



Sponsors Needed For World War II Veterans Dinner

This year's Lee County Spirit of '45 dinner and ceremony will be held on Sunday, August 11 at Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa in Fort Myers. This year marks the 75th anniversary of D-Day and the 10th year of the Spirit of '45 nationwide initiative. All World War II veterans are invited to attend the sit-down dinner and ceremony, which will include presentation of colors, singing of the National Anthem, guest speakers and a rendition of *Taps*.

Sponsors are needed to cover the cost of meals for veterans. Sponsorship levels range from \$50 to \$1,000, which include advertising opportunities in the program and tickets to the ceremony. There is also a Sponsor-A-Vet program for \$25, which will cover the cost of a veteran's meal and include a listing in the program.

World War II combat veteran and Sanibel resident Ed Sieber will be one of the guest speakers. Sieber was a member of the United States Navy Air Group 82 Bombing Squadron who assisted in the historic sinking of the Japanese battleship



Ed Sieber with his military memorabilia on display at the Sanibel Public Library

photo by Jeff Lysiak

Yamato, which occurred on April 7, 1945. For his efforts, he was awarded the Navy Cross, Silver Star, four air medals and two distinguished flying crosses. Sieber's military memorabilia is on display at the Sanibel Public Library through the end of August.



World War II veteran "Pancho" was a POW and survived the Death March. He will celebrate his 102nd birthday in November. Fame Academia is a 91-year-old World War II veteran.
photo by Eryka Aptaker

Dinner begins at 4:15 p.m. and all World War II veterans and spouses of the same generation are admitted at no charge. For all others, the cost is \$25 per person. Reservations are required by August 4. Payment must be made in advance. For tickets and sponsorships, contact Eryka

Aptaker, Lee County chairman of Spirit of '45, at 917-607-4385 or email eja3090@comcast.net.

The Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa is located at 17260 Harbour Pointe Drive in Fort Myers, just before the tollbooth to the Sanibel Causeway.*



From left, Stacy Stauffer, Gerri Benzing and Art Keene

photo by Paula Sisk

Comedy Premiere At Lab Theater

The world premiere of *DMV* opens at The Laboratory Theater of Florida on Friday, August 9.

After 30 years of working at the Fort Myers Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Bernice has one last day of work before retiring with a full pension.

She's already sold her home, packed her belongings and celebrated, rather heavily, with her co-workers. Unfortunately, things go slightly awry. What follows is a laugh riot of what happens every day at virtually every DMV.

Artistic Director Annette Trossbach said, "It's always a special treat to work directly with a playwright on a new play. It's a wonder to see that play leap off the page and come to life before your eyes, and to be able to perfect moments and characters with the creator him- or

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National Honey Bee Day At The Estates

The public is invited to learn about bees and native plants for pollinators at Edison and Ford Winter Estates (EFWE) in celebration of National Honey Bee Day on Saturday, August 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The day's itinerary includes a live honey extraction demonstration and a honey bee lecture by David Westervelt with the Florida State Beekeepers Association. Tony Mauriello and Kara Tyler-Julian from the Coccoloba Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will also give a presentation on Florida native plants for pollinators.

There will be local honey available for sale and tasting, a question and answer session with bee inspector Freddy Howard, and informational tables with guests from the Florida Native Plant Society, Florida State Beekeepers Association and Solitary Bee Homes. Florida native and other pollinator plants will be available for purchase.

The presentation schedule includes:
9 a.m. – Hands-on honey bee presentation

9:30 a.m. – Honey extraction demonstration

11 a.m. – Lecture by David Westervelt, Florida State Beekeepers Association



B. Keith Council from Councill Farms examines honey bee hives at Edison and Ford Winter Estates
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Noon – Presentation on native plants for pollinators by Florida Naturalist Tony Mauriello and Entomologist Kara Tyler-Julian from the Florida Native Plant Society

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Information tables with Florida native and pollinator plants available for sale

There are currently more than a dozen
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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Eastward View On Main



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

One day in the late 1940s, the bicyclist (check the photo below) headed south on Broadway, passing through the intersection at Main Street.

To his left Nickell Jeweler stood prominently on the northeast corner, complete with a clock and the word “Diamonds” over the entrance.

