



Marina Installs Mini Reefs To Help Filter Waterways

by Jeff Lysiak

In celebration of World Oceans Day on June 8, Royal Shell Port Sanibel Marina in South Fort Myers sponsored the deployment of eight miniature reefs, created and built by Ocean Habitats, Inc., part of the nonprofit organization's ongoing Thousand Reef Challenge.

According to Michael Polly, president and managing broker at Royal Shell, the company first heard about the reefs created by Ocean Habitats from an online post of an installation they did on Marco Island. After doing some research, including speaking with fellow employees familiar with that installation, they learned that all of the owners who installed reefs raved about how clear the water was underneath their docks and how many fish they attract.

"After hearing this, we felt like this was something that we could do that might be a positive effort to help protect our waterways and estuaries," said Polly.



One of the eight miniature artificial reefs deployed into the waters adjacent to Royal Shell Port Sanibel Marina photos provided

"It may be a small step, but it's better than standing on the sidelines cheering for someone to do something."

Two weeks ago, the Ocean Habitats team – including founder David Wolff – arrived at Port Sanibel Marina, located at the intersection of McGregor



The miniature reef is placed underneath the dock, where it will attract and support more than 500 fish and crustaceans per year

Boulevard and Port Comfort Road, to install the miniature reefs. The structures, 24 inches tall by 36 inches wide, help support more than 500 fish and crustaceans per year. The reefs can hold six to 10 large fish, can hold 20 to 30 panfish and can filter between

25,000 and 35,000 gallons of water per day.

"This helps improve the marine environment and improves the water quality as the animals on the mini reef remove plankton from the water," the

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Kay Francis as Mrs. Stancliffe, Kelly Legarreta as Victoria Ambrose and Mark Fishback as Bud Davis photo provided

Romantic Farce Explores Senior Rendezvous

The Off Broadway Palm Theatre is showing *Sex Please, We're Sixty* now through July 21. This laugh-a-minute farce explores the rendezvous of men and women over a certain age.

Mrs. Stancliffe's Rose Cottage Bed & Breakfast has been successful for many

years. Her guests, most of which are women, return year after year. Next-door neighbor, "Bud the Stud" thinks they come to spend time with him in romantic liaisons. The fun begins as three women arrive and turn the table on Bud and Mrs. Stancliffe's suitor, Henry, in a hysterical attempt to show the men who is the smarter sex.

The Off Broadway Palm is an intimate 100-seat theater, located in the main lobby of Broadway Palm. Performances

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Friends Collide In Dark Comedy



Diane (Tijuanna Clemons), Pam (Carolyn Greene) and Louise (Sonya McCarter) enjoy a light moment in *Rancho Mirage* photo provided

by Di Saggau

Rancho Mirage, a play by Steven Dietz, is now playing at Theatre Conspiracy, and it's biting funny with witty dialogue and a host of terrific actors. Three couples and best friends, Louise and Trevor (Sonya McCarter and Cicero McCarter), Pam and Charlie (Carolyn Greene and Nuniez Philor) and Diane and Nick (Tijuanna Clemons and

Rob Green), gather for a dinner party at Diane and Nick's lovely home located in the idyllic subdivision of Rancho Mirage. As the bottles of wine and beer are opened and served abundantly, some old wounds and grudges are shared and the party really gets going. Everyone tosses painful facts and truths around.

Diane and Nick have hit financial bottom and are about to lose their home.

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

First School?



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

History isn't always a straightforward factual affair. Sometimes it's rife with tantalizing and puzzling ambiguities. Take, for example, the phrase "first school in Fort Myers." While there are some generally agreed-upon facts, it gets tricky, depending on whether you mean first home school, log-cabin school, publically funded school, private school, or simply school of any kind. There's agreement on one thing in historical sources, though. The first school of any description was started by Evalina Weatherford Gonzalez in her home in 1868.

She was among the founders of what became the town of Fort Myers, one of several people who settled on the site of the abandoned U.S. Army fort early in 1866. Legend has it that her husband, Capt. Manuel A. Gonzalez, brought textbooks from Cuba – or Key West, depending on the source -- while on one of his many sea voyages and she started the school with four students, two of her own children, Manuel S. and Mary (later Mrs. Lew Stewart) as well as two neighbor children, Janet Clay (Jenkins) and Josephine Powell (later Mrs. Samuel R. Williams).

Decades later, Josephine would recall that school was held in what had been the old fort officers quarters, a well-built timber structure with seven or eight rooms and a large stone chimney.

That building was located where the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is now. Not until five years later, the winter of 1873 to 1874, was there a paid teacher, privately paid, that is, and he taught in the log cabin pictured here. By the time the photo of the log cabin was taken, it was rather dilapidated. Nevertheless, that doesn't diminish its historical significance. Not only did it play a significant role in local education, it was also the setting for the first church services held in town in 1872.

The cabin belonged to Maj. Evans and was located somewhere north of First Street



Englishman Robert Bell was a paid teacher in the log cabin in the 1870s. The town's first church services were also held there in 1872. photo courtesy SWFL Historical Society



The log cabin's exact location is not known, but it stood somewhere behind these buildings on First Street, between Lee Street and Royal Palm Avenue. The riverbank was much closer to First in the 1870s. photo by Gerri Reaves

between Lee and Royal Palm Avenue, according to a number of sources. The river bank was much closer to First than it is now. Thus, the cabin lay not far beyond the buildings that line today's First Street.

That location is necessarily imprecise, given contradictory information. For example, in 1930s newspaper articles, the cabin was said to have stood where the annex to the Royal Palm Hotel was.

That's puzzling, for in the 1870s and for years afterward, that site north of Bay Street was riverbed.

Then there's the alternative statement that the log cabin was located where the Royal Palm Hotel clubhouse was in 1931 – not the same location as the annex. Suffice it to say that the cabin was located somewhere east of the hotel that was later built at the foot of Royal Palm Avenue.

But back to the "first school" timeline....

Capt. FA Hendry paid Englishman Robert Bell \$25 per month, plus significant perks, to teach 10 children in the log cabin pictured in the historic photo. The number of students steadily increased.

But even calling Bell the first paid, therefore professional, teacher in town is uncertain, given Jane "Aunt Jane" (Mrs. Bill) Brown's 1939 statement.

She was born in 1863 in Ogden, moved to Fort Myers as a young child, and was one of three pupils in Evalina Gonzalez's home, she said.

She was taught by "a Mr. Miller from Key West," whose identity might remain a mystery forever. Was Mr. Miller a paid teacher before Mr. Bell came on the scene? So, in the 1870s, there was a thriving, albeit private, school in the cabin.

Then, a turning point....

In 1878, the first public support for schools materialized.

Monroe County (Lee was yet to be formed) gave Fort Myers a school building bought with county funds. It was placed at Second and Jackson, where the Andrew D. Gwynne Institute now stands. That land was donated by Maj. James Evans,

How to reconcile those facts with Marguerite Verdier Abell's statement in 1931 that Capt. Peter Nelson "established the first public school in Fort Myers?"

Verdier was an early Lee County school teacher herself, so not to be discounted.

Thankfully, the discrepancy is perhaps simple to explain. Nelson was a member of continued on page 24

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Tickets Available For Hope Kids Care Benefit

Hope Healthcare invites Southwest Floridians with a passion for supporting children and families to attend Shine at the historic Edison & Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers on Friday, October 11 at 5 p.m.

Shine is Hope Healthcare's inaugural signature benefit for Hope Kids Care that will feature an elegant evening to include cocktails, dinner, music, entertainment and a "Fund-A-Need" live auction.

State Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto and attorney Jenna Persons have been named the event co-chairs, and committee members include Stacey Adams, Rebekah MacFarlane Barney, Noelle Branning, Rachel Busch, Lillian Canfield, Laurie Moore, Vanessa Pena and Amy Thibaut. Reservations are limited and tickets may be purchased at <https://donate.hopehcs.org/shine>.

A service of Hope Healthcare, Hope Kids Care provides no-cost care to families in need, offering one-on-one children's counseling including art and music therapy, and Rainbow Trails bereavement camp; medical care



Shine committee members

including palliative and respite care; and support including caregiver education, social services, volunteer support and Hopeful Wishes to meet other family needs.

"For most families, childhood is a time of growth, development and good health. But for children living with chronic illness or serious medical conditions, there is Hope Kids Care," said Samira K.

Beckwith, president and CEO of Hope Healthcare. "While the program has served children for more than 30 years, there is a vital need to fundraise right now. Decreased care reimbursements and increased regulations have impacted funding and the organization needs community support to ensure that Hope Kids Care continues to serve families in need."

Hope Healthcare, which includes Hope Hospice and Hope Kids Care programs, is a not-for-profit health care organization dedicated to providing care and comfort to every individual and their loved ones as they fulfill life's journey.

Edison & Ford Winter Estates is located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, call 482-4673 or visit www.hopehcs.org.

photo provided



Ed Anderson paints with students at Quality Life Center of Southwest Florida photo provided

Artist Takes Outreach To Youth Center

As part of his eight-week artist "in residence" program at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel, wildlife artist Ed Anderson recently created a wildlife mural with at-risk youth at Quality Life Center of Southwest Florida in Fort Myers.

"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) is sponsoring the artist "in residence" program, with support from the Rockwell Fund, as part of the refuge's ongoing 75th anniversary celebration.

About 15 children ages 6 to 12 participated with Anderson in the mural project, creating an eight-foot by eight-foot tableau of a snowy egret and fish in the mangroves, a common scene at "Ding" Darling. Once Anderson finishes

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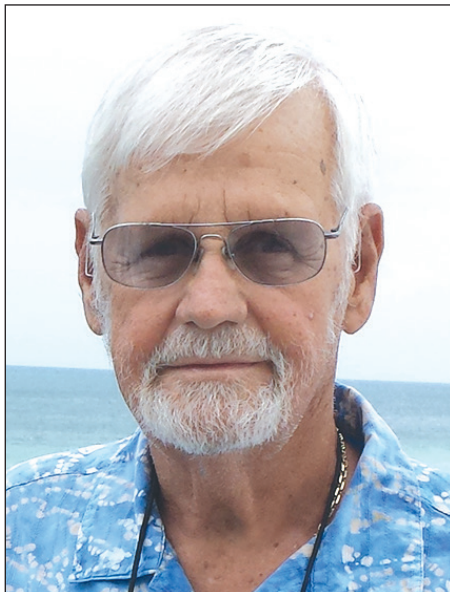
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OBITUARY



HAMLET BROSIOUS D'ARCY

Hamlet Brosius D'Arcy, known all his life as Bro, never left his roots. Born on a farm near Fort Worth, Texas in 1929, he grew up amid snakes, scorpions and a beloved St. Bernard, Barry, that his father picked up from a circus. He was the youngest of three children, Suzy and Jim, all of whom preceded him in death. From Texas, he moved to the small town of Brazil, Indiana to live with his mother, Frances, and grandparents, Hamlet and Emma. His childhood was marked with adventures, as well as misadventures, that he would

regale his friends with all his life. A vivid memory of a Mayberry like childhood with characters that no television scriptwriter could come up with, enlivened his life and those with whom he shared it.

He attended Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, Tennessee and then Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. His grandfather believed if you grew up in a small town, you should go to a large city for education. After graduating and working for his grandfather in Brazil, he went to New York and was hired by Cities Service Corporation. From there, his career path was forged. Ever the consummate salesman, he could talk and work with people from gas station owners to heads of large corporations. Bro had mentors along the way and was a firm believer that no one can make it on their own. He eventually ended up in Chicago as the number one municipal bond salesman for Merrill Lynch. There, he was a strong proponent of getting women involved with the then closed "Old-Boys" network of municipal bonds. He helped initiate quite a few successful women in careers in the financial industry.

With his love of his two boys, Jim (Jan, Will and John) and Hamlet (Kristi and Stella), he made the unprecedented move to very early retirement from Merrill Lynch. He lived on an organic farm with his family so that he could be "around" as the boys grew up. From school activities to 4H, Bro was ever present in their lives. It was at that time that he went to work for Edward Jones, thinking he'd work for several years before real retirement. He was a devoted employee for over 30 years – first as a retail broker, then as a trainer,

and finally as a mentor to struggling brokers around the United States. He developed close personal ties to so many of the Jones "family." He was as close to the telephone operators in St. Louis as to the president and partners of the firm, reaching out with his down home humor and good will to all.

The last big adventure was living aboard the *Whimsea* and cruising the waters of the Mississippi watershed and the coast of Florida. Friends remarked that he never went across to the islands and gave the boat its other moniker, "*Whimpsea*." Bro was good natured about it and always retorted, he was the captain and he had the best first mate ever in his wife, Dede. He was the man in charge! It was the boating years that introduced Bro to the U.S. Coast Guard Foundation, in which he later became a trustee on the board. It was his love of Coasties and wanting to help each and every one of them and the stations, that drove him to his last big avocation, raising funds for the foundation.

Whether in an urban or rural setting, on or off the water, Bro and Dede spent 46 years together in absolute love with each other. Never a huge fan of public displays of emotion, his love ran deep and strong for the closest to him. He was so proud of his sons and the adventures he and Dede shared, that he knew his life was blessed. Years ago he said, "I'm prepared to meet my Maker. I'm not ready, but I'm prepared." He is now with all the loved ones who proceeded him. We on the other hand, though prepared, are not ready for our loss.

Donations can be made to: U.S. Coast Guard Foundation – Bro D'Arcy Shipmate Endowment Fund, 394 Taugwonk Road, Stonington, CT 06378-1807 or online at www.coastguardfoundation.org/darcy.

Bro died June 9, 2019, surrounded by loved ones. A memorial will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, located at 2050 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.*

OBITUARY



KATHRYN LYNN BALL

Kathryn (Kathy) Lynn Ball, 59, succumbed to cancer at her home in Fort Myers on June 3, 2019. She was the daughter of Armand and Beverly Ball of Fort Myers, residents on Sanibel for many years, and vacationed on Sanibel during her early years. She is predeceased by her brother, Robin, and

survived by a sister, Helen Shelly Pound of Frederick, Colorado, and nieces Nicole Sterrett of Greenwood, Indiana, Stephanie Stephens of Bloomington, Indiana, Lyndsey Ball of Fort Myers and Rachel Pound of Fort Lupton, Colorado, and nephews, Rhyann Ball of Indianapolis and Jonathan Pound of Fort Lupton as well as long-time friends, John Burnett and Todd Dittmer of Fort Myers and Joyce Knudson of Hinckley, Minnesota.

Born in Nashville, Tennessee, her family moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, and then to Bloomington, Indiana where she graduated from high school. After a stint in college, she moved to Minneapolis, where she was employed as a painter for a number of years as well as an active volunteer with the American Red Cross.

She moved to Fort Myers in 2002 and continued her career until her recent illness. During that time, she worked at Island Rental for a period. She leaves behind many friends and loved ones in the Meadow Lake Circle neighborhood and Minnesota as well as from her years at Camp Widjiwagan in Ely, Minnesota.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial gifts may be sent to Fort Myers Salvation Army (www.salvationarmyflorida.org) or YMCA Camp Widjiwagan (www.ymcamn.org).*

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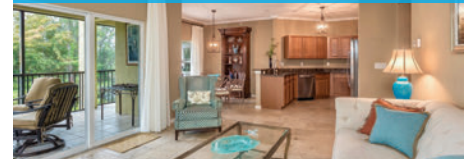
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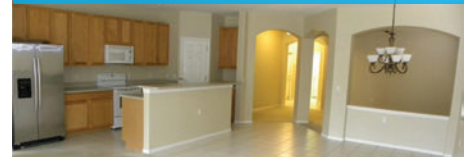
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Fort Myers Art:

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by Tom Hall

Want to be more effective when speaking to the county commission, the school board, your colleagues or any other group of people? Ever wondered how to

make an audience more receptive to your message or how to relax and present your point in a convincing manner?

