Good luck.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) A major change could prompt more adjustments. Some of them might be difficult to deal with at first. But hang in there, and before you know it, you'll be coasting to your next goal.

Libra (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of justice prompts you to speak out against an unfair situation, even if you seem to be the only one who feels that way. But you soon learn that many others agree with you.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) Creating a fuss is not usually your style. But that doesn't mean you should tolerate an ill-mannered attitude. Speak up for yourself, and you'll earn the respect of others.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) You might have a few loose ends to tie up before you can stamp your project as complete. But once that's done, you might want to celebrate with someone special in your life.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) Disappointment darkens the Goat's mood. But close friends rally to pull you through with words of



FRIDAY Mostly Sunny High: 74 Low: 66



SATURDAY Mostly Sunny High: 76 Low: 68



SUNDAY Partly Cloudy High: 77 Low: 69



MONDAY Partly Cloudy High: 79 Low: 71



TUESDAY Few Showers High: 76 Low: 68



WEDNESDAY Few Showers High: 75 Low: 67



THURSDAY Sunny High: 74 Low: 66

Redfish Pass Tides

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Sun	12:57 pm	5:19 am	11:08 pm	5:08 pm
Mon	1:11 pm	5:58 am	None	5:53 pm
Tue	12:02 am	6:30 am	1:23 pm	6:30 pm
Wed	12:46 am	6:57 am	1:33 pm	7:03 pm
Thu	1:26 am	7:19 am	1:43 pm	7:36 pm

Point Ybel Tides

Day	<u>High</u>	Low	High	Low
_	7:23 pm			
Sat	11:49 am	4:33 am	9:02 pm	4:04 pm
Sun	12:02 pm	5:21 am	10:13 pm	5:10 pm
Mon	12:16 pm	6:00 am	11:07 pm	5:55 pm
Tue	12:28 pm	6:32 am	11:51 pm	6:32 pm
Wed	12:38 pm	6:59 am	None	7:05 pm
Thu	12:31 am	7:21 am	12:48 pm	7:38 pm

Punta Rassa Tides

<u>Day</u>	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>High</u>	Low
Fri	12:42 pm	3:26 am	8:57 pm	3:21 pm
Sat	12:45 pm	4:24 am	10:05 pm	4:21 pm
Sun	12:34 pm	5:15 am	11:07 pm	5:15 pm
Mon	12:38 pm	5:59 am	11:55 pm	6:02 pm
Tue	12:56 pm	6:36 am	None	6:42 pm
Wed	12:33 am	7:08 am	1:17 pm	7:19 pm
Thu	1:06 am	7:37 am	1:39 pm	7:55 pm

Cape Coral Bridge Tides

Day	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>High</u>	Low
Fri	10:28 pm	6:47 am	None	None
Sat	2:54 pm	7:47 am	None	7:18 pm
Sun	12:07 am	8:35 am	3:07 pm	8:24 pm
Mon	1:18 am	9:14 am	3:21 pm	9:09 pm
Tue	2:12 am	9:46 am	3:33 pm	9:46 pm
Wed	2:56 am	10:13 am	3:43 pm	10:19 pm
Thu	3:36 am	10:35 am	3:53 pm	10:52 pm

PUZZLE ANSWERS

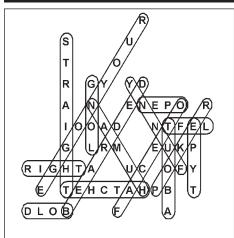
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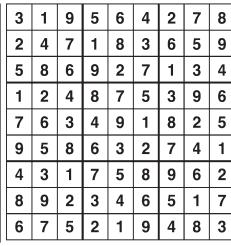
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encouragement. Use their confidence in you to rebuild your own self-esteem.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) An upcoming decision might be more difficult with inaccurate information. Best to recheck the data you have at hand right now to be sure it won't mislead you later.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20) An offer you previously turned down might no longer be available. But if you do some checking around, you could find something else that would suit you just fine

Born This Week: You believe in helping those who cannot help themselves. Although it embarrasses you, the fact is, people like you and tell you so.