Note the striped awnings, which anachronistically endow the building with a boom-time look.

Let your gaze meander down Main Street and in the distance you’ll see the balconied second floor of the Roberts Building at the Hendry Street intersection.

That structure on the southeast corner had been built by pioneer Carl F. Roberts in the 1890s. In the late 1940s, it had storefronts at street level and apartments above.

However, shortly after this photo was taken, it was razed to make way for the ultra-modern, one-story Thrifty Drugs, which opened in 1949.

Traveling to the south side of Main, note that vertical boot-shaped sign (right of Roberts Building) marking the Lee Theatre. It opened in 1941 across from the Patio de Leon entrance.

Adjacent to the theatre (moving right) is Bob Wallace Motors. Over its roof peek the Richards and the Robb & Stucky buildings over on Hendry Street.

At the Broadway corner in the late 1940s was the Royal Palm Service Station, a Standard Oil affiliate (continuing right), framed by the trunks of two royal palms. Note the gas pumps and a sign reading “Atlas Tires.”

Today, the view down Main is a mixture of the recognizable and the long gone.

The 1920s building where Nickell Jeweler was located is now part of a law firm.

The former Thrifty Drugs still stands, although significantly altered since its construction, and now houses law offices.

As for the south side of Main, nothing in the historic photo remains today. Instead, there is a large parking lot between Hendry and Broadway.

The movie theater stayed in business until 1969 but was later demolished, as was Bob Wallace Motors.

Royal Palm Service Station was demolished when First Federal Savings & Loan built on the property in 1956.

Walk down to Main and Broadway and imagine the street as it looked just after World War II.

Then, visit the following places to learn more about the transformations of Main Street through the decades.

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

Visit the IMAG History & Science Center at 2000 Cranford Avenue or at www.theimag.org.

Sources: Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society.*



Today, the former Nickell Jeweler building is the most recognizable structure from the late 1940s. The Richards Building and the Robb & Stucky Building are visible across the parking lot through the trees. photo by Gerri Reaves



A bicyclist travels south through the intersection of Broadway and Main Street in the late 1940s

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New Teachers At School District



New teachers in the School District of Lee County attended orientation last week

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Hundreds of teachers about to begin their careers with the School District of Lee County attended new teacher orientation last week. Sessions included curriculum, teaching techniques, technology and more.

"The Human Resources team is very excited to welcome new teachers to our district family," said Dr. Helen Martin, assistant director of professional development. "We are certain these new teachers will make student success the top priority this school year. In fact, many of the new teachers have participated in summer trainings to ensure their students have every opportunity to reach their highest potential. We applaud these

educators for their dedication to the profession and their students, and we stand ready to continue to support them throughout the remainder of the school year and their careers in Lee County."

The teachers starting with the district are a mix of recent college graduates, transfers from other districts and professionals who have changed careers to teach. Each one will get continued support through the year from their principal and a mentor to ensure their success. They start work on Monday, August 5.

For more information about the School District of Lee County, visit www.leeschools.net.

Greeters Club Luncheon

The Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers is celebrating Florida's summer season and inviting everyone to an indoor picnic at the Plantation Country Club on Thursday, August 15 at noon. On the day of the luncheon, the registration desk is open from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.

The casual luncheon will involve a traditional picnic menu followed by some fun activities. Dress for a picnic, bring

your enthusiasm to join in with Greeters Club members for an afternoon of fun and friendship. Remember, the luncheon cannot be "rained out!"

Cost is \$25 for the luncheon. Find out more about joining this dynamic group of Lee County women. Make your payment by check to Greeters Club. To RSVP, visit www.greetersfortmyers.com or email greetersclub@gmail.com. Provide your name, email address and phone number, and you will receive a return email confirming your reservation.

The Plantation Country Club is located at 10500 Dartington Drive in Fort Myers.



James Arthur Douglas as the Beast and Jennie Nasser as Belle

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Disney Classic On Stage Only One More Week

Time is running out to see the tale as old as time, Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. The play runs through Saturday, August 10, and has received glowing reviews from audience members of all ages. As part of a summer special, tickets are \$20 for the meal and the show for anyone age 18 and younger.