The Naples Players and the Laboratory Theater of Florida will both hold a six-class public speaking workshop with Randall Kenneth Jones. Lee County classes will be held at The Laboratory Theater of Florida beginning on Wednesday, June 26 and ending on Wednesday, August 14. There will be no class on July 3 or August 7. Collier County classes will be held at the Naples Players Sugden Community Theatre beginning on Monday, June 24 and ending on Monday, August 5. There is no class on July 1. Classes are held from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Jones will provide hands-on public speaking guidance for business professionals, government employees,



Randall Kenneth Jones

photo courtesy www.artswfl.com

members of the news media, civic activists and others in a fun, upbeat environment. The class is ideal for teachers, reporters, performers, government spokespersons, would-be elected officials, non-profit representatives, community outreach personnel as well as business and real estate professionals.

A familiar face to Southwest Florida audiences, Jones is a respected actor, author, podcaster, marketing/PR

consultant and motivational speaker. Highly intelligent, deeply introspective and ridiculously well-connected (among a legion of notable actors, athletes and celebs, he counts Erin Brockovich and Peggy Post as close personal friends), Jones made quite the splash in the gender-bending roles of femme fatale Cousin Miriam in *Hush Up Sweet Charlotte* and Baby Jane Hudson in *Whatever Happened to Baby Jane: A Parody of the Horror*, both produced

by Laboratory Theater of Florida. More favorite stage roles include *The Monster* in *Young Frankenstein*, Professor Callahan in *Legally Blonde*, Roger DeBris in *The Producers* and Bottom in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Cost of the workshop is \$200. Students are required to purchase the book *Knockout Presentations*, Third Edition by Diane DiResta. Class size is extremely limited.

For Jones, time on stage is a blissful extension of the creativity-fueled lifestyle he enjoys.

A self-described "professional storyteller," Jones has built a marketing and public relations portfolio that includes respected household names from the IT, healthcare, entertainment, publishing, retail and consumer products and services industries.

Jones' longstanding public quest for professional civility has landed him on NBC's *Today*, *The Hoda Show* with Hoda Kotb, *Marketplace* on Public Radio and CNBC.com. He has also been a regular contributor to *Smart Business* magazine and the *Naples Daily News*.

After Jones moved from Washington, DC to Naples in 2010, he approached the *Naples Daily News* about writing an independent newspaper column. From the onset, *Business Class* was meant to be an exploration of positive business principles selected from interviews with high-level executives, newsmakers, business leaders, media stars and business-savvy celebrities with a connection to Southwest Florida. And for the next few years, the ultra-inquisitive

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Greeters Club Luncheon

The Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers will hold its monthly luncheon at Plantation Country Club on Thursday, July 18. The registration desk will be open from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.

The luncheon will include an afternoon of trivia challenges with Greeters Club members and guests. All women are welcome to attend, enjoy a fun afternoon and the company of other area women.

Cost is \$25. To secure your reservation, visit www.greetersfortmyers.com or 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.✱

Southwest Florida Premiere Coming To Lab Theater

The *New York Times* Critics Pick and Pulitzer Prize-nominated *The Wolves* by Sarah DeLappe is being offered as a limited engagement of five performances by The Laboratory Theater of Florida Arts Education

program from July 11 to 14.

The Wolves is set in an indoor soccer facility. Each scene depicts the nine teenage girls who make up the soccer team The Wolves as they are warming up before their weekly games.

Left quad. Right quad. Lunge. A girl's indoor soccer team warms up. From the safety of their suburban stretch circle, the team navigates big questions and wages tiny battles with all the vim and vigor of a pack of adolescent warriors. This is a portrait of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for nine American girls who just want to score some goals.

Director Madelaine Hayes said, "There's something about being an adult and consuming media that's geared toward teens; especially teen girls. There's no way, out of the presence of adults, that kids swear that much, know so much about mature themes and have so many intelligent opinions about the world around them. Looking from the outside, we tend to think, 'do they really talk like that?' They do. And they crave to make art like that, too. There will be 10 talented girls who talk like this, think like this, ready to make art like this. It's a demanding, in-demand script that I'm looking forward to tackling with an enthusiastic cast and crew."

This summer, The Laboratory Theater of Florida is holding an immersive theatrical summer camp for teens that covers not only singing, acting and choreography,

but also covers the basics of set design and build, lighting design and implementation, sound, stage management, costume planning and creation, and prop sourcing and creation. The arts education camp is three weeks starting Monday, June 24 and culminating in five performances of *The Wolves* by Sarah DeLappe.

Performance dates are as follows: July 11, 12, 13 at 8 p.m.; July 13 and 14 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available to purchase on www.brownpapertickets.com or by calling the box office at 218-0481. For additional savings, guests may purchase a 2019-20 season pass.✱

Call To Artists For Juried Art Exhibit

Arts for ACT Gallery is in need of professional and emerging artists for an open themed group exhibit that will open on August 2.

The theme is Alters, Shrines and Cabinets of Curiosities There is no cost associated with the artist entry fee.

Artists can drop off their artwork to be juried from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, July 26 through Monday, July 29. Art rejected must be picked up on Tuesday, July 30 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The opening exhibit is scheduled for Friday, August 2 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Regarding art sales, there is a

40 percent commission that will be retained by Arts for ACT Gallery with proceeds benefitting the ACT shelter.

Artists will need to pick up unsold art on Monday, September 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Arts for ACT Gallery is located at 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. To learn more about ACT, visit www.actabuse.com.✱

College Graduates

Two Fort Myers natives recently graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia.

Payton Reisinger earned a bachelor of science degree in public policy and a bachelor of science degree in economics.

Danial Zuberi earned a master of science degree in electrical and computer engineering.

Cape Coral native Regine Cooper, recently graduated from Colgate University in Hamilton, New York.

Cooper, a graduate of Dunbar High School, majored in political science, with a minor in educational studies at Colgate. She received a bachelor of arts degree Cum Laude.

Fort Myers native Maria Ortiz recently graduated from the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. She earned a bachelor of science degree in human physiology.✱

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Along The River

Take Your Dog To Work Day to celebrate dogs and promote pet adoptions is this Friday, June 21.

Created by Pet Sitters International in 1999, Take Your Dog To Work Day increases community involvement, establishes new community ties by partnering with a local animal shelter, rescue group, humane society and/or professional pet sitter to organize the event, and show employees you care about the role pets play in their lives. Most importantly, it supports an important cause – pet adoption.

Lee County Domestic Animal Services wants people to know they can adopt a canine (or feline) friend to celebrate National Take Your Dog To Work Day at a discounted rate for the first three weeks in June.

Adoption fees will be \$20 through Saturday, June 22. Take a picture of the new furry family member on the job and share it to Domestic Animal Service's Facebook page to celebrate.

The adoption package includes spay or neuter, microchip, up-to-date vaccinations, county license and a 10-day health guarantee. That is a \$500 package. A team of staff and volunteers are waiting to introduce a new four-legged family members. Stop by the adoption center located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Visit the website www.leelostpets.com to see pets available for adoption. Call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or visit Lee



Carla and Philpe will perform at the Festival of Dance

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County Domestic Animal Services. To learn more about Take Your Dog to Work Day, visit www.petsit.com/takeyourdog.

The **downtown Fort Myers River District** will again be the scene for **Music Walk** this Friday, June 21. Restaurants, bars, art galleries and shops will showcase a wide range of music during the evening from 6 to 10 p.m. Expect live jazz and blues to rock, drums and much more. Each month brings new energy to the historic streets

of downtown Fort Myers.

To learn more, visit www.fortmyersriverdistrictalliance.com.

Fort Myers Brewing Company is kicking off the first weekend of summer with its 7th annual **Summerfest**, a four-day summer beer bash featuring live bands, food trucks and over 50 specialty beers that began Thursday, June 20 and runs through this Sunday, June 23.

The party will feature family- and pet-friendly festivities, including food truck rallies, a luau party with a pig roast, daily live music and a hangover party with the competitive, yet friendly tournament to name Summerfest's 2019 cornhole champion.

There will be live music from Souliexer, Artikal Sound System, Bobby James, Wilder Sons, Ben Allen Band and North Island Duo to go along with a wide selection of ales, stouts and lagers on tap in addition to 14 food trucks.

Festivities will be held at Fort Myers Brewing Company, located at 12811 Commerce Lakes Drive in Fort Myers. For more information and a complete schedule, follow Fort Myers Brewing Company on Facebook or call 313-6576.

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre will host the annual **Festival of Dance** this Sunday, June 16 at 1 p.m. The students and faculty of Dance Bochette and Gulfcoast Dance Inc. invite audiences to the performance that features Dream Catchers, an original suite based on students' interpretations of dreams – from childhood fantasies and daytime musings to the more serious business of establishing one's dream on the way to adulthood.

Dance Alive National Ballet will present excerpts of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* based on Shakespeare's tale and set to the music of Mendelsohn. Dance Alive principal dancers Carla Amancio and Roberto Vega will perform the signature roles of Tatiana, the Fairy Queen and Oberon, the Fairy King, leading advanced ballet students from Dance Bochette.

Amancio and Vega will also treat audiences to selections from *L'Amour*, a ballet about love in its many forms, choreographed by Dance Alive Artistic Director Kim Tuttle and featuring the soulful sounds of legendary French vocalist Edith Piaf.

Rounding out the performance are tap, modern, lyrical, hip-hop and acrobatic works choreographed by Dance Bochette faculty. Watch young tappers as they "talk to the animals" in older more complex rhythms of *delicato*. Hip-hop brings *Moana* and *The Lion King* into new light. Dads on guitar will accompany the modern performers. *The Gong Dance* will offer a trip into meditation and stream of conscious thought.

Tickets are \$20 each for reserved and general admission seats. Call 826-0346 to purchase tickets or for more information.

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre is located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Calusa Waterkeeper invites the public and healthcare professionals to a **public water summit** at the **Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre** this Monday, June 24 from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Learn about the health effects of harmful algal blooms at the event, called Public Health Alert – Florida Water. The summit will include a screening of the groundbreaking documentary *Toxic Puzzle*, narrated by Harrison Ford. An expert panel, including two scientists featured in the documentary, will discuss why harmful algal blooms have become a public health concern, where to find key information as the threat evolves, and what Southwest Florida residents can do to help safeguard themselves and their families while fighting for change. A question-and-answer session with the experts will follow the panel presentation.

Panelists include Calusa Waterkeeper John Cassani and two University of Miami scientists: Dr. Walter Bradley, chair emeritus of the university's neurology department, and marine biology and ecology professor Dr. Larry Brand, both of whom appear in *Toxic Puzzle*.

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation is funding the program through a grant awarded in response to an inquiry from Calusa Waterkeeper President-elect Ruth Watkins. A second public forum set for August 5 will feature the world premiere of an original documentary on the subject that Calusa Waterkeeper is producing, entitled *Troubled Waters*.

A buffet dinner is included in the \$20 ticket price for the June 24 event, with proceeds going toward the nonprofit Calusa Waterkeeper's scientific research and educational outreach efforts. Tickets are available online at <https://bit.ly/2wAkgim>.

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre is located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. To keep tabs on Southwest Florida's water, visit www.calusawaterkeeper.org and www.

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SalusCare Fundraiser To Return In August

SalusCare's 5th annual Laughter is the Best Medicine event is scheduled to tickle funny bones at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre on August 17.

For the second year in a row, Laughter's title sponsor is Mr. Greens Produce, joining major sponsors Bill Smith Appliances; The Richard and Vicki Pitbladdo Fund (a fund of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation); T3 Communications; Marc & Lori Collins and Family; BKS Partners; Leading Edge Benefit Advisors, LLC; Community Resource Network of Florida, Inc.; and Key HR. Other sponsors supporting the event include the Exclusive Print Media Sponsor and *Florida Weekly*. The event's honorary chair this year is Heather Fitzenhagen.

The fundraiser's 2019 lineup of amateur local celebrity comics includes Lydia Black (executive director of the



Dr. Mike Martin

Lee County Alliance for the Arts), Scott Kashman (chief acute care officer at Lee Health), Liz Abbott (advisory board member and volunteer at Florida Repertory Theatre) and Dr. John Meyer (president of Hodges University). Two awards will be given that night after audience members vote with their dollars to crown the comic raising the most money and to the comic voted funniest.

The 2019 event will be co-emceed by Michael Palascak, national touring comic and veteran of the Laughter is the Best Medicine stage, and ABC-7 anchor Krista Fogelson.

Back by popular demand will be last year's winner, Dr. Mike Martin, president of FGCU. Dr. Martin was a crowd favorite last year and will be returning to the laughter stage.

Performing the grand finale at the 2019 event will be veteran stand-up comic Lisa Curry, an internationally known touring comic and TV writer who began her career as part of Second City Hollywood's house improv ensemble where she performed with some of the most well-respected names in comedy.

Curry has worked as a creative on

ad campaigns for both Amazon and Comedy Central and has written for MTV, Fuse, and TruTV. Her work is best described as smart, dark and deeply personal.

Event tickets are \$150 and can be purchased at www.saluscarecomedyevent.org. Event sponsorship opportunities are still available as well by calling 791-1575.

"This amazing event has sold out for the first four years, and we anticipate the same this year. I would encourage everyone interested in coming out to

the funniest night in Lee County to purchase their tickets now," said Stacey Cook, SalusCare president and CEO.

"We are so grateful for the support of our local celebrities who volunteer their time for SalusCare and give it their all on the laughter stage. We appreciate their commitment, and the commitment of our sponsors, in helping SalusCare raise funds for those in our area in need of critical behavioral healthcare services," said Marc Collins, SalusCare board member and co-chair of the development committee.*



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A Comedic Romp At New Phoenix Theatre

by Di Saggau

Neil Simon has left us with a plethora of comedies, among them *Rumors* now playing at New Phoenix Theatre. This is a slapstick farce that has upper class New York couples in a tizzy after arriving at a friends home to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary. There isn't much food except for a bag of pretzels that is too hard to open. But the biggest problem is that the host and hostess and even the servants are missing. Ken Gorman (Greg Wojciechowski) discovers their host Charlie in the bedroom suffering from a gunshot wound through his earlobe after a failed suicide attempt. Ken and his lawyer wife Chris (played with sophistication by the attractive Darlyne Franklin) and all the other couples do everything they possibly can to keep the news from one another. One lie-filled rumor after another adds to the confusion and hilarity.

Cassie (Stella Zuri) is a young seductive gal who cares more about her quartz crystal than her husband Glenn (Marshall Prater), who is considering running for the State Senate. Then we have Ernie (John Strealy) a psychiatrist and his kooky wife Cookie (Jackie



Chris (Darlyne Franklin) reaches for some fortification in a scene from *Rumors* photo provided

Patterson) who has a TV cooking show. She has severe back problems that often result in her crawling around on the floor. Lenny (Sam Bostic) and his wife Claire (Laura Licata) play off each other well. Bostic's monologue in the second act is so energetic and funny it resulted in immediate audience applause.

Adding to the motley crew in the second act, we have Officer Welch (Bill Allenfort) who along with young Officer Pudney (Rosie DeLeon) really stirs up

the crowd. The comedic moments are carefully planned by director Scott Carpenter and well executed by all the performers. The set is also impressive. While slapstick and farce are not my favorite fare, I did find myself laughing often along with the audience.

For a farcical show with lots of comical situations, plan on seeing *Rumors*. It plays through June 30 at New Phoenix Theatre, 13211 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For tickets, call 284-5214.✪

Class Of 2019 Earns Millions In Scholarships

The Lee County School District graduating class of 2019 has earned millions of dollars in scholarships and will be attending colleges, universities and technical centers across the United States.

Early data show that the Class of 2019 earned over \$64 million in scholarships. Along with scholarship dollars earned, members of the Class of 2019 reported their post high school plans.

Of the students who provided information, the breakdown is as follows:

- Attend a four-year college or university: 1,986
- Attend a two-year community/state college: 1,580

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- REDEEMER LUTHERAN**
Sunday 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. 3950 Winkler Ext., 274-0143.
- RIVER OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
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- Attend a technical college/school: 639
- Enter the workforce directly: 326
- Enter the U.S. Armed Forces: 264
- Uncertain of future plans at this time: 372
- Other: 241.✪

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Along The River

facebook.com/calusawaterkeeper.
Fort Myers Regional Library will offer **Hope by Song** in its amphitheater this Monday, June 24 at 6 p.m.