MOMENTS IN TIME

- On April 7, 1776, Navy Capt. John Barry, commander of the American warship Lexington, makes the first American naval capture of a British vessel when he takes command of the warship HMS Edward off the coast of Virginia. The capture turned Barry into a national hero.
- On April 1, 1877, prospector Edward Schieffelin begins his search for silver in southern Arizona. Later that year, Schieffelin discovered one of the richest silver veins in the West. He named it the Tombstone Lode.
- On April 6, 1896, the Olympic Games, a long-lost tradition of ancient Greece, are reborn in Athens. King Georgios I of Greece and a crowd of 60,000 spectators welcomed athletes from 13 nations.

- On April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King Jr. is shot to death at a hotel in Memphis, Tennessee. A single shot fired from a nearby motel by James Earl Ray struck King in the neck. The death of America's leading civil-rights advocate sparked a wave of rioting around the country.
- On April 2, 1972, silent film actor and filmmaker Charlie Chaplin prepares for his first voyage to the United States since 1952, when he was denied a re-entry visa amid questions about his leftist politics. Chaplin returned to accept an honorary Academy Award.
- On April 3, 1996, at his cabin in Montana, Theodore John Kaczynski is arrested by FBI agents and accused of being the Unabomber, the elusive terrorist blamed for 16 mail bombs that killed three people and injured 23. "Unabomber" was an acronym for university, airline and bomber.
- On April 5, 2000, Lee Petty, an early star of NASCAR, dies at the age of 86 in North Carolina. Lee Petty won more than 50 stock-car races during his career, including three NASCAR championships and the first Daytona 500, held in 1959.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

• It was Isaac Asimov, professor of biochemistry and beloved Grand Master of science fiction, who made the following sage observation: "There is a cult of ignorance in the United States, and there always has been. The strain of antiintellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that 'my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge.'"

- According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, if you're like the average American, you drink 22.7 gallons of coffee every year. The surprising thing about that statistic isn't how much it is, though it's how little. It seems that in the 1940s, Americans were drinking twice that amount of java.
- You might be surprised to learn that gravity makes you shorter. It's true; gravity compresses your spine in a weightless environment, you would be 2 to 3 inches taller than you are here on Earth.
- George W. Church, the founder of Church's Fried Chicken, didn't actually enter the restaurant business until after he retired. In his first career, Church ran a chicken hatchery and sold incubators.
- Those who study such things say that 1 percent of the world's lizard species have no males. The females reproduce by parthenogenesis, which produces offspring that are clones of their mothers.
- Before Charlton Heston became a famous actor, he earned cash by serving as an artists' model and posed in the nude.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Mistakes are a part of being human. Appreciate your mistakes for what they are: precious life lessons that can only be learned the hard way. Unless it's a fatal mistake, which, at least, others can learn from." – Al Franken

TRIVIA TEST

- 1. **Entertainers:** Which pop music singer was born with the name Georgios Kyriacos Panayiotou?
- 2. **History:** Who was the first woman to hold federal office in the United States?
- 3. Medical: What is a more common name for "myocardial infarction"?
- 4. **Music:** Which singer had a 2010 hit single with *Rolling in the Deep?*
- General Language: What is the NATO phonetic word for the letter "I"?
- 6. Science: What is the only type of rock that is less dense than water?
- 7. **Animal Kingdom:** What is a group of jellyfish called?
- 8. **Movies:** Who voiced the character of "The Iron Giant"?
- 9. **Language:** What are the Carabinieri in Italy?
- 10. **U.S. Government:** How many states are required to ratify an amendment to the U.S. Constitution?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

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1. George Michael 2. Jeannette Rankin, elected in 1916 as a U.S. representative from Montana 3. Heart attack 4. Adele 5. India 6. Pumice 7. A swarm, a bloom or a smack 8. Vin Diesel 9. Military police or a smack 8. Vin Diesel 9. Military police or a smack 8. Vin Diesel 9. Military police of 50 states 10.