The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince

trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed into his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity. Beloved songs include *Be Our Guest*, *Bella*, *Something There*, *Gaston* and the title song *Beauty and the Beast*.

Performances are Wednesday through Sunday evenings with selected matinees. Tickets for age 18 and older are \$45 to \$70 with group prices available.

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre is located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information or tickets, call 278-4422, visit www.broadwaypalm.com or drop by the box office.

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New Artistic Director For Mastersingers

The Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers has named Shannon Arnold as the group's new artistic director. She takes over the podium from longtime conductor Jeff Faux as the fourth director in the organization's 19-year history, a season billed as Passing the Baton. Arnold, who recently relocated to Southwest Florida from Philadelphia, is currently serving as



Fort Myers Mastersingers

director of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church Chancel Choir and Bell Choir in North Fort Myers, Florida. Arnold completed her undergraduate degree in music education at Penn State University where, as a junior, she was chosen choral conducting intern to lead the chamber ensemble, Sine Nomine. After completing her undergraduate studies, she taught superior rated ensembles at Fort Pierce Central High School in Fort Pierce, Florida. After four years of teaching, she moved to Philadelphia and received her master's degree in choral conducting at Temple University. After her first year at Temple,

she was awarded the Robert Page Conducting Scholarship. In addition to her fine conducting skills, Arnold is an accomplished pianist. "We are very lucky to have brought in a musician of Shannon's caliber. She comes in with a new voice, a new energy, that will help us to continue to grow and capitalize on the recent successes the group has enjoyed," said Mastersingers' President Anthony Contino. In Arnold's first season, the group will perform its usual array of masterworks and imaginative programming that has come to define the area's premier choral ensemble. The group performs its traditional holiday concerts in December at Sanibel Community Church on Sanibel, the Readings and Carols concert for charity at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Fort Myers, and will, once again, join the Gulf Coast Symphony at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall for Deck the Halls. The choir will also provide the carols at the lighting of the City of Fort Myers Christmas tree. The Mastersingers will be a sanctioned event of the Edison Festival of Light in February at St. Michael's

Lutheran Church for a performance that will travel through time examining milestone inventions and significant pieces of music that accompanied them. The 19th season culminates with two performances in April celebrating the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth. The program will feature Beethoven's *Mass in C* along with the winning composition from the 2nd annual Sanibel-Captiva Trust Prize in Choral Competition. Arnold said, "Working with an ensemble like the Mastersingers is an incredible opportunity. I am excited to continue their illustrious history of performing masterworks at a high level. I look forward to building relationships with the members as well as the entire Fort Myers community." This promises to be yet another entertaining season from the Mastersingers as the baton is passed to a new conductor while the fine musicianship, well-loved masterworks, and cutting-edge new choral repertoire continue. For information on how to audition to become a member of the group, or for more information on the season schedule, visit www.mastersingersfm.com.

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Grant To Aid FutureMakers Coalition

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Inc. recently awarded the Southwest Florida Community Foundation a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to aid the FutureMakers Coalition in replicating their healthcare system alignment work addressing local workforce gaps for the healthcare industry. The FutureMakers Coalition Healthcare/Manufacturing Collaboration Workforce Pipeline will support local efforts to continue to fill certified nursing assistant (CNA), medical assistant (MA) and machinists positions, which are high demand jobs in Southwest Florida. This program was created to target under and unemployed individuals from low-income communities to reduce barriers and

provide support through completion of a post-high school credential and launch a career in in-demand fields. "We are so fortunate to have Bank of America as the first investor to step up and support this idea," said Sarah Owen, president and CEO of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation. "Bank of America is lending, investing and giving in local communities like Southwest Florida in order to advance local economies and create positive change." According to Owen, with the additional \$40,000 needed in funding, the coalition could replicate the program from healthcare to the manufacturing industry. This would increase the number of skilled workers in the region supporting economic development and a more sustainable economy. "The ongoing success of the CNA/MA program has become a best practice model which should be scaled and replicated

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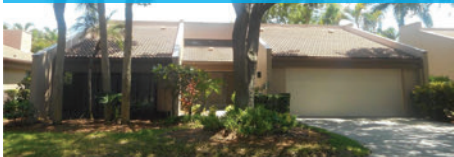
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Fort Myers Art:

American Classic Kicks Off Theater’s 2019-20 Season



by Tom Hall
 Theatre Conspiracy at the Alliance for the Arts is kicking off its 2019-20 season with the Pulitzer Prize-winning American classic *Harvey* by Mary Chase.