The Hope by Song's mission is to help those whose stories of abuse, addiction, homelessness or PTSD have not been heard by inspiring them to tell their stories. Their words are used to create songs of struggle and hope. The songs are then used to educate others dealing with similar issues to encourage new, more beneficial ways of thinking about their lives and to foster, in our community, a greater awareness and a deeper understanding of those in less fortunate situations.

Hope by Song is free and open to the public.
The Fort Myers Regional Library is located at 2450 First Street in Fort Myers. For more information about a program or to register, call the library at 533-4600. Check the Lee County Library System's website at www.leelibrary.net to find out about programs at other locations.✪

Churches/Temples

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- BAT YAM-TEMPLE OF THE ISLANDS**
Friday Shabbat at 7 p.m. www.batyam.org, 2050 Periwinkle Way, 579-0296.
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CROW Case Of The Week:

Florida Box Turtle

by Bob Petcher



The Florida box turtle (*Terrapene carolina bauri*) may be considered a water turtle, one that resides near wetlands, marshlands and swamps, but it usually does not

enter water deep enough to swim.

The threatened box turtle has a highly domed shell with a hinged plastron that allows it to close its shell tightly. However, the Florida box turtle is quite different in appearance from other like turtles. Its shell is of a distinct pattern of bright radiating yellow stripes upon a blackish background to make it easily identifiable. This turtle has very sharp claws as well as a sharp beak used for catching small insects and eating fruits, vegetables and fungi. They are not known to bite, however.

Florida box turtles can be kept as pets, but no one may possess more than two of these turtles at a time. In captivity, these omnivores are especially fond of live food such as worms, crickets, snails, wax worms and baby mice. They also like to munch on chopped fruits, greens and vegetables.

At CROW, an adult female Florida box turtle was admitted from Fort Myers

with a cracked shell. The crack extended from her neck all the way to her back left leg. At one portion of the crack, there was a gap of missing shell that had a large open cavity beneath it. The cavity was filled with dirt, leaves and other debris which veterinarians removed. The crack and cavity were both older injuries which had already healed.

"Even though the injuries were older, there was still a large hole in the shell with exposed tissue underneath. This was a concerning abnormality and enough to warrant the turtle getting medical care, since it was not healing normally on its own," said Dr. Robin Bast, CROW staff veterinarian.

A series of diagnostic tools, including the exploration of the cavity with an endoscope, was used to determine if the old injuries were affecting the turtle's internal functions.

"Veterinarians used radiographs and contrast material given by mouth to track the passage of food material through the gut or GI tract. This was done to see if there were any holes indicating rupture due to the initial trauma that would result in secondary infection and abnormal healing at the site," said Dr. Bast. "Exploratory surgery was also performed to clean away the unhealthy tissue and infection and see if any organs were affected."

Tests did find the patient to have an irreparable problem with her gastrointestinal tract.

"Although the initial radiograph study was inconclusive, the patient was unable to tolerate feedings. Undigested food



Patient #19-2238 was unable to digest its food and was thus humanely euthanized

photo by Brian Bohlman

material was found in the cavity under the shell when it was flushed/cleaned out, confirming that there was, in fact, a hole or rupture in the GI tract," said Dr. Bast. "Unfortunately, the damage was not able to be surgically repaired in this case, and veterinarians made the difficult decision to humanely euthanize the turtle."

On a positive note, x-rays revealed the turtle was gravid – a term for a pregnant turtle – with two eggs inside. There are hopes the box turtle's legacy may live on. "The eggs were harvested and placed

in an incubator. They will be assessed in a few days to determine if they are still viable," said Dr. Bast. "If they are viable, we would expect baby box turtles to hatch in October."

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Find The Tarpon Highway



by Capt.
Matt Mitchell

Finding tarpon proved relatively easy this week with lots of fish in the northern sound. The first few hours after daylight, as usual, is the best time to locate and

set up on these fish. For a few days we had extremely calm water and the number of fish showing in these areas was crazy. Although, with super slick conditions, we saw very few hook-ups. Pitching live bait to rolling fish and watching them circle around and even rolling over your bait without eating was all part of the usual tarpon frustration.

We threw crabs and pinfish out in front of rolling fish for over an hour early one morning this week. I then opted to cast a chunk of fresh cut mullet out of the back of the boat. Within five minutes, we were hooked up to a fish that just kept jumping without making any long runs. Tarpon battles with so many jumps are the ones we dream of as fishing guides. The more they jump, the faster they wear themselves out and a 10- to 15-minute tarpon fight is as good as it gets for both the fish and the angler. Getting to see a tarpon jump within 30 feet of the boat is not only great for photos but also something the client will

never forget.

Most of the tarpon I'm finding are between Redfish Pass and Cabbage Key. This zone has been the most productive for me for the past few weeks. I did find a few fish between Sanibel and St. James City too this week. This action appeared and disappeared within a few days. Most days I have been making the run north and spending my time sitting in rolling fish for most of the morning. These tarpon move in and out of Captiva Pass almost like clockwork and go north or south behind the barrier islands. Though many anglers like to chase tarpon with a trolling motor, I have been setting up on the anchor once I work out how they are traveling and letting them come to us.

Once you do locate tarpon, spend some time watching how they are moving. Many times, pod after pod will follow the same line or depth contour. Depending on the tide, they can be either moving north or south. Once you get a better idea of how they are moving, try to set up so that you get the most traffic by your baits. If I'm throwing cut baits, I like to find an area with a sandy bottom or even a sand hole to set my baits in. Often I run cut baits out of the stern while having my clients pitch live baits out of the bow. Once you get set up in the tarpon highway, stay put and it's often just a matter of time before you get a hit.

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



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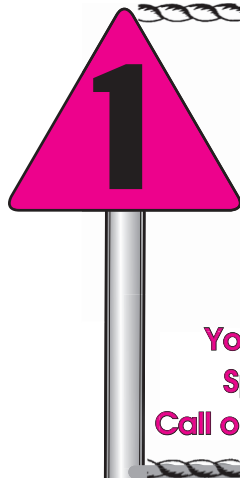
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Non-native grassnut is a non-native, low-maintenance groundcover that thrives in heat, sun and low-nutritional conditions

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Plant Smart

Grassnut

by Gerri Reaves

Grassnut (*Arachis glabrata*) has gained in popularity as a pretty yet hardy groundcover for the South Florida landscape.

This species is not native to the state but was developed specifically for Florida conditions.

It's very drought-tolerant, long-lived, moderately disease and pest-resistant, and does not require nitrogen fertilizer because of its nitrogen-fixing roots.

Look around this time of year, particularly in the streetscapes of historic downtown Fort Myers, and you'll see carpets of bright yellow blossoms that don't seem fazed by the intense heat and sun.

This member of the pea family has at least three other common names, rhizoma peanut, ornamental peanut and perennial peanut.

It is a relative of the familiar nut-producing peanut from which peanut butter is made. In the agriculture industry, it's called Florida alfalfa

because its nutritional value for farm animals is similar to that of alfalfa.

As a landscape plant, winning features include low maintenance, hardiness and attractiveness. It can save you time and money.

This low-growing groundcover grows six to 12 inches high and can be used as an alternative to turf grass, which requires mowing, water and fertilizer, and can be susceptible to pests and disease.

It can even be mowed to increase blooms – or if you miss the lawnmower.

The dense foliage minimizes the number of weeds that break through, and the network of roots and rhizomes helps with erosion control.

While it thrives in full sun, it grows well in partial shade too, producing flowers most of the year.

It will spread on its own via rhizomes but can be propagated with cuttings too.

If you're considering banishing the high-maintenance turf grass in favor of a groundcover, don't forget the many attractive low-maintenance ones that are Florida natives.

Sunshine (or powderpuff) mimosa



Grassnut is a member of the pea family and a relative of the edible peanut

(*Mimosa strigillosa*) and beach sunflower (*Helianthus debilis*) are but two to check out at the native nursery.

Sources: www.gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu and www.south-florida-plant-guide.com.

Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida. ✨

Free Program To Help Reduce Fertilizer Runoff

Rainy season can wash fertilizer into waterways. While this is not a new problem, the University of Florida (UF) has had a program in place since the 1990s to give homeowners the knowledge and tools to reduce this runoff.

The UF/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Extension for Lee County is presenting a free program, titled Florida Yards and Neighborhoods

Introductory Class. Lee County Master Gardeners will teach nine principles during two sessions at Lakes Regional Library – one on Friday, June 28 and a repeated session on Saturday, July 20 – both from 10 a.m. to noon.

The class is useful to experienced as well as novice gardeners. Landscaping ideas help homeowners be better ecologists and may reduce their yard maintenance.

Lakes Regional Library is located at 15290 Bass Road in Fort Myers. Visit www.gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/images/logos/2019/mg_Logo2019_4cSideHorz.pn for more information. ✨



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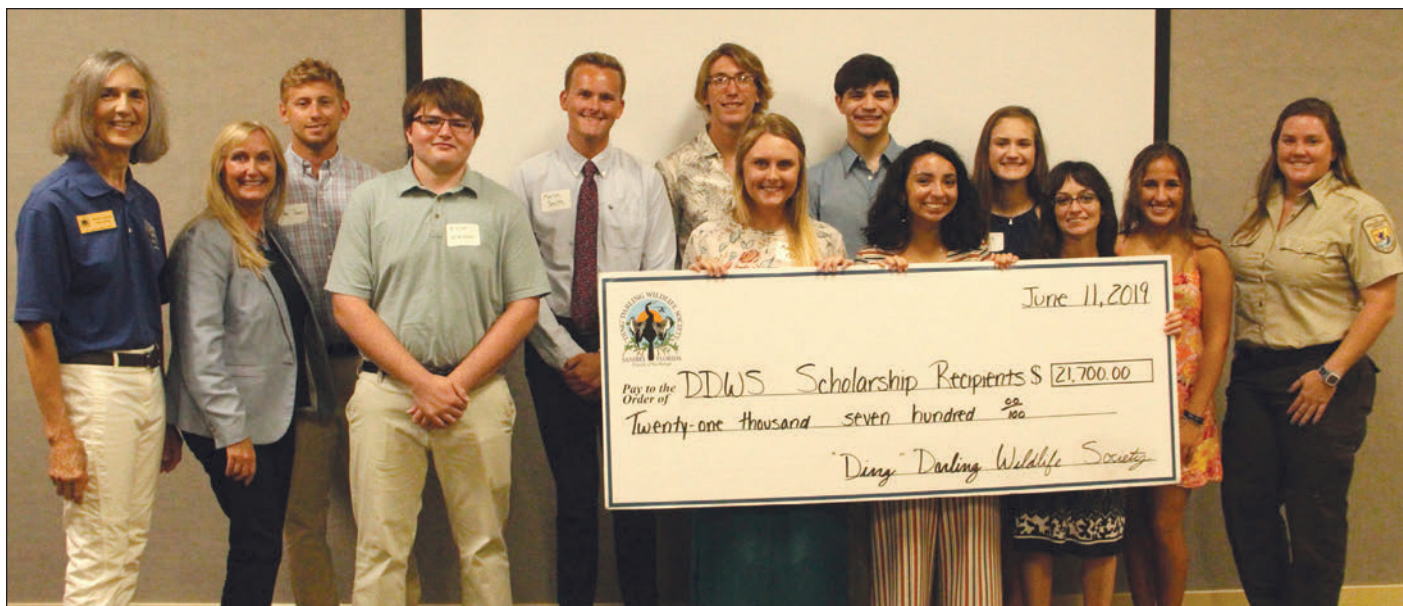
Refuge Awards Environmental Scholarships

At an after-hours gathering on June 11 at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel, "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) awarded \$21,700 in conservation education scholarships to 16 students from the surrounding five-county area. During its 13-year history, the DDWS Environmental Scholarship Program has awarded a total of \$126,400.

"The society is committed to educating today's youth to become conservation stewards of the future," said DDWS Education Chair Wendy Kindig. "We work with businesses and individuals to provide annual scholarships to award to outstanding students pursuing degrees related to conservation, wildlife biology, environmental engineering, policy and science. A big thank you to our scholarship sponsors for their support."

Ten donors sponsored the 16 scholarships this year. Many of those scholarship recipients who were unable to attend the ceremony sent thank-you videos from the field – as far-flung as Florida's East Coast and Switzerland – that highlighted their education and career plans.

A new award this year from an anonymous donor, the "Ding" Darling Conservation Scholarship went to Jake Joers, a graduate from Barron Collier



From left, DDWS Education Committee Chair Wendy Kindig, DDWS Executive Director Birgie Miller, Jake Joers, Kyle Walker, Robert Marlin Smith, Griffin Alexander, Amy Oxtan, Conor Dougherty, Zoe Ortiz, Mallory Poff, Gabriella Placido, Abigail Clinger and Refuge Ranger Monica Scroggin. photo provided

High School in Naples now studying oceanic engineering at Florida Atlantic University (FAU) in Boca Raton.

Two Richard Bailey Scholarships, named in memory of a longtime refuge volunteer and donated by his family, went to Alexandra Mackey, a Cape Coral High School graduate now attending graduate school at the University of Geneva in Switzerland studying innovation, human development, and sustainability; and Adrian Dougherty, a Fort Myers High School graduate majoring in wildlife ecology and conservation at the

University of Florida (UF) in Gainesville.

The Mike and Terry Baldwin Scholarship, named for DDWS' president and his wife, an emeritus board member, went to Robert Marlin Smith, a North Fort Myers High School graduate studying marine/environmental science at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) in Fort Myers.

Conor Dougherty, a Cape Coral High School graduate heading to the University of Miami to study biology and environmental science, received the Dr. Andrew and Laura Dahlem Scholarship. The Dahlems live part-time on Sanibel and were honored with a named scholarship by family members.

Barron Collier High School (Naples) graduate Mallory Poff, who will begin studies in environmental engineering at Elon University in North Carolina, was awarded the Dr. H. Randall Deming Endowed Scholarship for Conservation & Environmental Studies. Deming's family established the scholarship in 2016 as a permanent endowed scholarship in his memory.

Two Leslie & Hans Fleischner Scholarships went to Madison Hopkins, a Lely High School (Naples) graduate who intends to major in environmental studies at the Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida; and Fort Myers High School graduate Gabriella Placido, who will attend graduate school at the University of Rhode Island to study environmental science and management. The Fleischners are part-time Sanibel residents whose love of the island's environment moved them to sponsor the scholarships.

Taylor Sorrell, a graduate of Palmetto Ridge High School (Naples) who now studies agricultural and biological engineering at Purdue University in Indiana, won the Mary Elaine Jacobson Memorial Scholarship, made possible by the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society.

Bishop Verot High School graduate Abigail Clinger, who is headed to FAU to study environmental/marine science, received the Barry and Francine Litofsky Scholarship, in memory of two former refuge volunteers.

Tarpon Bay Explorers Scholarships sponsored five recipients: Florida

SouthWestern Collegiate High School (Fort Myers) graduate Elizabeth Swiersz, who will study civil engineering at UF; Kyle Walker, also a graduate of Florida SouthWestern Collegiate High School, heading to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida, to study mechanical engineering; Amy Oxtan, a Fort Myers High School graduate studying natural resource conservation in grad school at UF; Griffin Alexander, a Naples High School graduate studying marine affairs/ecosystem science policy at the University of Miami; and Zoe Ortiz, a recent Port Charlotte High School graduate entering the University of Miami to study environmental science and policy. Tarpon Bay Explorers, "Ding" Darling's recreation concession, started the original DDWS scholarship program in 2006.

The Jane Werner Endowed Environmental Scholarship, DDWS' first permanent endowed scholarship established in 2011, went to recent Barron Collier High School graduate Morgan Humphrey, who studies environmental and civil engineering at FGCU. The family of the late Jane Werner, who volunteered at the refuge for 25 years, set up the scholarship in her honor.

"These students become part of the greater 'Ding' Darling family," said Kindig. "We welcome them back as scholarship applicants next year and as fellow conservation stewards in years to come."