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Tax Scammers

submitted by Sherry Young

Tax season is underway, and unfortunately that means that phone scam season is also in full swing. Every year, the Internal Revenue Service sees a surge in scam phone calls to taxpayers, and each year the scammers seem to become more sophisticated and aggressive when targeting. According to the IRS, scammers have bilked Americans out of more than \$63 million in the past six years. The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida (AAASWFL) wants to ensure that you're aware of these scams – and that you know what to do if a scammer tries to contact you.

Most of these scams come in the form of phone calls claiming to be from the IRS. Potential phone scam victims are often told they owe money that must be paid immediately. Fake "IRS agents" may threaten their victims with arrest, prison, deportation, or other penalties if they don't pay a bogus tax bill. When unsuccessful on the first attempt, phone scammers may call back trying a new strategy.

To try to fool their victims, scammers may use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They may be able to recite the last four digits of your Social Security numbers, or even make it look like the IRS is calling by spoofing the IRS toll-free number on your caller IDs. If they know your email addresses, they may even send bogus IRS emails to their victims to support their phone calls.

While the situation may seem helpless, there are some important facts to keep in mind if you think you may be the target of a potential IRS scam. First, the IRS will always send taxpayers written notification via U.S. mail – not a phone call, not an email, and not a text message. The IRS never asks for credit or debit card information or bank account numbers over the phone, and will never demand immediate payment over the phone. And even if you owe the IRS money, agents will not take enforcement action immediately

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Today's Word

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following a phone conversation.

While it's important to recognize these scams, its equally as important to report them so our friends, families and neighbors don't fall victim. If you receive a call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, politely hang up then do one of these two things:

If you owe taxes – or think you might owe taxes, call the IRS at 800-829-1040. The IRS employee on the phone can help you with your payment issue.

If you know you don't owe taxes – or if the caller makes threats of arrest, deportation, or something similar, report the call to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 800-366-4484. You should also contact the Federal Trade Commission and use their "FTC Complaint Assistant" at www.ftc.gov.

Your local Area Agency on Aging has resources and information on how seniors can protect themselves from identity theft and other scams. You can call AAASWFL's Elder Helpline at 866-413-5337

(866-41-ELDER) to request materials or a presentation on these topics and other forms of financial abuse and fraud.

We can only stop scams like these by recognizing them when they happen and reporting them to the authorities. Let's all do our part.

Safe Generators

Storm season will be here before you know it, and now is the time to start reviewing your family's emergency plan and making preparations. If you plan on buying a generator, it is essential that all precautions are followed when setting up and using this device. If used improperly, generators can cause hazardous conditions for you, your loved ones and for electric crews working in the area.

GenerLink, offered by Lee County Electric Cooperative (LCEC), eliminates the use of extension cords and other hazardous connections by providing a safe connection from the electric meter directly to the generator. It also detects when a generator is operating and automatically disconnects from the utility grid, eliminating dangerous backfeed.

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Along with having a safe connection for your generator, it is vital to read and follow all safety instructions included with your generator. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, there were 880 generator-related fatalities from 2005 through 2017. Visit www.lcec.net for tips on generator safety and for more information on GenerLink.

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Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Solenzara	Bonita Springs	2003	4,747	\$1,699,000	\$1,600,000	268
Gulf Pines	Sanibel	1982	2,496	\$1,350,000	\$1,275,000	25
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2014	2,883	\$1,324,900	\$1,275,000	2
Riverwalk	Bonita Springs	1989	3,480	\$1,000,000	\$930,000	113
Carolands	Bonita Springs	1979	2,570	\$985,000	\$870,000	217
Heron Point	Estero	2001	3,007	\$929,900	\$895,000	105
Ginger Pointe	Estero	2000	2,700	\$840,000	\$820,000	14
Chateaux Sur Mer Unrec	Sanibel	1994	1,752	\$829,000	\$750,000	43
Chateaux Sur Mer Unrec	Sanibel	1983	2,200	\$785,000	\$734,630	17
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