You know the story. It is a spring afternoon at the Dowd family home and a tea for the high-society ladies of the Wednesday Forum is in full swing. The hostess, Veta Louise Simmons, is hoping that the event will allow her daughter, Myrtle Mae, now in her 20s and still unmarried, to mingle with the mothers and grandmothers of some of the town’s most eligible bachelors. However, to Veta’s horror, her brother, Elwood, arrives home unexpectedly and in the company of his closest friend, Harvey, a six foot, one-and-a-half inch tall white rabbit – a friend nobody else can see. Veta and Myrtle Mae are mortified as Elwood who, ever pleasant and polite, begins introducing his companion to the ladies of the Wednesday Forum. The embarrassing



image courtesy www.artswfl.com

family secret is now exposed, and all that Veta and Myrtle Mae can do is watch helplessly as their guests flee the house.
 In spite of the fact that they are living in Elwood’s house and being supported by his money, Veta and Myrtle Mae vow that this is the last time they will be humiliated by his eccentric behavior. They determine that the only solution is to commit Elwood to Chumley’s Rest, a sanitarium.
 Later that afternoon, they arrive by cab with Elwood at the sanitarium.

Elwood is hustled away by Wilson, the sanitarium orderly. In the office, Veta meets with Dr. Sanderson and attempts to explain the situation. Veta’s agitated state of mind, however, leads Dr. Sanderson to the conclusion that a terrible mistake has been made and that it is she, not her brother, who is the one in need of treatment – so he releases Elwood and sends Veta off to the hydro-therapy tub.
 In an ensuing conversation between Dr. Sanderson and his superior, Dr. Chumley, it gradually becomes clear that yet another mistake has been made. It is indeed Elwood, not Veta, who was to have been committed. Veta, having suffered many indignities, is thus released, and the hunt for Elwood is on. In the ensuing confusion, the doctors, Veta and Elwood all try to figure out who is really crazy – no one, everyone, Elwood, Veta, or the doctors themselves? What, after all, as the cab driver says, is “a perfectly normal human being?” Of course, it all gets sorted out in the end, but there are many surprises (as well as comic doses of wisdom) along the way, as everyone questions just what exactly is real.

Bill Taylor directs a certifiably crazy cast that includes Brendan Powers, Rachel Burttram, Lauren Drexler and Dena Galyean. This production is kindly sponsored by Bruce and Janet Bunch and Noreen Raney.
Harvey plays Thursday, August 15 to Sunday, August 25. Theatre Conspiracy at the Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information or tickets, visit www.artinlee.org/theatre or call the box office at 939-2787
Madagascar Jr. Coming To Bonita Center
Madagascar, A Musical Adventure Jr. is coming to the Center for Performing Arts Bonita Springs (CFABS) for a limited engagement of just four performances from Friday through Sunday, August 16 to 18.
 “This show is a hilarious journey the whole family can enjoy,” said Director Brian Seagraves.