DDWS will be awarding scholarships starting at \$1,000 each at the end of the 2019-20 school year. High school seniors and college students living in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties and pursuing careers in biology, conservation and environmental studies are eligible.

For an application and to read full descriptions of 2019 scholarship winners and donors, visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/student-scholarships.

Individuals and businesses interested in establishing a named scholarship of \$1,000 or more for 2019-20 should contact Lynnae Messina at 472-1100 ext. 233.✪

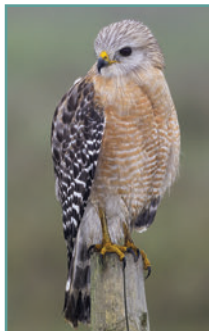
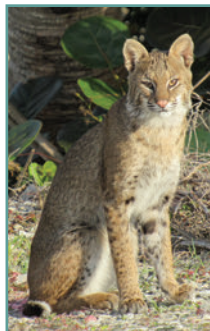
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Interior Designers Honored At Conference

Linda and Dana Coin, owners of the Decorating Den Interiors of Sanibel, serving Lee and Collier counties, were honored for business achievement at their company's 50th anniversary annual conference and supplier market held recently in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Coin Team received multiple awards for 2018 sales that put them among the top two percent in the company, which is North America's largest home furnishings and interior design business.

The Coin Team was awarded the Premier Club Award, Chairman's Circle and the Horizon Award.

"We've returned from conference with an extensive library of before and after high resolution digital photographs featuring room makeovers from this year's Dream Room competition," Linda Coin said. "They are fabulous designs with interesting stories behind them, making for an ideal workshop or seminar program for organizations looking for a speaker for their meetings."

Decorating Den Interior's room makeovers have been featured in such publications as *Traditional Home*, *Elle Décor*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Veranda* and *Home Accents Today*.

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From left, Jeanie Tinch, Trinette Nelson, Barbara Cacchione, James Bugg, Linda Coin, Katie Frederic, Marcia Feeney and Mary George

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Home Collection of furnishings," Coin explained. "We bring samples directly to the client's home or office, provide complimentary design services and personally oversee projects through installation."

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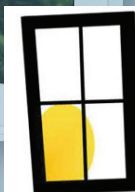
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Information On The Internet



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

Imagine that when patients enter a physician’s office and makes demands for specific medications after being influenced by an advertisement is perpetually frustrating for those physicians.

And don’t you just love the disclaimers? Overlaying the happy scenes of grandparents skipping along the beach with grandchildren, a serious narrative voice quickly says something like, “This medication may cause frequent vomiting, urination and even death! Stop taking the medication if you notice vision loss or blood trickles out of your ears...”

What this points to is a loss of context. Patients who ask for medications viewed on television typically don’t have a medical degree; they’ve not practiced medicine, and what little they know about whatever ails them they may have learned on the Internet or by watching television. And in today’s age of misinformation, who knows what can happen! That’s enough knowledge (even if false) to make them a danger to themselves.

I sometimes encounter this in my law practice. Suppose that a client is interested in forming a charitable remainder trust, so he researches it on the Internet, which is fine. Learn all you can. I just hope that he realizes the information he’s pulled up may be dated, it may be taken out of context, and it may be so broad in scope as to be useless to the particulars of his situation. That’s what you hire a professional for.

Once in a while, a client will engage in debate over an aspect of estate planning law with me. They may have read something on the Internet, believing it to be relevant to his or her situation. Most of the time, the information is relevant but lacks context. Without context, the information or advice in the column may be way off base. That includes the columns that I write here.

What’s frustrating at times is trying to calm someone down from misinformation, or misapplied information. It’s difficult to convey all the knowledge that I’ve accumulated, including accounting degrees, a CPA license, a law degree, board certification and nearly 30 years of experience in a few client meetings

lasting a couple of hours or more.

And I suppose that’s today’s thought.

There’s a lot of information out there on the Internet. More so than at any other time in human history, you can Google just about any topic and find a plethora of information. Be aware of this, however – that information is usually not specific to your individual situation and could be entirely false. It is mere information; it is not knowledge. Knowledge is accumulated over years of study and practice in any given field. Some practioners are certainly better than others, and I recognize that it’s sometimes hard for the layman to know what level of expertise his professional has.

Is my physician the cream of the crop? Does he keep up with all of the new developments? Is my CPA up-to-date with all of the ever-changing tax laws? Is my attorney aware of the recent legal developments and does he have the skill to apply his knowledge to a variety of complex situations?

Often, states have board certification programs that separate those who are exemplary in their field from those that are not. In Florida, for example, to become board certified by the Bar you must first be found to have high ethics and an outstanding reputation among your peers. Then you must pass a thorough examination in your specific field (such as wills, trusts and estates) and complete a serious amount of continuing education in high-level course work every reporting period. Once certified, you must become recertified every five years. And only seven percent of Florida attorneys even qualify!

Knowledge isn’t the only criteria one should judge their professional on. A true professional has the wisdom to know when, how and why to apply the knowledge. Wisdom is something that’s gained over the years, certainly. I have also found, however, that those individuals I consider wise haven’t achieved that level without first having an inherent quality that seems to be factory installed. They’ve always had the capacity for wisdom, and only needed life experience to shape it into something valuable for those they interact with.

And you don’t find that in areas outside of your area of education and experience by watching television advertisements or searching on Google for a few hours. Go ahead and do your research on your topic, as well as on the professional that you hire. Assuming you are comfortable with that professional, ask questions, and listen to the answers. If the answers appear reasonable, relax and trust his judgment. If not, find a professional that you can trust.

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United Way Board Selects New President

United Way of Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee Board of Directors recently announced that Jeannine Joy has been named its new president and chief executive officer, effective June 17.

Joy, who has been with the organization for 24 years, will replace Cliff Smith, who is retiring after 26 years as the president.

“Our board believes that we have a strong organization and culture. Jeannine Joy demonstrated to us during the selection process that she has a firm grasp of our collaborative philosophy, and she believes in our vision for improving our community,” said Beth Hendry, board chair of United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee Board of Directors.

“Twenty-four years ago, I fell in love with our United Way and the positive impact it makes on the residents of our community. Our United Way is successful because of our culture, collaboration, generous donors, dedicated staff and committed volunteers. I am honored to be named president of our United Way and promise to enrich the legacy of my friend, mentor and predecessor, Cliff Smith,” said Joy.

“Jeannine Joy is the ideal person to lead United Way into the future,



Jeannine Joy photo provided

and I am sure she will do so with vision, dedication and integrity,” said Smith. “She has been an integral part of our United Way for many years and demonstrates her commitment every day to the United Way mission of improving the lives of our friends and neighbors. She is respected and admired by our donors, volunteers and United Way staff. I have known Jeannine for 24 years and am thrilled that she is my successor. Under her leadership and in partnership with our extremely experienced, highly skilled,

and passionately committed senior management team, I am confident that our United Way will continue to do a great job of serving our community.”

Joy earned her bachelor’s degree from Saint Leo University. She is a community volunteer, having served in various capacities from parent-teacher associations to little league. She was named as a “Woman to Watch” and Gulfshore Life’s 40 under 40. Joy recently completed the prestigious United Way Worldwide Advanced Leadership Program.

All money raised in the United Way Campaign stays in the local community to help support the local human service network. United Way partner agencies and initiatives like Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer’s Resource Center, Children’s Advocacy Center, Harry Chapin Food Bank, ACT, LARC and United Way 211 serve a diverse range of needs in our community such as nurturing children and youth, strengthening families and meeting critical needs including helping the elderly and disabled live independently, and empowering communities by bringing health and human services to neighborhoods.

In addition to raising funds for human service organizations in our community, the United Way promotes partnerships and collaborations among agencies and initiatives, helping them to work together focusing on issues and solutions that continue to improve lives.

The United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee has raised and distributed over \$177 million since

it was established in 1957. For more information, call United Way at 433-2000 or visit www.unitedwaylee.org.✧

Land Purchased To Expand Community Park

The Lee Board of County Commissioners recently voted to purchase three acres just north of Lehigh Acres Community Park that, when combined with another recent purchase, will allow the planned expansion of the park.

The three acres are being purchased for \$70,000. The parcel is adjacent to the northern boundary of the existing park near the parking area and another 49.43 acres the board agreed to purchase earlier this year. Combined, the land will accommodate additional multipurpose fields and other park amenities for youth leagues and the public, including restrooms and additional parking.

The park expansion will be designed in the fall.

The park, at 1400 West 5th Street, includes baseball/softball fields, multipurpose fields, tennis courts, fitness stations, playground and picnic areas.

For more information about Lee County Parks & Recreation locations, amenities and other special events, visit www.leeparks.org, call 533-7275 or email leeparks@leegov.com.✧

Book Review

Cemetery Road

by Di Saggau



Greg Iles' latest novel *Cemetery Road* gets your attention immediately. It opens with "I never meant to kill my brother. I never set out to hate my father. I

never dreamed I would bury my own son. Nor could I have imagined that I would betray the childhood friend who saved my life, or win a Pulitzer Prize for telling a lie."

This ambitious thriller is both a crime story and a deep exploration of grief, betrayal and corruption in the small community of Bienville, Mississippi. Marshall McEwan is a successful journalist in Washington, D.C. who vowed he would never go back to his childhood home. However, as a chaotic presidential administration lifts him from print fame to television stardom, and he learns that his father is terminally ill, he returns.

His family's 150-year-old newspaper is failing, and the love of his youth, Jet Talal, has married Paul Matheson, son of Max Matheson, one of a dozen powerful patriarchs who rule the town. They do that through an exclusive club called the Bienville Poker Club. A group of Chinese investors has agreed to construct a \$1 billion paper mill outside of Bienville, which would bring jobs back to the area. When a local amateur archeologist, Buck Ferris, discovers what appears to be ancient ruins on the proposed building site, he is murdered. Marshall is determined to find his killer.

Marshall finds himself in conflict with a sinister group of power brokers. He also has to confront the darkest moments of his past. He is especially

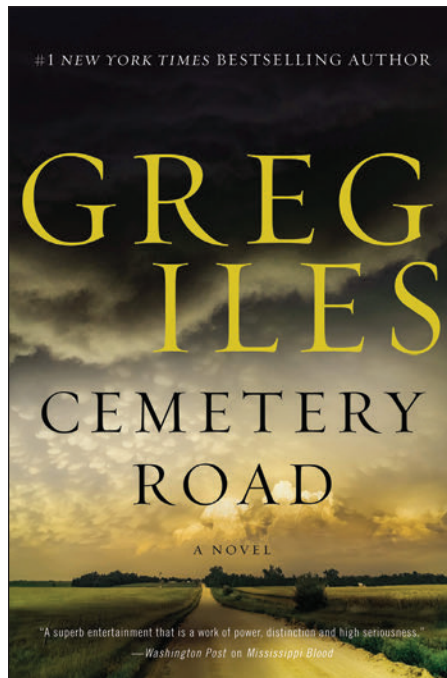


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haunted by the drowning of his older brother Adam during a night of reckless teenage behavior. Grief and guilt have undermined his remaining family relationships. He joins forces with Jet, whose husband stands to inherit a seat in the Poker Club. As they dig for the truth, they discover the soil of Mississippi is a minefield of explosive secrets.

Secrets, murder, political malfeasance and sexual misconduct are just some of the pieces that come into play. *Cemetery Road* is an unforgettable story of greed and desire, jealousy and murder, forgiveness and damnation, and it proves once again that Greg Iles is one of the most original thriller writers around. Like Pat Conroy, Iles writes with passion, intensity and commitment. His recent *Natchez Burning* trilogy was a huge success, and *Cemetery Road* shows he is still at the top of his game.✱

School Smart

by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP



Dear Shelley, My daughter just finished preschool and is going to kindergarten in August. I want to help her be more prepared for reading, but we

don't have much time together at home. What can I do to help her and make our time working on reading something enjoyable for both of us?

Maria M, Fort Myers Beach

Maria,

You have asked a great question. So many parents want to help their children in becoming strong readers but are not sure how to go about it. Children mature at different rates, as do their reading skills,

which typically emerge between the ages of 4 and 7. I'd like to recommend two strategies that you could use to encourage your daughter's interest in reading.

The first thing you can do is to become a role model for her. Let her see you reading books, magazines, newspapers, or even e-reader devices. Tell her how enjoyable it is to read. Children imitate their parents, and reading is a most important behavior to model for her.

The second thing is to read to and with your child. Children who are read to three times per week or more do much better in later development than children who are read to less than three times per week. Picture book reading provides children with many of the skills that are necessary for school readiness: vocabulary, sound structure, the meaning of print, the structure of stories and language, sustained attention, the pleasure of learning, and much more.

How we read to preschoolers is as important as how frequently we read to them. The Stony Brook Reading and Language Project has developed a method

of reading to preschoolers that is called dialogic reading. This technique is easy and interactive. Typically, when adults share a book with a preschooler, they read and the child listens. In dialogic reading, the adult helps the child become the teller of the story, and the adult becomes the listener, the questioner and the audience for the child. There is a sequence of questions to present to the child when you use this technique.

Reading Rockets, a wonderful website about reading outlines the fundamental technique in dialogic reading which is called the PEER sequence.

In the PEER sequence, the adult:

Prompts the child to say something about the book,

Evaluates the child's response,

Expands the child's response by rephrasing and adding information to it, and

Repeats the prompt to make sure the child has learned from the expansion.

Here is an example of what the sequence might look like. The parent and the child are looking at the page of a book that has a picture of a fire engine on it. The parent says, "What is this?" (the prompt) while pointing to the fire truck. The child says, truck, and the parent follows with "That's right (the evaluation); it's a red fire truck (the expansion); can you say fire truck?" (the repetition.)" This technique should be used on almost every page of the book." There are various types of prompts you can develop if interested, and they are found on the Reading Rockets website at www.readingrockets.org/article/dialogic-reading-effective-way-read-preschoolers.

Research tells us that this is a very effective technique, and children who have been read to dialogically are substantially ahead of children who have been read to traditionally on tests of language development. In fact, the data indicates that children can jump ahead by several months in just a few weeks of dialogic reading.

Children will enjoy dialogic reading more than traditional reading as long as you keep it light, vary what you do from reading to reading, and follow the child's interest. Don't push children with more prompts than they can handle and have fun!

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Rendezvous

are Wednesday through Sunday evenings with select matinees. Ticket prices range from \$39 to \$59 with group discounts available for parties of 20 or more.

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Financial Focus

Savings And Investment Strategies



by Jennifer Basey

To achieve any of your financial objectives, you need to save and invest – that much is clear. But just how you save and invest may differ from goal to goal. Let's look at two common goals

to see the differences in your savings and investment strategies.

The first goal we'll consider is a dream vacation – one lasting a couple of weeks or more, possibly to an exotic locale. So, for the investments you've designated to fund this vacation, you need two key attributes: liquidity and low risk. The liquidity requirement is pretty self-explanatory – you want to be able to get to your vacation funds exactly when you need them, and you don't want to be slapped with some type of early withdrawal or tax penalty.

The low-risk part of your vacation strategy means you want investments that won't drop in value just when you need to sell them to use the proceeds for your trip. However, you need to be aware that those types of stable-value investment vehicles likely will not offer much growth potential. As you may know, the investments with the greatest possible rewards are also those that carry the highest degrees of risk. Yet, by starting to invest early enough in more conservative investments, and putting away money regularly, you may be able to compensate for the lack of growth opportunities.

Now, let's turn to your other goal – retirement. When you are saving for

retirement, your primary objective is pretty simple: to accumulate as much money as you can. Consequently, you will need a reasonable percentage of your portfolio devoted to growth-oriented investments. But what's a reasonable percentage? There's no one-size-fits-all solution – the amount of growth investments in your portfolio should be based on several factors, including your age, risk tolerance and projected retirement lifestyle.

Furthermore, this percentage may need to change over time. When you're just starting out in your career, you may be able to afford to take on the greater risk that comes with having a higher percentage of your portfolio in growth investments. But as you get closer to retirement, you might want to begin shifting some dollars toward more conservative vehicles – you don't want to be over-exposed to the volatility of the financial markets just when you need to start selling investments to help fund your retirement.