Join Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the hip hip Hippo and, of course, those hilarious, plotting penguins as they bound onto the stage in the musical adventure of a lifetime. Based on the smash DreamWorks animated motion picture, *Madagascar – A Musical Adventure Jr.* follows all of your favorite crack-a-lackin’ friends as they escape from their home in New York’s Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julien’s *Madagascar*.
 This production is directed by CFABS Youth Theater Director Brian Seagraves, but is a work of heart by various professionals from Southwest Florida. Rounding out the creative team are Music Director Lindsay Warren, Choreographer Lauren Barnhart Perry and Assistant Director/Stage Manager Ashley Loubier, along with technical direction from CFABS’s own Dominic Vigliotti.
 CFABS Youth Theater productions are always comprised of an assortment of amazingly talented and motivated local youth of all ages, and this show is no exception – with 39 performers from ages 9 to 16 from both Lee and Collier counties (plus a special appearance by Mrs. Perry’s 4-year-old daughter as Mort the Lemur). Parents are also involved with all Youth Players productions in the area of sets, costumes, props and backstage crew – making every show an experience for the whole family.
 Each Youth Theater production at CFABS leads the cast on a journey that begins with open auditions and spans several weeks (or months) of rehearsing diligently two to three times a week after school, concluding in a fully realized performance for friends, family and the entire community.
 This program provides youth with a structured, theatrical outlet with compassionate guidance, while getting them to practice responsibility, teamwork and commitment as well as giving them opportunities to explore their talents and build their confidence.
 “I am a big fan of approaching a production as ‘education through process’ which includes not only teaching youth how to better their performance and put on a show, but also how to think on your feet, work together, be responsible, exude confidence and celebrate diversity,” said Seagraves.
 Performances are Friday and Saturday, August 16 and 17 at 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, August 17 and 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for general admission or \$20 for reserved seating (with 10 percent off for current CFABS members).
 The Center for Performing Arts Bonita Springs is located at 10150 Bonita Beach Road Southeast in Bonita Springs.
 Tom Hall is both an amateur artist and aspiring novelist who writes art quest thrillers. He is in the final stages of completing his debut novel titled *Art Detective*. A former tax attorney, he lives in Estero with his fiancé and their four cats.*








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Accreditation teams from the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida have awarded five-star ratings to all six learning centers operated by Child Care of Southwest Florida.

The Early Learning Coalition's Southwest Florida Stars program evaluates local child care centers in three quality areas: learning environment and classroom interactions; screening, assessment and curriculum; and professional development and staff qualifications. Additional points are awarded for maintaining specific student-to-teacher ratios and class sizes, as well as achieving outside accreditation.

This is the first time all six of the agency's centers have earned the coalition's highest classification in the same year.

"The evaluation process is very rigorous and time consuming, but we welcome feedback from the coalition's accreditation team to help improve our curriculum and operations," said Chris Hansen, CEO of Child Care of Southwest Florida. "Having all six centers earn five-star ratings is an



The Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida has given five-star ratings to all six centers operated by Child Care of Southwest Florida, signifying that the centers are offering a high-quality learning environment to all students. photo provided

incredible accomplishment, and that achievement certainly indicates the level of education and care that parents can expect when they enroll their children in one of our centers."

Southwest Florida Stars is a voluntary quality assessment for child care program.

Child Care of Southwest Florida

operates centers in Lee and Hendry counties, including The Children's Learning Center at Florida SouthWestern State College (Fort Myers), Joseph H. Messina Children's Center (Fort Myers), PA Geraci Child

Development Center (Fort Myers), The Community Children's Center (Lehigh Acres), Children's Garden of LaBelle (LaBelle) and Harlem Academy Child Care Center (Clewiston).

"We take great pride in offering a safe, high-quality educational environment, and that's why our children are so well-prepared academically, socially and emotionally by the time they enter kindergarten," said Angela Anderson, education program manager for Child Care of Southwest Florida. "Earning the five-star rating means we're helping to set the industry standard as a provider of high-quality early childhood education."

In addition to the Southwest Florida Stars rating, all Child Care of Southwest Florida centers are accredited through the National Accreditation Commission for Early Learning Leaders and recognized as Gold Seal Quality Care Programs through the Florida Department of Children and Families. Two locations, the Joseph H. Messina Children's Center and The Community Children's Center, recently were recognized by the School Board as Preferred Pre-K Providers in Lee County.

For more information, visit www.ccsfwf.org.

National PBS Series To Feature Southwest Florida

WGCU, Southwest Florida's source for PBS, is the co-presenting station in the upcoming national three-part series *Family Pictures USA*. The series, which features Southwest Floridians prominently, was created and hosted by filmmaker and photographer Thomas Allen Harris. Joining WGCU in presenting the series is UNC-TV Public Media North Carolina.

Family Pictures USA airs August 12 and 13 nationally and on WGCU HD. It explores American cities, towns and rural communities through the lens of the family photo album, unearthing rich personal stories that expand our understanding of our shared history, diversity and common values. Family photos of everyday milestones — marriage, childhood, a new car, a growing business — provide a visual portal through which to examine the roots, surprising connections and provocative parallels that shed light on our collective past and our shared future.

In the Southwest Florida episode, airing August 13 at 9 p.m., the national crew meets Native Americans, cattle ranchers, members of fishing communities and restaurateurs who recount their family stories with pride. In Immokalee, viewers learn that Florida is still cattle country and meet former migrant workers who now own the companies that harvest produce. Descendants of Seminole leader Osceola preserve their tribal way of life and pass

down centuries-old traditions to their children. An African American family confronts the divisions of the past and moves forward as they uncover the story of their pioneering bi-racial ancestor and meet their white relatives.

More than one surprise twist occurred in the Southwest Florida filming.

For one, a couple who successfully saved Estero Bay and formed the state's first aquatic preserve met the woman whose father tried to develop it.

Another twist occurs in an additional 30-minute show filmed at WGCU studios and airing only locally, titled *Family Pictures USA: Southwest Florida Local Focus*.

In this *Local Focus* show, airing August 13 at 10 p.m. — following the national episode that night at 9 p.m. — three Southwest Floridians from very different walks of life discover that they are related when they all recognize the same common person in a photograph from decades ago. Family photos did indeed provide that visual portal that revealed surprising connections in Southwest Florida's collective past.

Detroit and North Carolina are the other two regions featured along with Southwest Florida. In the first national *Family Pictures USA* episode, *Detroit*, on August 12 at 9 p.m., the enormous influence of the auto industry, the rise of labor unions, cultural touchstones like the Motown sound, the devastating impacts of the 1967 riots and the city's renaissance today are all explored via family narratives and memories.

With an economy traditionally founded on tobacco and textiles, *North Carolina* is shown through family photos and their

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Along The River

The River District Alliance will host **Art Walk in downtown Fort Myers** this Friday, August 2 from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, August 3 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fourteen galleries invite visitors and residents to meet the artists and enjoy live art demonstrations and exhibitions along the river district.

For more information, visit www.fortmyersriverdistrictalliance.com.

During ArtWalk, at least two art galleries will have opening receptions for their respective exhibitions.

Arts for ACT Gallery will hold an **artists reception** during an opening exhibit this Friday, August 2 from 6 to 10 p.m. Artist Patrick Conolly will display his artwork in the main gallery, while there will be an open themed group exhibit for Altars, Shrines and Cabinets of Curiosities in the White Gallery. This exhibit continues through September 2.

The **Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center** will host an **opening reception** for two exhibitions this Friday, August 2 from 6 to 10 p.m. In the Main Gallery, Fort Myers Collects is an exhibition developed to show the most engaging and eclectic art that is privately owned by several local favorite art collectors. The Capital Gallery will showcase a group show titled Reimagined, featuring surreal and fantasy art created by eight talented artists. Both exhibitions close on August 29 at 4 p.m. General admission is a \$1 entry donation.

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Arts for ACT Gallery is located at 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.artsforactgallery.com. The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.sbdac.com or call 333-1933.

International **phonograph expert** and author John Kurdyla will record and play back the voices of visitors

– utilizing 19th century phonograph technology created by Thomas Edison and his staff – at **Edison and Ford Winter Estates** during a demonstration on Friday, August 2 from 11 a.m. to noon.

Kurdyla has one of the largest private collections of phonographs and Edison memorabilia, and is an expert on Edison recorded sound. A resident of Italy, he has presented his knowledge on 10 Italian National Television (RAI) shows. Kurdyla also authored the book *When Music Was Magic*, available in the estates' museum store.

The presentations are included with admission and are free for Edison Ford members.

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

Hodges University is hosting Caffeine and Classes, Donuts and Degrees, an **open house event** on its Fort Myers campus, this Saturday, August 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event is open to the public and features campus tours, plus admissions and student experience. Financial aid coordinators will be on both campuses to answer questions for new and continuing students. And, of course, coffee and donuts will be available.

Hodges University is located at 4501 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.pathways.hodges.edu, or email admit@hodges.edu.

Scared Scriptless Comedy Lab is making an encore at **The Laboratory Theater of Florida**. The troupe of talented performers with a special guest will return this Saturday, August 3 for a 7 p.m. performance.