Nonetheless, you won't want to give up all growth investments, even during your retirement years. You could spend two or three decades as a retiree and, over that time, inflation could take a big toll on your purchasing power. To counter this effect, you will need to own some investments that have the potential at least to equal, and ideally outpace, the cost of living.

The examples of taking that extensive vacation and enjoying a long retirement illustrate the importance of recognizing that you will have many goals in life – and you'll need to prioritize and plan for them, sometimes following significantly different investment strategies. When you do, you'll give yourself a better chance of reaching your destinations.

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Science Center Earns Chrysalis Award

The IMAG History and Science Center was recently honored at the 10th Annual Chrysalis Awards, celebrating the best in business and tourism in Southwest Florida notably for its positive impact in Lee County.

The Chrysalis Cultural Achievement Award acknowledges the significant contributions of the IMAG which, through the lenses of history and science, help people understand and explore the rich culture and habitat of Southwest Florida through science, technology, engineering and mathematics (called STEM literacy) and its history and arts. This prestigious award recognizes the value of the IMAG in developing the reputation of the area as a cultural destination while advancing the quality of life and learning for the community and all its visitors.

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environment, the IMAG History & Science Center is the only dedicated history and science center in Southwest Florida. With several interactive attractions and exhibits, the IMAG features a Living Lab with native and exotic species; a 3,200-gallon aquarium built by Animal Planet's *Tanked*; the SEA-TO-SEE Touch Tank with a variety of aquatic life including sea urchins and stingrays, sea snails and stars, hermit and horseshoe crabs; and the Fisheye Lagoon as home to migrating birds, geese and ducks as well as Japanese koi, carp, bluegill, catfish and a variety of turtles.

In addition, the IMAG features a walk through history of Southwest Florida from the beginnings of the Ice Age to the early 1900s; a one-of-a-kind, virtual reality exhibit that takes you on tour through the original fort of Fort Myers; a 3D theater with a variety of movie showings; a TV studio with a simulation green screen; and an interactive, augmented reality sandbox called Shaping SWFL Watersheds.

The IMAG History and Science Center is located at 2000 Cranford Avenue in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.theimag.org.

Superior Interiors

Colors To Use And Avoid In The Dining Room



by Jeanie Tinch

Redecorating the dining room? Start with the foundational aspects of the space. Painting your walls and developing the right color scheme can help turn a dated room into a place that's chic

and inviting. If you have trouble navigating between certain hues, have no fear – we've created a list of colors to consider, as well as ones to avoid, while decorating your dining room.

Additionally, we recommend reaching out to a design professional before getting started. He or she can help you make the best decision based on your personality and your vision for the space. There's nothing worse than painting the room and then deciding that was just the wrong decision.

Consider these suggestions when deciding how to paint your dining room walls:

Truffle brown – If you're working with a variety of wooden furniture in the dining room, *This Old House* recommends painting the walls in truffle brown to harmonize the space.

Neutral gray – A semi-deep shade of gray makes the perfect canvas for the room; you can decorate with

vibrant accessories to create an abstract masterpiece out of the dining area. Gray remains the new neutral and the "in" backdrop color.

Soft yellow – Soft shades of yellow have a way of creating a warm and inviting living space. Paint your dining room walls in this hue for an elegant and welcoming touch.

Apple green – Crisp, soft green hints at subtle energy, bringing life to a once-dull room without going overboard.

Now, consider the ones you should be avoiding as well:

Most shades of blue – According to Color Matters, shades of blue can suppress your appetite... which isn't an ideal feeling to collect in the room that's built for dining.

Pastel pink – Stay away from trending colors that grow outdated quickly to avoid having to repaint within a year. One trending wall color is pastel pink, according to *Elle Decor*, so steer clear of it in the dining area... or any room, for that matter.

Orange popsicle – Think bright orange, like a popsicle or freshly-carved jack-o-lantern. Interior designer Heather Humphrey told *House Beautiful* that this shade tends to evoke the "wow" factor, but in an unappealing way.

Poppy red – Bright red shades are known as energizing colors. Keep this shade far away from the space you envision hosting relaxing, leisurely family and friend get-togethers.

Now that you have a selection of shades and hues to choose from, it's time to paint the walls perfectly and create the gathering space that you and your guests will love to spend time in.

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Outreach

touching up the mural, it will return to the Quality Life Center to become part of the art room.

Quality Life Center, incorporated in 1992, strives to strengthen and instill pride in family and community through programs and services that cultivate discipline, self-development, confidence and cultural awareness.

It operates from the premise that "if a child receives love, develops a healthy respect for the Creator, and has a positive self-image, then society will have a child who is prepared to meet life's challenges," states the website. It strives to develop a winning spirit and positive attitude that will help children attain a quality life.

"Ed truly brightened the faces of the kids he mentored with art at Quality Life," said Refuge Ranger Monica Scroggin, who assisted with the mural creation. "The mission of the refuge is to find how to introduce kids to wildlife in many different ways, and art is an important one of them. This was a team effort that tied in directly with Quality Life's positive philosophy."

Coming up later this month, Anderson will lead an art workshop at the refuge for the PACE Center for Girls – Lee County, sponsored by the Gardner Families. Also,

DDWS will be providing a fully funded field trip for Quality Life Center to the refuge in July, including transportation to "Ding" Darling and on site programming.

"Our refuge was created by conservation artist Jay Norwood 'Ding' Darling in 1945, so it's more than fitting that we begin celebrating our 75th anniversary with interpretive art programs," said Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland. "Darling, who created the Federal Duck Stamp program, designed the first duck stamp and the refuge system's Blue Goose logo. He won the Pulitzer Prize twice for his popular political cartoons throughout the 1920s and '30s."

Anderson's fine art hangs in the homes of collectors and has been featured in publications around the United States. In the interest of conservation, he has donated his work to DDWS, Bonefish & Tarpon Trust, Captains for Clean Water, and various other nonprofits. He has been visiting Sanibel since his childhood, for more than 40 years.

To find out more about Anderson's work, visit www.edandersonart.com. To keep up to date on the refuge's 75th anniversary celebration, visit www.ding75.org. To support field trips to the refuge and learn about other opportunities to inspire the next generation of conservation stewards, call 472-1100 ext. 4.

Life Insurance

Estate As Beneficiary



J. Brendan Ryan, CLU, ChFC, MSFS

It happens hundreds, perhaps thousands of times per day across the country: People sign up for life insurance.

That is a good thing. And at each such event, they have to choose a beneficiary, that is, the person to whom the death benefit will be payable when the insured dies. Ideally, they also name a secondary, or "contingent," beneficiary to receive the benefit if the first, or "primary," beneficiary has died by the time the insured dies.

In fact, if the primary beneficiary does die before the insured and if the contingent beneficiary thus receives the funds at the death of the insured, the fact that there had been a primary beneficiary before the insured died means nothing. It is not as though the funds flow through the deceased primary beneficiary's name or estate to the contingent beneficiary. Rather, the benefit goes by contract directly to the contingent beneficiary. For the purposes of the policy, it is as though the primary beneficiary never existed.

Who should be named as primary or contingent beneficiary? That depends on many circumstances, family structure, who can handle the money, who can be trusted to use the money for the benefit of others if that is what the insured intended, and a variety of other considerations.

Should a person make the policy payable to his or her estate, that is, name the estate as primary beneficiary? Rarely is that a good idea.

If the policy is made payable to the estate, the money it will be distributed through the county probate court to heirs as one's final will and testament dictates. While that may seem okay, there are several reasons why this is generally not a good move and usually

no good reasons to do so.

For one thing, the probate process costs money for expenses such as court costs, legal fees, accounting costs, appraisals, etc. The rule of thumb that I have seen is usually a cost of five percent of probate assets. Depending on the complexity of the estate and the time that it takes to probate the estate, it could cost a lot more. But if the life insurance is payable to a named beneficiary, there is no cost involved in the payment to that beneficiary.

And the probate process takes time, anywhere from a few months to several years, again depending on the complexity of the estate and the types of assets in the estate. Life insurance death benefit payable directly to a named beneficiary will be in that person's hands within days, sometimes weeks, but no longer.

Furthermore, there is no privacy to the probate process. Whatever property is part of the estate and to whom and how much assets are to be distributed, all this is open to the public to read. Unfortunately, that can give thieves and connen the information that they look for in choosing their next victims and their recent receipt of inherited property. But the payment of a death benefit to a beneficiary is an entirely private transaction between the insurer and the beneficiary.

Moreover, wills can be challenged in court, sometimes successfully. I rarely hear of a payment to a beneficiary being challenged.

A few more observations:

If someone dies without a will, the state writes one for him or her and distributes property to relatives in shares dictated by state law. The named beneficiary of a life insurance policy avoids that problem.

When in doubt, call an experienced insurance agent or attorney for guidance in setting up a beneficiary designation.

One can almost always change the policy's designation down the road if changed circumstances dictate it.

This topic is not at all related to federal estate tax.

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Tax Collector Wins Sterling Council Award

The Lee County Tax Collector's Office is dedicated to innovation. Its creative approach to employee training and mentoring led the Florida Sterling Council to recognize Lee County Tax Collector Larry Hart and his team with the Sterling Best Practice Award for Workforce Development and Retention. Hart accepted the award on May 31 during the 2019 Governor's Sterling Award Banquet at the JW Marriott Orlando Grande Lakes.

"We have a staff of people who are second to none, and it's my obligation to do right by them," Hart said. "I'm thrilled to receive this honor, which serves as confirmation that we're moving in the right direction."

The Tax Collector's Office's increased its rate of retention for new hires who stayed past six months from 77.8 percent in fiscal year 2017 to 92 percent in fiscal year 2018. That caught the eye of the Sterling Council, which identifies high performing role-model organizations that demonstrate superior management approaches and results.

Hart and his team took a systematic approach to boosting its rate, establishing the Inside Look program, which gives applicants a chance to get a behind-the-scenes look at the job they're seeking. It encompasses job shadowing, interaction between applicants and Tax Collector's



Larry Hart

photo provided

Office team members, and exposure to Tax Collector's Office culture.

The organization also enhanced its onboarding program, developed a new training curriculum and established a new peer mentoring program. The training helped increase employee satisfaction from 91.2 percent in fiscal year 2015 to 96.76 percent in fiscal year 2019.

"We have the best and brightest working for us," Hart said. "We want to make sure we keep them and keep adding to the ranks with more amazing talent. We'll continue to find ways to accomplish that."

See what the team at the Tax Collector's Office is doing to make taking care of business easier for everyone in Lee County at www.leetc.com.✱

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Frankly Speaking



by Howard Prager
This past week in three sports we celebrate three first time champions. The St. Louis Blues' success in winning the Stanley Cup this season was a remarkable

achievement. The Blues grabbed their first cup in 52 years. They became the last of the 1967 NHL expansion teams to have its team name and players etched on the cup. They were a team dead last in the league on January 2 with 34 points. Forty-five games later at the end of the regular season, the Blues finished with 99 points. This reversal of fortune can largely be attributed to the Blues hiring Craig Berube to be interim coach and the players buying into his physical style of play, especially after they learned Beurbe finished his NHL playing career in the top 10 of all-time penalized players with over 3,100 penalty minutes. Jordan Binnington, the Blues' 25-year-old sensational goalie, also deserves considerable credit. Binnington began his NHL career by shutting out the Flyers in his first game on January 7 and ended it by becoming the first rookie goalie to win 16 games in the playoffs.

Binnington and Tukka Rask, the Boston Bruins' netminder, proved the adage that the team who usually wins the cup is the one with the hot goalie. In this year's final, however, each goalie traded off this role. Rask was dominant in several games while Binnington did not play well in games 2 and 6. In game 7, Binnington withstood Boston's offensive onslaught until his team got its footing and scored two goals in the first period of that game, eventually winning it 4-1.

The Stanley Cup finals also proved hockey players have a pain threshold greater than other professional athletes. Bruins defenseman Zdeno Chara played with a broken jaw. Blues center Ryan O'Reilly, who was named the playoffs MVP, had a cracked rib. Others played through concussions and an assortment of injuries that would have kept their counterparts off the field or the court.

On the hoops side, Toronto also seemed to come from nowhere to top the basketball legacy the Golden State Warriors have become, winning in 6 games. (It should have been in 5 except for a shooting freeze and a foolish timeout by Coach Nick Nurse in the final minutes after a remarkable game 5 comeback at home).

Like the Blues, the Raptors have a first year coach in Nurse and a February trade that brought in center Marc Gasol. They became the first Canadian team to win a North American sports championship since the Blue Jays won the World Series in 1993 over a quarter century ago. They

featured great individual play especially from Kawhi Leonard and Kyle Lowry. Fabulous shooting and a tough defense smothered a highly talented Golden State team besieged by injuries to key players including Kevin Durant, who made just a brief appearance in the finals. Toronto's path to the playoffs had them face a good Orlando team, a talented Philadelphia team with the Raptors getting a game 7 buzzer-beater that bounced four times before going in, and an Eastern conference finals win over a Milwaukee team featuring one of the superstars of the future, Giannis Antetokounmpo.

Yet it was the team play of Toronto that brought them this championship. No question that Leonard was their biggest star, leading the team throughout the finals with both his play and his poise, having won before in San Antonio. And big plays from Pascal Siakam, whose stats show that he was the difference maker in the Finals, exceptional play from point guard Kyle Lowry, whose stats are close to Leonard's, and Fred VanVleet and many others doing their jobs and more off the bench showed that Toronto was a team to be reckoned with. Definitely a team success on both sides of the court.

Two sports, two lesser known teams in smaller markets winning it all for the first time, exceptional and memorable plays and exciting games all lead to many moments to look back on and enjoy during the upcoming offseason.

One other brief note is the third first-time major championship winner. Gary Woodland held off Brooks Koepka's bid for history by beating him by three strokes for the U.S. Open trophy at Pebble Beach. Koepka was trying to match a 114-year-old record of this tournament to win three years in a row. Needing three putts to win, Woodland finished with a 30-foot birdie putt for a 2-under 69. This gave him the lowest 72-hole score in six U.S. Opens at Pebble Beach.

Howard Prager is the son-in-law of longtime columnist Ed Frank. Prager is a sports enthusiast from the Chicago area who also writes and blogs about leadership. Email comments or questions to press@islandsunnews.com.

Private Loans Bridge Gap For College Students

Most college-bound students qualify for financial aid to help pay for their education, such as federal and state grants, scholarships and federal loans. In addition, local scholarships are often available, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). Parents can also borrow federal loans to help pay students' college costs.

Some students may find that these programs don't cover all the costs of college. Others may not qualify for state

and federal aid because they're going to school less than half time. When that happens, private student loans, such as Advantage Education Loan, may be an option.

Because interest rates on private loans depend on the borrower's credit rating, students may have to pay higher rates than they would on federal student loans. In addition, many lenders require students to have a cosigner, and most require the college to certify that the student needs the loan.

Students and parents should compare the private loans offered by various lenders to find the best possible deal.

KHEAA is a public, nonprofit agency established in 1966 to improve students' access to college. It provides information about financial aid and financial literacy at no cost to students and parents. KHEAA also helps colleges manage their student loan default rates and verify information submitted on the FAFSA. For more information about those services, visit www.kheaa.com.

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Mini Reefs

Ocean Habitats website claims. "Ultimately, the mini reef develops a community of fish, including grouper, snapper and barracuda as well as stone crab, shrimp and spiny lobster, in and around it. The mini reef is alligator-proof and lasts for 10-plus years."

Polly explained that prior to deciding upon participating in the Thousand Reef Challenge, an ongoing effort to rebuild Florida's living coastline, the company investigated how the miniature reefs might impact the marina.

"We met with our marina management team to determine how the reefs would live under the docks," said Polly. "They do move a little with the ebb and flow of our tides. We decided on locations that would not affect boat traffic or boats at our docks. They are located on docks that provide pedestrian access, under our ship store and some under our floating docks. We tried to pick locations that see the most

boat activity (i.e. the boat ramp, ship store and fuel dock). The hope is that by placing the reefs in the high traffic areas, we will be able to maximize the filtration aspects of the reefs."

All eight miniature reefs were installed that morning.

"Based on the information from others who have deployed the reefs and from Ocean Habitats, we hope the reefs will be home to thousands of crabs, bait fish and juvenile game fish," Polly added. "Once the reefs start to 'grow' with crustaceans and sea life, a process that takes just over three months, we hope to see an abundance of marine life."

As a result of installing the mini reefs at Port Sanibel Marina, up to 328 million gallons of water will be "cleaned" in a single year.

Ocean Habitats' Thousand Reef Challenge kicked off last month on Fort Myers Beach. Throughout the summer, the environmental nonprofit will continue to look for sponsors to fund the installation of the remaining mini reefs in local waters.

"We strive to fulfill our mission of bringing coastal waters to life" said Wolff. "You look around the canals and it's a biological desert everywhere, it's amazing what's growing on our units in these same canals."

For more information, call 800-674-2593 or visit www.oceanhabitatsinc.com.

Asked whether Royal Shell might consider deploying some additional mini reefs in the near future, Polly responded in the affirmative.

"We have room for 30 reefs in the marina," he added. "We've had an overwhelming request from local businesses and residents who want to help. They want to be part of something that is being done now, today, and not something to come. We just received the link and have posted it on our social media for people to donate to this effort. It is a tax-deductible donation."

To view the video of the miniature reef installation at Port Sanibel Marina, visit <https://royalshell.me/2KfZNYy>; the donation link can be seen at the end.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who were the only two major-league pitchers to strike out Hall of Famer Ted Williams three times in one game?
2. Name the pitcher who is the all-time leader in strikeouts for the Texas Rangers.
3. When was the last time before 2017-18 that the Green Bay Packers missed the NFL playoffs in consecutive seasons?
4. How many consecutive losses had the Penn's men's basketball team sustained against rival Villanova before beating the Wildcats in 2018?
5. Zdeno Chara currently ranks fourth among Boston Bruins defensemen for career points (467). Name the first two on the list.
6. When was the last time before 2018 that no African nation men's soccer team made it past the first round of the World Cup?
7. In what year and at what event did tennis great Andre Agassi complete his career grand slam?

ANSWERS

1. Bobo Newsum in 1939, and Jim Bunning in 1957. 2. Charlie Hough, with 1,452 strikeouts. 3. It was 2005-06. 4. Fittern -- the last time the Quakers won was in 2002. 5. Ray Bourque (1,506 points) and Bobby Orr (888). 6. It was 1982. 7. It was the 1999 French Open.

Bank Hires Administrative Assistant

Dominique Chandler has joined Sanibel Captiva Community Bank as a human resources administrative assistant at the College Parkway operations center. She is responsible for preparing payroll transactions, maintaining human resource records and assisting in employee benefits administration.

In addition to human resources, Chandler has experience in the retail, banking and customer service industries. Prior to joining Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, she was a personnel and asset coordinator for a local construction company.

Founded in 2003, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank has two locations on Sanibel and five locations in Fort Myers.



Dominique Chandler photo provided
To learn more, visit www.sancapbank.com.✱

Lee Republican Women Meeting And Luncheon

Lee Republican Women Federated will hold its next lunch meeting on Monday, July 8 at Pinchers – The Marina at Edison Ford, located at 2360 West First Street in downtown Fort Myers. Social time will begin at 11:15 a.m. with lunch and program to follow.

This month's program will feature Lee County Tax Collector Larry Hart as guest speaker. He will discuss Gov. DeSantis' transition team, and tax.

Cost is \$22. RSVP online at <http://www.leerepublicanwomen.com> or call Wren Morefield at 270-210-1284 or wrenspet@hotmail.com before Thursday, July 4 at noon.✱



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Local Sworn In As Florida School Board Officer

Lee County School Board member Chris Patricca is taking a leadership position with the Florida School Board Association (FSBA). Patricca was sworn in recently as the FSBA Vice President at the group's annual summer conference in Tampa. Her term will last for one year.

"It is exciting to have the opportunity to expand my capacity to represent the students, families and staff of the School District of Lee County," Patricca said. "FSBA provides important professional development for school board members across the state and advocates for all children who attend public schools. I am excited to get to work in helping shape education policy in Florida and across the nation."

Patricca was elected to represent District 3 on the Lee County School Board in November 2016. In November 2018, she was selected by her fellow board members to serve as vice chair. She will continue to represent District 3 on the Lee County School Board while also serving as FSBA vice president.

Patricca's fellow board members Mary Fisher, Melisa Giovannelli, Debbie Jordan, Gwyn Gittens, Betsy Vaughn and Cathleen Morgan are all attending the FSBA Summer Conference and witnessed the swearing in.

The Florida School Boards



Chris Patricca, center, during the swearing-in ceremony photo provided

Association, Inc. (FSBA) is a nonprofit corporation representing the elected school boards in Florida. The mission of the Florida School Boards Association is to increase student achievement through the development of effective school board leadership and advocacy for public education.

The new FSBA officers for the 2019-2020 school year are President Tim Weisheyer, Osceola County; President-Elect Jane Goodwin, Sarasota County; Vice President Chris Patricca, Lee County; and Treasurer Cindy Stuart, Hillsborough County.✱



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photo by Jeff Lysiak

Seashell Sale On Captiva Open This Weekend

They've come to Captiva from as far away as Australia, China, Argentina, Indonesia, The Philippines and Taiwan with one purpose in sight – to participate in "The Bourse," the largest seashell sale in the area since 2014. That

is when the Conchologists of America held their annual convention at Punta Rassa. Shell dealers from Hawaii, California, Washington, New Jersey, Maryland, North Carolina and from around Florida will also be a part of this popular event at South Seas Island Resort Convention Center on Captiva. The Bourse will be open on Saturday, June 22 from 1 to 8 p.m. and on Sunday, June 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no admission charge and it is open to the public.✱

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Members of Florida Gulf Coast University's Center for Agribusiness' Advisory Council recently met with President Mike Martin. From left, Mike Martin, W. Bernard Lester, Charlie Edwards, Miller Couse, Hugh English, Dallas Townsend, Dr. Tim Cordes, Ben Hill Griffin III and Jaime Weisinger. photo provided

FGCU Center For Agribusiness' First Advisory Council

Florida Gulf Coast University's (FGCU) Center for Agribusiness in the Lutgert College of Business is forming its first advisory council, featuring the "who's who" in Florida agriculture. The council will advise leadership as the 10-month-old center becomes a resource for the agriculture industry in Southwest Florida.

The FGCU Center for Agribusiness Advisory Council members include:

Matt Caldwell, an FGCU alumnus and former member of the Florida House of Representatives. Caldwell previously chaired the Florida House Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee. He is the chair of the FGCU Center for Agribusiness Advisory Council.

Dr. Tim Cordes, the former national coordinator of equine programs within

USDA/APHIS Veterinary Services.

Miller Couse, the chairman of the board at First Bank, Clewiston, Florida, and the chairman, president and CEO of Pioneer Bankcorp, Inc. Couse previously served as treasurer of the FGCU Foundation Board of Directors.

Charlie Edwards, the former chair of the Florida Board of Regents and early advocate for the creation of FGCU.

Hugh English, the former general manager and corporate vice president for citrus operations within A. Duda & Sons, Inc. Former Florida Governor Lawton Chiles named English to the Florida Citrus Commission in 1991. English was also inducted into the Citrus Hall of Fame in 2000 and the Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame in 2008.

Ben Hill Griffin III, the former chairman of the board and CEO of Alico, Inc. and major player in the creation of FGCU. Griffin was inducted into the Citrus Hall of Fame in 2009 and the Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame in 2010. He currently serves as the chairman and CEO of Ben Hill Griffin, Inc.

Joe Hilliard II, a partner at Hilliard

Brothers of Florida, LTD.

W. Bernard Lester, the former president of Alico, Inc. and a major proponent of FGCU. Lester is the former executive director of the Florida Department of Citrus and served as the secretary of the Gulf Citrus Growers Association. He was inducted into the Citrus Hall of Fame in 2012 and the Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame in 2016.

Stacy Mellow, the senior director of ranches and resource management at A. Duda & Sons, Inc.

Russell Priddy, the co-owner of JR Ranch, LLC and former co-owner/operator of Sunniland Enterprises of Collier County. Priddy is a former member of the FGCU Board of Trustees and a board member of the John E. & Aliese Price Foundation.

Ken Smith, a member of the FGCU Board of Trustees and the president & CEO of Tarpon Blue. Smith is the former executive vice president and chief operating officer of Alico, Inc. and the former vice president of agricultural operations at Atlantic Blue Group, Inc.

Katie Sproul, the CEO of Halstatt,

LLC, and former co-president of Barron Collier Companies.

Dallas Townsend, the former agent and county director of the University of Florida Cooperative Extension Service in Hendry and Collier counties. Townsend was inducted into the Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame in 2014.

Jaime Weisinger, the director of community and government relations of Lipman Produce.

The FGCU Center for Agribusiness, under the leadership of Fritz Roka and with the support of the advisory council, is designed to assist the agriculture industry with midlevel management training and the development of important business skills – accounting, management and human resources. It will track and distribute information regarding the economic impact and sustainability of agriculture. The center will also offer educational programs focusing on supply chain management, finance, management and marketing within the industry.

For more information about the FGCU Center for Agribusiness, contact Roka at froka@fgcu.edu.✱

President's List

Two Fort Myers natives were recently named to the President's List for the spring 2019 semester at Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina.

Kennedy Brooke Cutshall is majoring in health science.

Anna Kathleen Seltzer is majoring in pre-business.✱

Dean's List

Three Fort Myers natives were recently named to the Dean's List for the spring 2019 semester at Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina.

Caroline Elizabeth Marshall is majoring in civil engineering.

Jennifer Joyce Crowell Roberts has an undeclared major.

Bethany H. Seltzer is majoring in psychology.✱

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Fort Myers Art

Jones personally conducted more than 100 best-practices interviews with subjects who included Pat Benatar, Brian Boitano, Carl Edwards, Jeffrey Hayzlett, Shirley Jones, Sonny Jurgensen, Sue Monk Kidd, Hoda Kotb, Colin Mochrie, Suze Orman, General Barry McCaffrey, Cynthia Rhodes, Tommy Tune and Vanessa Williams.

He compiled a collection of these interviews and related anecdotes into

a book titled *Show Me: Celebrities, Business Tycoons, Rock Stars, Journalists, Humanitarians, Attack Bunnies & More!* which was published in late 2016. The book's forward was provided by Peggy Post (The Emily Post Institute), the introduction by Erin Brockovich. In 2017, Jones joined the highly successful *Nice Guys On Business* podcast as a regular correspondent.

Whether he is writing, speaking, training, consulting or performing, Jones' platform is unwavering. His ongoing mission supports positive communication, creative thinking and innovation, and authentic self-expression.

Jones focuses his infotainment to appeal to a broad range of business and educational platforms. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia (class

of 1984), with a degree in speech and dramatic art.

The Laboratory Theater of Florida is located at 1634 Woodford Avenue in Fort Myers. To register, call The Laboratory Theater at 841-4250.

Naples Players Sugden Community Theatre is located at 701 5th Avenue South in Naples. To register, call 434-7340 ext. 103 or visit www.hisawyer.com/the-naples-players-theatre-for-the-community/schedules/activity/908073.

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.✱



Hodges University Class of 2019

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Hodges University Celebrates 30th Commencement

Hodges University held its 30th Commencement Ceremony at Hertz Arena on Sunday, June 9. The Class of 2019 consisted of 480 students who earned a master's,

bachelor's or associate's degree, or a professional certification.

Students represented 15 states in the U.S., and over 40 countries worldwide.

Dr. John Meyer, president of Hodges University, told the graduates, "I know you are as proud of your accomplishment as all of us at Hodges University are. You have achieved what many others have not, and now your degree is yours forever. My brief message to you is this. Please

do not stop learning. Consider today the beginning, not the end of your education."

The student speaker for the ceremony was Audrey Spataro, who earned a master of science degree in clinical mental health counseling. The guest speaker was Mike Boose, director of human resources and organizational development at Arthrex.

Hodges University, a regionally accredited, private nonprofit

institution founded in 1990, prepares students to leverage higher learning in their personal, professional and civic endeavors. With over 10,000 graduates having a 93 percent rate of continued success in careers, Hodges is recognized for developing programs that are uniquely designed and delivered to serve a diverse adult learner population.

For more information, visit www.pathways.hodges.edu.✱

Doctor Presents At National Symposium

Fort Myers Facial Plastic Surgeon Dr. Stephen Prendiville was a featured presenter at the 15th annual Vegas Cosmetic Surgery & Aesthetic Dermatology symposium in Las Vegas from June 5 to 8.

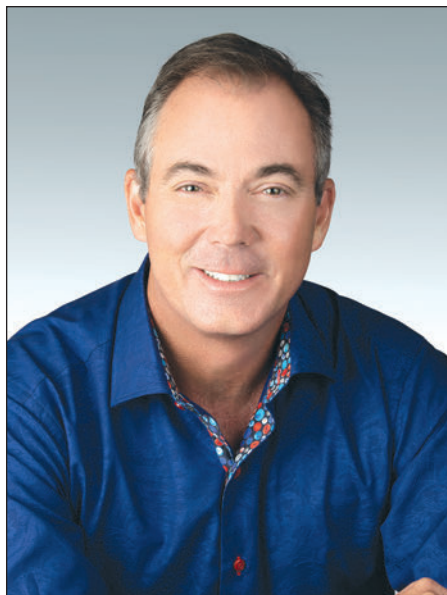
Dr. Prendiville was the only Southwest Florida physician to speak at the educational conference, which brings together nationally recognized physicians and educators in the fields of facial plastic surgery, plastic surgery dermatology and oculoplastic surgery. Vegas Cosmetic Surgery & Aesthetic Dermatology symposium is the largest event of its kind in North America.

Dr. Prendiville spoke on the topic of minimizing bruising and bleeding in facelifts using tranexamic acid, which is a synthetic derivative of the amino acid lysine.

"Our practice has seen a marked reduction in the amount of bruising and bleeding in facelifts when we use tranexamic acid," said Dr. Prendiville.

The human body naturally dissolves blood clots, according to Dr. Prendiville. "Antifibrinolytics such as tranexamic acid prevent the body from dissolving the blood clot to avoid excessive bleeding."

Dr. Prendiville is the only Fellowship-trained facial plastic surgeon in Fort Myers that is certified by both the American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and the American Board of Otolaryngology in head and neck surgery. He has performed more than 4,500 surgical procedures during his 15 years of practice in Fort Myers.



Dr. Stephen Prendiville photo provided

Dr. Prendiville is recognized nationally as a facelift expert and was named as a top doctor again this year by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd. for the fifth consecutive year.

Dr. Prendiville is one of only 10 doctors in the U.S. to be honored as an Elite Inductee into the RealSelf 100 and RealSelf 500 Hall of Fame for excellent patient service and his willingness to answer patient inquiries on the RealSelf website, which is the leading online community that helps people make confident choices in elective cosmetic procedures. To achieve Elite Inductee status, surgeons must be among the top 1 percent of more than 1,000 surgeons reviewed.

Dr. Prendiville also serves as the medical director of the Assuage Luxury Spa in Fort Myers and Naples. He has authored

more than 20 articles published in medical journals and he has served as guest editor for Facial Plastic Surgery Clinics of North America.

Dr. Prendiville is the past president and secretary/treasurer of the Florida Society of Facial Plastic Surgery, an association consisting of 250 facial plastic surgeons in the state. He graduated with a masters degree with high honors from Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., and served his residency at Georgetown University.

Dr. Prendiville was awarded a Fellowship in Facial Plastic and

Reconstructive Surgery at St. Louis University in Missouri, where he was a clinical instructor in the St. Louis University Department of Otolaryngology.

All surgeries are performed at Dr. Prendiville's state-of-the-art Surgical Center adjacent to his office at 9407 Cypress Lake Drive, Suite A. The Surgical Center is accredited by the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgical Facilities (AAAASF), which is the largest accrediting body for outpatient surgical facilities in the United States.