The improv group, which had a sold-out show at the theater in July, will feature a unique musical style for another night of fun. Improv master Charles Patrick Gooch is joining Scared Scriptless Comedy Lab – comprised of Leigh Shein, Nick Hernandez, Kea McElfresh, Bill Owens, Andrew

Florance and Steve Cobb – for this show.

Participants can expect a night of hilarious antics, musical comedy and on-the-spot jokes. Every facet of the uproariously improvised show is based on audience suggestions. For the more adventurous, there are occasional opportunities to join the cast on stage.

The Laboratory Theater of Florida is located at 1634 Woodford Avenue in downtown Fort Myers. Tickets are \$15 per person and are available at www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com or by calling 218-0481.

Calusa Waterkeeper will continue its series of forums about the negative public health effects of harmful algal blooms with **Public Health Alert - Florida Water Summit 2** at the **Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre** this Monday, August 5 from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

The latest event, a follow up to the town hall held on June 24, features the world premiere of *Troubled Waters*, an original documentary produced by Calusa Waterkeeper, and an all-star panel of world-renowned scientists and medical professionals.

The film takes a hyperlocal look at the public health risks associated with harmful algal blooms found in South Florida waterways. It includes interviews with physicians and patients suffering from conditions tied to harmful algal blooms, as well as prominent scientists who present cutting-edge research demonstrating the link between algae exposure and health problems. The documentary aims to educate the general public and the health care industry on the health risks associated with acute and chronic exposure.

Many of the scientists interviewed in the film will appear at the August 5 summit as part of a panel discussion following the screening. Among the panelists are Dr. James Metcalf of The Institute of EthnoMedicine, a Wyoming-based nonprofit brain chemistry research organization; Dr. Walter Bradley, chair emeritus of the University of Miami neurology department; Dr. Larry Brand, a marine biology and ecology professor at the university; Dr. David Davis, a neurology professor at the university; Dr. Arthur Diskin, emergency room teaching professor; Dr. Robert Zarranz, otolaryngologist and surgeon; Dr. Parisima Taeb, internal medicine physician; John Cassani, Calusa Waterkeeper; Howard Simon, water quality expert; and Holley Rauen, Waterkeeper Ranger and retired public health nurse.

A buffet dinner is included in the \$20 ticket price, with proceeds going toward the nonprofit Calusa Waterkeeper's scientific research and educational outreach efforts. Tickets are available at www.bit.ly/2KIDkUT. A discount is available for Calusa Waterkeeper members.

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre is located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. For the latest on Southwest Florida's water, visit www.calusawaterkeeper.org or on social media at facebook.com/calusawaterkeeper, twitter.com/calusawater or instagram.com/calusawater.

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Local Man Serves Aboard Future Navy Warship

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Petty Officer 2nd Class Dale B. Crawford, a 2012 Temple Christian High School graduate and North Fort Myers native, is serving aboard the future *USS Paul Ignatius*, an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer homeported in Mayport, Florida.

Petty Officer Crawford is a cryptologic technician responsible for providing in-depth analysis on complex digital communications signals. Through computer technology, he provides critical intelligence information, such as the location and information of various targets.

"I enjoy watching the result of my hard work help those who are deployed down range to complete time-sensitive missions," Crawford said.

USS Paul Ignatius is a guided-missile destroyer that provides a wide range of warfighting capabilities in multi-threat air, surface and subsurface environments. Arleigh Burke-class destroyers are the U.S. Navy's most powerful destroyer fleet. These highly-capable, multi-mission ships conduct a variety of operations, from peacetime presence to national security. Ships like *Paul Ignatius* operate forward in every ocean of the world to keep our nation secure by meeting threats abroad before they can harm us here at home.

Crawford has carried lessons learned from his hometown into his military service.



Dale B. Crawford

photo provided

"Growing up in North Fort Myers, I learned to obtain all the knowledge I possibly can. While letting no opportunities pass me by," said Crawford.

The highly professional men and women serving aboard *USS Paul Ignatius* are some of our nation's best and brightest, and are typical of the talented sailors on duty in our Navy around the world today. They are properly trained, prepared to go into harm's way and ready to carry out orders in defense of our nation's freedom.

"The crew's performance has been absolutely remarkable, rising to the occasion and answering the call every time," said Cmdr. Robby Trotter, Ignatius' first commanding officer. "The many inspections and challenges we faced and

overcame as a crew has prepared us to bring this ship to life and join the world's finest Navy."