For more information about Dr. Prendiville, visit www.drprendiville.com.✱

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Dark Comedy

They even owe the babysitter over \$300. Meanwhile, Louise and Trevor are thinking about separating, and Pam and Charlie, desperate to have a child, consider adopting two kids from some far away foreign country. All have serious problems and soon accusations, confessions and lots of outbursts are being hurled about. It's even revealed that Trevor and Louise followed Diane and Nick to their favorite vacation spot in Italy, only to hide from them once they got there.

Charlie has a loopy religious side and tries to hide a great deal of rage. His wife Pam doesn't believe in much. After numerous glasses of wine, she drops a verbal bomb on the group. Louise, a sexual adventuress, for some reason wants to believe that her husband Trevor is playing around with the babysitter Julie (Eren Sisk). We learn about all these catastrophes and the character flaws of

the couples early on in the play. What follows is how they come to grips with the truth, with each other, and also with themselves. It is interesting how all the characters start out as very civilized people, and then turn vicious towards one another. And it's surprisingly funny as they all hurl barbs at one another. At one point, Nick tries to defend his actions by saying, "That's water under the bridge." Louise immediately responds with, "The bridge is long gone baby." I loved Louise.

Six superb actors transform *Rancho Mirage* from a comedy about flawed people and the situations fate has given them into a drama about very human souls who are just searching to put their lives together. The result is theater magic, comical and totally entertaining. Don't miss this one.

Rancho Mirage, directed by Anne Dodd, continues June 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. and June 23 at 2 p.m. at Theatre Conspiracy at the Alliance for the Arts, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For tickets, call 939-2787.✱

dearRPharmacist

Five Natural Ways To Treat A Diaper Rash



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: Diaper rashes generate misery and sleepless nights for all involved. When my children were babies, I would prioritize this condition so that we could all sleep in peace. I would mix

different things like essential oils or clay into the commercial creams, working tirelessly to find the perfect, soothing balm for my children.

A rash can be caused by a pathogen like yeast/fungus or bacterial organisms. Sometimes the rash can result from sensitivities to fragrances, alcohol and artificial chemicals found in diapers or wet wipes. In fact, some popular diaper rash balms happen to contain petrolatum, but unfortunately, this could be contaminated with toxic chemicals called polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. Baby powder is no longer recommended due to the lung-related health issues that talcum powder is now associated with. What's a parent to do?!

Today, I will share five natural ways to treat a rash:

1. Use as few chemicals as possible – There are hundreds of potentially harmful chemicals in some baby products, even those advertised as “gentle.” As for laundry detergents, use unscented versions. You might also look for preservative or chlorine-free disposable diapers. Some parents opt to protect the environment and their baby all at once by using cloth (washable) diapers. As for cleaning up,

there are unscented, alcohol-free baby wipes, too.

2. Make homemade cream – Here's a DIY cream you can try. Mix together two tablespoons shea butter, one tablespoon coconut oil, two tablespoons zinc oxide, two teaspoons bentonite clay and three drops each of lavender, frankincense and Roman chamomile essential oil. Combine this mixture well and apply to baby's diaper rash twice daily.

3. Try Epsom Salts – Also known as magnesium sulfate, there are many anecdotal reports of this soothing a rash within minutes. Just pour about one cup of epsom salt into a tub of lukewarm water and let your child soak for approximately 10 to 15 minutes. This is not a daily thing, just do it once, or twice during the week because the magnesium is absorbed into your baby's body transdermally.

4. Apply Breast Milk – If you're nursing your baby, then this tip could be a fast, easy way to soothe a rash. Express some milk and apply directly to the diaper rash. It's strange, I know! Breast milk is high in vitamin D and other healing compounds, and according to one study, it performed as well as one percent hydrocortisone cream.

5. Baking Soda Soothes – Combine one tablespoon baking soda with three tablespoons cool water and stir it in a bowl. It should make a thin paste which you can use directly on the skin. You may need to adjust the amounts to make it the consistency that you want. Apply to skin and let it settle on and 'dry' for about five minutes. Do not rub it off aggressively, but rather rinse it very gently with cool water. Baking soda changes the painful acidic pH, and makes its more alkaline, thus easing the pain. If these tips don't help your baby, seek the advice of your local pediatrician.

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.✽

Doctor and Dietician

Bulging And Herniated Discs



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

Did you know you are 1 percent shorter in the evening than in the morning? It's a normal state of the spine, as it compresses the discs between your vertebrae during the day. Additionally, as people age, the spinal discs lose some of their water content and flatten. A spinal disc is a bit like a jelly donut. The center is soft and is encased in a tougher exterior. These rubbery cushions lie between the vertebrae of your spine. Bulging and herniated discs occur when the tougher exterior, or annulus fibrosus, no longer holds the gelatinous solution inside the disc, and some of the softer interior “pushes out.”

Bulging and herniated discs are often blamed for back pain. However, they can appear on spinal images of people who

have no correlating symptoms of a disc problem. A bulging, herniated, or even a degenerated disc that is discovered by an MRI may be a coincidental finding, making undergoing a surgery based only on an MRI a gamble. If chronic back pain is the problem, it can be due to loose, weakened ligaments in the spine. These loose vertebral ligaments cause spinal instability, allowing the vertebral segments to move excessively and accelerate degeneration and the potential for disc herniation. We call this destructive joint motion, as it accelerates the degeneration of both the primary and adjacent joints. The weakened ligament tissue needs to be strengthened, which is done with regenerative injection treatments, or prolotherapy. Just like fixing a loose hinge on a cabinet door requires a screwdriver to tighten the screws, the ligaments are like the screws of our joints. They need to be tight and strong in order to move the joints properly. By stimulating the vertebral ligaments to repair, the vertebrae, discs and other spinal structures move normally, versus excessively, halting destructive joint motion.

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

United Way Day Of Action

The 2019 United Way Day of Action, asks volunteers to Be A Hero! Donate Blood! at the United Way Main Campus on Saturday, June 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

United Way has teamed up with Lee Health Blood Center for this important blood donation event. Food, door prizes and Zaxby's gift cards will be given to donors through a generous sponsorship by O'Donnell Landscapes, Inc. Volunteer heroes can obtain more information and make an appointment by visiting www.unitedwaylee.org.

Summer is a time when there are fewer new blood donors available, therefore, the June 22 Day of Action is a key time to help improve the blood supply. Typically the number of new donors declines by more than 30 percent during the summer months, but the need for blood does not change. Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and a single pint of blood can help save the lives of several people.

To donate blood you must:

Weight at least 115 pounds,
Be at least 17 years old, or 16 with parental consent
Provide a photo ID, if you are a new donor.

United Way Day of Action is an annual June event for United Ways across the country. It is a strategic volunteer program created to help advance the common good on issues of health, education and financial stability of every person in every community.

The United Way's Day of Action is organized by the United Way Volunteer Center. The United Way Volunteer Center also organizes Days of Caring, a year-round program, which matches businesses' desire to help with the needs of the community. Many local groups and companies have participated such as Lee Health, Publix and Wells Fargo.

The United Way Volunteer Center connects individuals and companies to volunteer opportunities throughout our community.

The United Way Main Campus is located at 7273 Concourse Drive in Fort Myers. For more information, call 433-7567 or visit www.unitedwaylee.org/ volunteer.✽

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Historic Downtown

the school board in 1878, and he took it upon himself to get the school established and opened right away once there was a building and land to place it on.

Thus, in Verdier's estimation, he established the “first school.”

But the loose interpretations of “first” continued....

More than one newspaper account in the 1930s mentions that Daniel C. Kantz established the first (there's that word again!) school in 1880.

Kantz had come to Fort Myers to be principal of the school. He ran what was called a “subscription school,” charging \$2 per month per pupil for a five-month term, along with fellow teacher Fannie Kellum.

If students were unable to pay, he taught them for free, as long as they attended regularly. He lamented the lack of public funds for necessary supplies.

So, the town had a school building on a donated site, but apparently there were insufficient funds for teachers and other vital needs.

Why was Kantz's public-private hybrid school called “the first?” Sometimes history poses more questions than it answers.

The good news is that the history of public school in Fort Myers smoothed out after that, and once Lee County was formed in 1887 and the county seat was local, not in Key West, the county school system progressed rapidly.

A close examination of the beginnings of the county's school system shows that interpreting the word “first” can be an extremely subjective enterprise. It's more complicated when people recall events of a half century ago and they want to portray deceased friends and colleagues in the most laudable terms.

Walk down First Street and look toward the site where a log cabin once served as a school to pioneer children.

Then, visit the following two research centers to learn more about how education began and grew in Fort Myers.

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

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

The Lee County Black History Society is located at 1936 Henderson Avenue, adjacent to the Williams Academy Museum at Roberto Clemente Park.

Hours for the volunteer, non-profit organization are Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday by appointment only.

For more information, call 332-8778 or visit www.leecountyblackhistorysociety.org.

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

PETS OF THE WEEK

photos provided

Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Coco And Tammy

Are you looking for an ideal first pet for your family? Did you know that guinea pigs are considered just the perfect first pet? Hello, my name is Coco. I am a 2-year-old female guinea pig who, like most guinea pigs, is a very social gal and communicates by making cute sounds and jumping up and down when I am happy. I am very low-maintenance as I clean myself and will rarely need a bath.

My adoption fee is \$5.

Hi, I'm Tammie. I am a 1-year-old female chihuahua who is a loveable, pint-sized cutie with a personality that will have you chuckling in no time. I have a case of demodex that is quickly healing so my fur is coming back in. I will be even more beautiful than I already think I am. I just need some medicated baths and lots of love, and I will be the gorgeous gal I am meant to be.

My adoption fee is \$20.

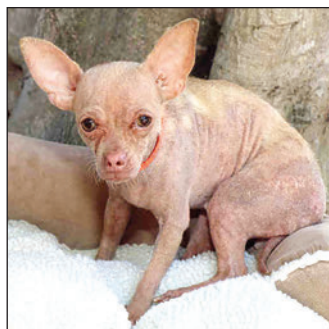


Coco ID# A7783180

Lee County Domestic Animal Services wants people to know they can adopt a canine (or feline) friend to celebrate National Take Your Dog to Work Day on Friday, June 21 at a discounted rate for the first three weeks in June.

Adoption fees will be \$20 from June 1 through June 22. Take a picture of the new furry family member on the job and share it to Domestic Animal Service's Facebook page to celebrate. The adoption package includes spay or neuter, microchip, up-to-date vaccinations, county license and a 10-day health guarantee. That is a \$500 package. A team of staff and volunteers are waiting to introduce a new four-legged family members.

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.✱



Tammie ID# A781517

Haven on Earth Animal League

Chester And Dallas

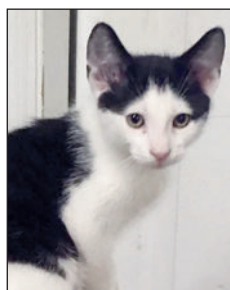
Hi, I'm Chester and I'm a sweet, quiet guy. I'm very good with other cats and only about 3 years old. I'm looking for a home to call my own. Come see me at Petco in Gulf Coast Town Center. I'm up-to-date on vaccines, neutered and have a microchip. My adoption fee is \$100.



Chester

Hello, I'm Dallas. I'm only 3 months old and I'm looking for someone to love me forever. I'm a cute little black-and-white boy and I look like I'm wearing a hat. I'm neutered and up-to-date on vaccinations. I'm currently staying at Petsmart on Six Mile Cypress. Come see me and take me home. My adoption fee is \$125.

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



Dallas

PAWS Of Sanibel

Two Kittens And Momma

PAWS has two beautiful kittens (left out of a litter of four) and their mother up for adoption. They are just over 9 weeks old, and their momma is approximately 7 to 12 months old. Momma has had her shots, combo-tested negative, treated for fleas, wormed and had spay surgery.



One of the kittens with momma, Sweetie

The kittens had their first FVRCP immunization, wormed, were treated for fleas and were completely checked out by the vet. Consider adopting both, as it is so important for them to have a companion

when their people aren't around to entertain them.

Call Pam at PAWS at 472-4823 to see these beautiful babies.✱

PAWS Of Sanibel

Paris



Paris, formerly Perry Winkle

PAWS has a 6- to 12-month-old kitten at Coral Veterinary Clinic in Fort Myers. Paris was captured using a humane trap at Periwinkle Park.

Paris weighs 6.5 pounds, has no microchip and appears to be in good health, just very frightened. She is spayed and was given injections for rabies and FVRCP. She has tested negative for FIV/FelV. If you recognize this kitten, or you would consider fostering or adopting her, call Pam at 472-4823.✱

THE RIVER WEEKLY NEWS

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

ARTS

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

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

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

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum	395-2233
Burrough's Home	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates	334-7419
Fort Myers Skate Park	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site	239-992-0311
Langford Kingston Home	239-334-2550
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center	765-8101
Skatium	321-7510
Southwest Florida Historical Society	939-4044
Southwest Florida Museum of History	321-7430
True Tours	945-0405

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PUZZLES

Answers on page 29

Super Crossword

THINK FAST

- ACROSS**

1 Advance again, as money

7 Goofs

14 German subs

20 Eritrea's capital

21 Fudgelike candy

22 "Bachelor Father" actress Corcoran

23 Memoir or exposé, e.g.

25 Beginning language course with conjugations

26 Cut — (dance)

27 Model's gig

29 1974 hit for Kool & the Gang

36 Trips to wildlife areas, say

37 Ending with switch

38 Ski lift variety

39 Theories

40 Huge sea wave

44 Asimov of sci-fi

46 Expatriate

52 Cask aging in a cellar

54 You, old-style

57 Certain Alaska native

58 Ortiz of "Ugly Betty"

59 Center

60 Dumbfound

62 Wraps tightly in cloth

64 Pained bark

66 "Veni," translated

68 Biting African pest

69 Balsa floater

72 Move in a way suggested by this puzzle's 10 longest answers

74 Past due

75 Earthlings

79 With 91-Across, spaghetti topper

81 Many free TV ads, for short

85 Stretch out

86 Isr. neighbor

87 "You said it!"

90 Env. add-in

91 See 79-Across

92 Sea wrigglers

94 Informal pause-marking punctuation

97 Vile smiles

99 Hanker (for)

101 Of a western U.S. mountain range

102 Jekyll's counterpart

105 British noble

107 Height: Prefix

108 More tired

113 Techie

117 Injury of a bodily band

119 Cost per unit

120 Garb

121 2013 black-comedy crime film

129 Where streets meet

130 Dan Brown's "The — Code"

131 Glimpesd

132 Manipulates, as dough

133 Lettering aid

134 Rents

DOWN

1 Sprinted

2 That, to Juan

3 Alphabet consonant sequence

4 Big galoot

5 Popular typeface

6 Mother-of-pearl

7 Keg feature

8 Zodiac feline

9 Tavern

10 Tavern

11 Listerine rival

12 "This is bad!"

13 Some black teas

14 Let free

15 Brag

16 Giant in lawn care

17 Alphabet vowel sequence

18 Choir part

19 Foul moods

24 Cask

28 Cable chan. for old films

29 Airplane-boarding bridge

30 Bearlike

31 Of a certain part of speech

32 Extinct

33 Stage award

34 Quaint light source

35 Radio host Flatow

39 Kant's "I"

41 "Black-ish" network

42 Chinese chairman

43 Bother

45 Had a meal

47 Center

48 Very involved

49 Deep ravine

50 Cambodian currency unit

51 Website with handmade crafts

53 — center

55 Letter before tee

56 Baby female sheep

61 Crying

63 — standstill

65 Frolic about

67 Suffix of enzymes

68 Colts' stats

70 Infuriate

71 Monk's title

73 Membrane of hearing

75 Giant in oil

76 — Bator

77 Pouting look

78 Letter before dee

80 Letter before epsilon

82 Hunt

83 "Master of None" star Aziz —

84 Nose, in slang

86 Florence-to-Rome dir.

88 Wallach of "Sam's Son"

89 Once surnamed

93 Caustic stuff

95 Like spud-peeling GIs

96 Pick a card

98 Stars, e.g.

100 Bother

103 Thus far

104 Really fears

106 Continental train pass name

108 Pile

109 Reveal

110 — nous

111 Minneapolis suburb

112 Ruminated (over)

113 — Coeur, Missouri

114 Light brown

115 TV landlady Mertz

116 Find another function for

118 "I — your service"

122 — Tin Tin

123 U.S. "Ltd."

124 A fifth of MV

125 Health resort

126 "— a pity"

127 Spike of film

128 Pub. staffers

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King Crossword

- ACROSS**

1 Swindle

5 Poke

8 Elliptical

12 Arm bone

13 Acapulco gold

14 Arrived

15 Resilience

17 Former New York arch-bishop

18 Legislative group

19 Memorizes

21 Ph. bk. data

22 Sicilian spouter

23 Scarlet

26 Vigor

28 Depend (on)

31 Item on stage

33 Bro or sis

35 Teen's woe

36 Haggard or Travis

38 Prized possession

40 "Eeeww!"

41 Uncategoriz-ed (Abbr.)

43 Last letter in London

45 Shed

47 Advance

51 "Money — everything"

52 Zest

54 Air speed measure

55 Old French

56 Hammer part

57 Purchases

58 Away from WSW

59 Being, to Brutus

56 coin

56 om Susan

8 Micro-, Mela-, and Polynesia

9 Charge against a squatter

10 "— for All Seasons"

11 Camera part

16 On

20 Biblical verb suffix

23 Spinning stat

24 Before

25 Sleeping state

27 Glutton

29 Wildebeest

30 "A mouse!"

32 Columns' bases

34 Game akin to pinochle

37 Superlative ending

39 Carte

42 Thicket

44 Curtain

45 Branch

46 Birthright bar-terer

48 Change for a five

49 Dogfight participants

50 Unit of force

53 Charged bit

MAGIC MAZE ● **FIND THE COMPOSER FROM JUST THE CONSONANTS**

R R O T L K J G E B L Y W U R

B P N C K R A G L E I G D B Z

A X V H S Q O R D N M S K I G

C T R A Z O M N O E E S C R A

H Y W I D L A V I V U U S E Q

O P N K E H L J H O D A F N E

P C A O B Y N I W H S R E G X

I V U V U S Q P N T M T K A J

N H O S S L E D N E M S H W F

E C B K S L E B L E H C A P Z

Y X V Y Y U T R E B U H C S T

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

BCH	DVRK	MNDLSSHN	TCHKVSKY
BTHVN	LGR	PCHLBL	VULD
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SCRAMBLERS

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

Rubble
BRIDES

Remedy
REFILE

Garner
ANGEL

Treatment
DREEMY

TODAY'S WORD

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8				6				7
	9		3	5		4		
		9		1				3
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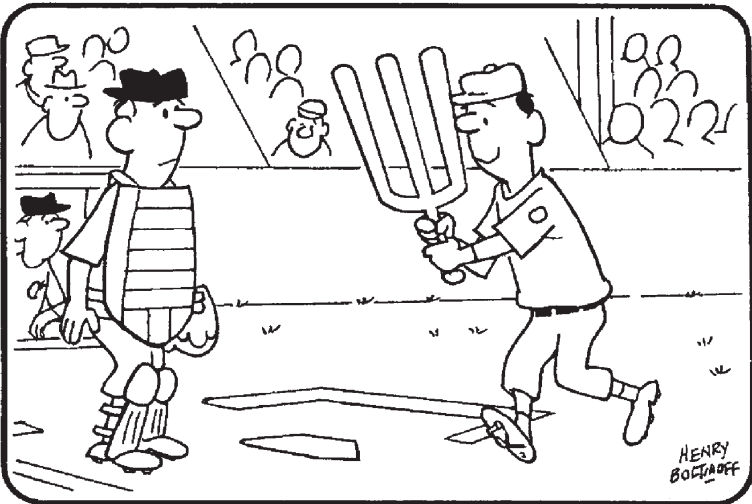
SUDOKU

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.

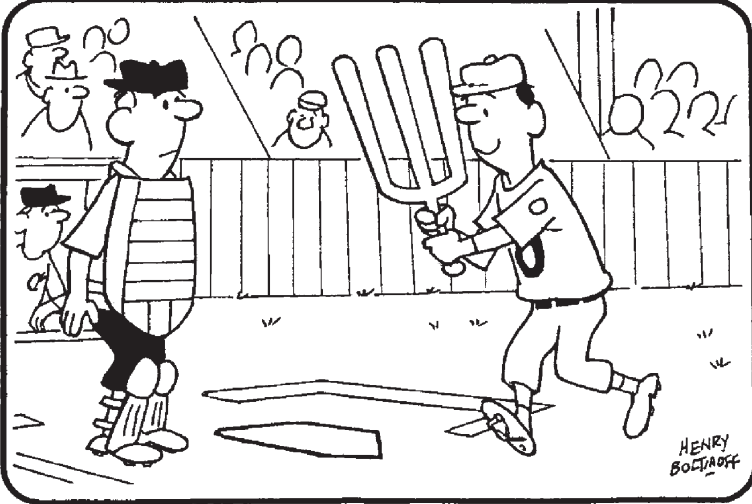
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Batter's shirt has number. 2. Catcher's mitt is missing. 3. Catcher's pants are black. 4. Part of crowd is missing. 5. Fence is different. 6. Home plate is bigger.



Watermelon Sunrise

6 cups watermelon chunks, pureed
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1/2 cup vodka
1/2 cup ginger beer (or to taste)
1 cup melted orange sherbet

Puree watermelon in a blender (or with an immersion blender or food processor), strain if desired. Combine watermelon puree and orange juice, mixing well. Fill glasses with ice, pour desired amount of vodka into each glass, followed by watermelon mix, and a splash of ginger beer. Drizzle orange sherbet and garnish with watermelon slice and orange peel. Serves six.✱



Watermelon Sunrise

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FOR WEEK OF JUNE 24, 2019

Aries (March 21 to April 19) A change of season reinvigorates the Lamb, helping to overcome the effects of a recent slower-paced period. This is a good time to restate your feelings for that certain someone.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) You might not like using your authority to correct a workplace situation, but that's what being placed in charge is all about. Besides, you have people ready to lend support if need be.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) Your creativity continues to run high and helps guide you to make some fine choices in the work you're doing. Keep the weekend free for those special people in your life.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) Don't be surprised if you experience a sudden spurt of energy strong enough to pull you out of that recent period of indecision and put you back in charge of your own goals.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) This is a good time for Leos and Leonas to set new goals regarding health, educational choices and possible career moves. The plans you make now could be a blueprint for your future.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) You might have much to offer a potential employer, but it can all be overwhelmed by too many details. Let the facts about you speak for themselves without any embellishments.

Libra (September 23 to October 22) This is a good week to balance your responsibilities to your work-a-day world with your obligations to the people in your private life. Expect news that could lead to a change in plans.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) A changing attitude on the part of a once determined adversary could cause changes down the line. Be prepared to take advantage of an unexpected new opportunity.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) You'd be a truly wise Sagittarius to be skeptical about an offer that doesn't answer all your questions. Even a colleague's testimonial doesn't replace facts that aren't there.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) It's a good idea to avoid spending on unnecessary purchases this week in order to keep a money reserve against



Scuba diver approaching the new artificial reef
photo by Miami-Dade County Department of Environmental Resources Management

New Artificial Reef Brings Fishing Opportunities

Miami-Dade County, in coordination with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), recently deployed approximately 150 tons of donated cleaned concrete and 150 tons of limerock boulders to create a new artificial reef off Key Biscayne in south Florida. The new artificial reef is a prime example of FWC’s artificial reef program

coordinating with the local recreational anglers to identify a need and build habitat in partnership with the county. “The fishing community and Bruce Marx are really the heroes of this story, raising funds and ensuring their voices were heard to get a new reef near where Bug Light was removed,” said FWC Division of Marine Fisheries Management Director Jessica McCawley. “This deployment represents the culmination of a lot of work, time and effort by various governmental agencies including the Miami-Dade County Department of Environmental Resources



Fleet of vessels working to complete the artificial reef
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Deploying concrete into the water

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SCRAMBLERS

1. Debris; 2. Relief;
3. Glean; 4. Remedy
Today's Word
FENDER

Management and the FWC, as well as the fishing community/stakeholders,” Marx said. “While Bug Light will never be replaced, we are hopeful that the Bug Light Shoal Artificial Reef will provide a habitat for bait fish for many years to come.”

The reef, called Bug Light Shoal after a decommissioned marker that was removed by the U.S. Coast Guard in 2014, will help provide access and opportunities for anglers to gather bait before heading offshore.

The reef is located at 25° 40.765' N / 80° 06.765' W, 2.4 nautical miles east-northeast of the Cape Florida Lighthouse (Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park) at a depth of 22 feet.

Learn more about Miami-Dade County’s artificial reefs at www.MiamiDade.gov/environment/reefs-artificial.asp.

Learn more about Florida’s artificial reef program at www.MyFWC.com/ArtificialReefs.

Trimming Now Can Help Prevent Power Outages

So far, it has been a very wet start to storm season. Although there are hopes for a calm storm season, there is no telling what might come our way. While Lee County Electric Cooperative (LCEC) is prepared for anything Mother Nature has to bring, all residents are urged to trim overgrown trees and branches growing near power lines.

Vegetation poses a serious risk to power lines during high-wind storms. As a guideline, there should be an 8- to 10-foot clearance on either side between tree branches and power lines, and there should be a 10-foot clearance between the top of trees and the primary power line. Any branches within this range near power lines should be pruned or removed.

Keep the following in mind when trimming vegetation:

Do not remove or trim branches that are touching power lines. Touching a tree that is in contact with a power line can lead to serious injuries or death. If a tree touching a power line is burning or sparking, contact LCEC immediately at

656-2300.

When trimming or cutting trees, be sure they fall away from power lines.

Trim dead or weak branches from the trees around the home even if they are far away from power lines. Strong winds could make these branches deadly projectiles.

If you feel uneasy trimming vegetation around your home, residents are urged to hire a licensed tree trimming company that is certified to work around power lines. LCEC utilizes professional trimmers, trained in safety practices to trim trees in utility easements or trees contacting power lines. They trim trees along power lines on a regular maintenance cycle. LCEC also responds to specific customer requests if trees in the area pose an immediate threat to safety or to the reliability of electric service. Every bit of preplanning helps when it comes to storm season.

Free Vessel Safety Checks

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 91 offers recreational boaters with free preventative vessel safety checks to be certain their boat follows federal laws and state regulations. Fort Myers Beach area boaters find this free service to be beneficial as it could prevent boat owners from being fined by local law enforcement while operating their boat on the water without the proper equipment.

“We are able to educate boat owners on safe boating practices while checking their boat for potential problems,” stated Nick Kaveski, the Flotilla 91 commander. He went on to say, “The auxiliary does not issue citations for violations, but rather provide recommendations and insight on how to stay out of trouble.

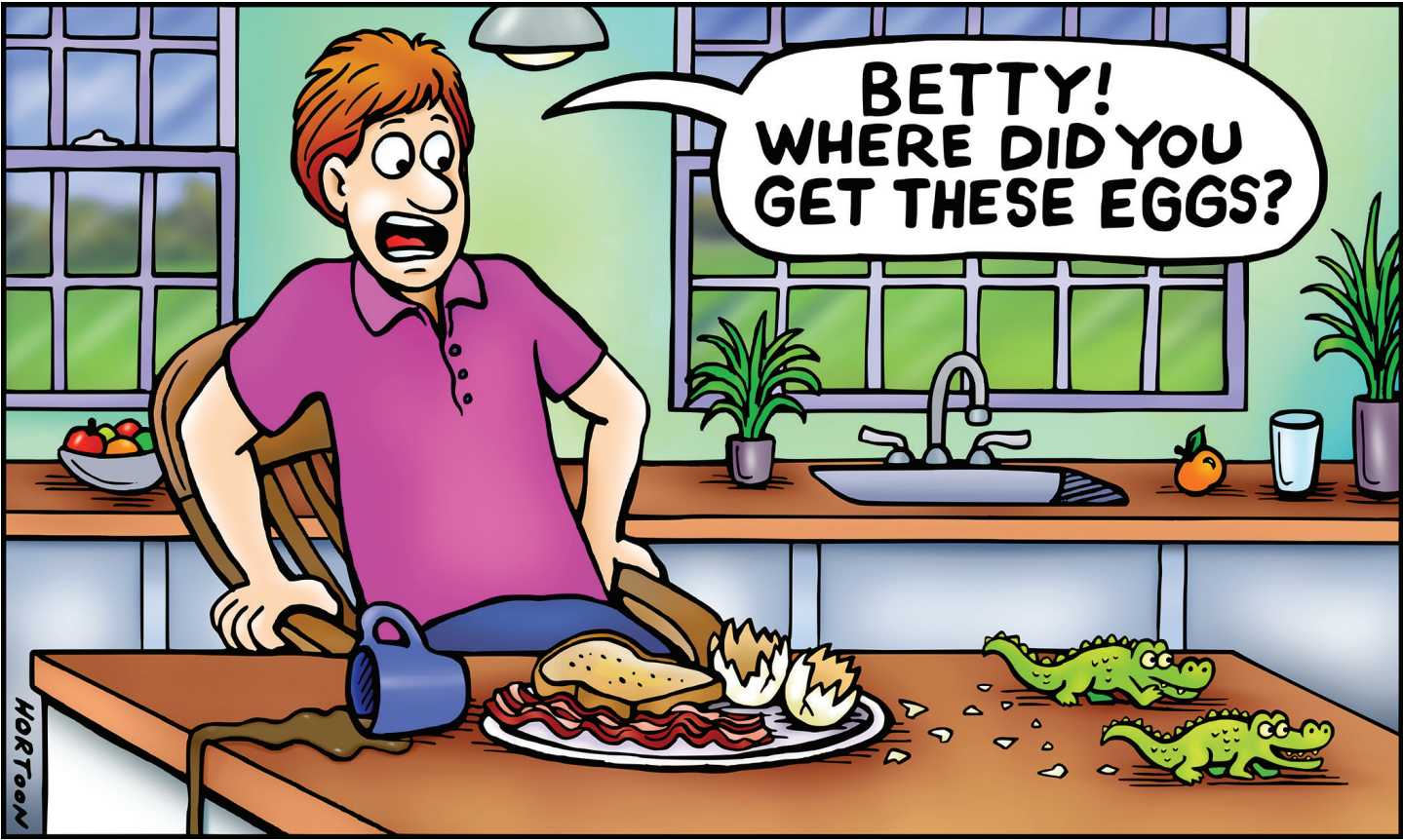
Boats that comply receive a VSC sticker to demonstrate their commitment to safe boating.”

According to Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, the 2017 boating statistic report, Florida had 766 boating accidents, 61 of which were deadly. Accidents happen without warning, However, boater education may help reduce your risk.

The goal of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is to help reduce these numbers by providing safe boating classes, vessel safety checks and public outreach programs. Boaters can request a free vessel safety check online at www.aux91fmb.org/vsc.cfm or by calling 690-6780, option 2.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information, visit www.cgaux.org.

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Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Barefoot Beach	Bonita Springs	2014	4,767	\$4,750,000	\$4,560,000	376
Southport On The Bay	Bonita Springs	2017	5,171	\$3,475,000	\$3,200,000	105
Bonita Beach	Bonita Springs	1976	2,192	\$2,850,000	\$2,575,000	114
Venetian Gardens	Fort Myers Beach	2013	3,590	\$1,699,000	\$1,510,000	60
Siena	Bonita Springs	2007	4,457	\$1,550,000	\$1,455,000	87
Sea Oats	Sanibel	1990	3,568	\$1,149,000	\$950,000	113
Meade Estates	Fort Myers	1963	2,656	\$1,050,000	\$990,000	121
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2004	3,095	\$999,989	\$950,000	69
Estero Bay Shores	Bonita Springs	2007	3,119	\$899,000	\$850,000	109
Renaissance	Fort Myers	2015	3,174	\$899,000	\$870,000	419



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