Crawford has military ties with family members who have previously served and is honored to carry on the family tradition.

"My grandfather served in the Coast Guard and the Navy as a SeaBee, my uncle currently serves in the Coast Guard, another uncle retired from the Marine Corps, my brother currently serves in the Navy as a master-at-arms," said Crawford.

Crawford's proudest accomplishment was assisting law enforcement agencies in the capture and termination of multiple high value targets in both Central and South America during various counter

cartel operations.

"I was able to appreciate how my efforts directly affected major events world-wide," Crawford said.

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's high-tech and lethal surface combatant ships, Crawford and other *Paul Ignatius* sailors are proud to be part of a warfighting team.

"The Navy displays America's combat power and strength worldwide and can be anywhere within a moment's notice," said Crawford. "However, the Navy also shows America's compassion and humanity by helping those in need. Whether it is helping folks here in the U.S., other deployed service members, or those facing hardships in foreign countries. Serving in the Navy means that I'm here to do not only what our country needs, but what those around the world need, too."

Paul Ignatius is the 67th Arleigh Burke-class destroyer, and the 31st DDG 51 class destroyer built by Huntington Ingalls Industries. It is the first warship named for Paul Ignatius who served as United States Secretary of the Navy under President Lyndon Johnson from 1967 to 1969. Ignatius had previously served with honor as a commissioned lieutenant in the Navy during World War II.

The warship will be officially placed into active service at a July 27 commissioning ceremony in Fort Lauderdale. The ceremony includes "bringing the ship to life" and other orders rooted in centuries old naval tradition.

For more information about the commissioning ceremony, visit www.browardnavydaysinc.org/commissioning.html.✧

School District To Hold Block Party

The School District of Lee County is kicking off the school year with a Back-to-School Block Party at Bell Tower Shops on Saturday, August 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Presented in partnership with Safe Kids Southwest Florida, Lee County's largest back-to-school block party is free and open to the public, offering family friendly fun for all ages, including a "Safe-to-School" Safety Zone, interactive games, a bounce house, giveaways, music and a visit from the Lee County Sheriff's Office to include Sheriff Carmine Marceno, multiple school

resource officers and Deputy Dogs.

The "Safe-to-School" Safety Zone will get kindergarten to 12th grade students ready to roll for straight-A safety, highlighting important safety tips for pedestrians, bicyclists, bus stop safety, driving and other student-related safety recommendations.

"We are excited to start the new school year and welcome our students back to campus," said Superintendent Dr. Greg Adkins. "The Back to School Block Party is the perfect way to get students excited but also remind them about ways to stay safe when they ride the bus. I look forward to seeing everyone there."

Bell Tower Shops is located at 13499 South Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers.✧

Information On Iguana Removal

Green iguanas are an invasive species in Florida and are not native to the state. They can cause considerable damage to infrastructure, including seawalls and sidewalks. Iguanas, like all nonnative, invasive species, are not protected in Florida except by anti-cruelty law. While they cannot be relocated, they can be removed from private property with landowner permission.

"Unfortunately, the message has been

conveyed that we are asking the public to just go out there and shoot them up. This is not what we are about; this is not the 'wild west.' If you are not capable of safely removing iguanas from your property, please seek assistance from professionals who do this for a living," said Commissioner Rodney Barreto of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

Addressing the impacts of nonnative species is a priority in supporting conservation of ecosystems. For those that need assistance, there are resources available at www.myfwc.com, including contact information for professional trappers.✧

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A ceraneus blue butterfly at Edison and Ford Winter Estates photos provided

Southwest Florida Butterfly Count Results Released

For the third year in a row, Edison and Ford Winter Estates participated in the North American Butterfly Association’s (NABA) annual butterfly count. Teams of butterfly spotters counted butterflies at several locations in Fort Myers, including at Edison Ford, Lakes Regional Park, Powell Creek Preserve and at nearby Rotary Park in Cape Coral. Butterfly counts are conducted across the country and beyond to help researchers monitor butterfly population trends throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.



Participants count butterflies during Edison and Ford Winter Estates’ 3rd annual North American Butterfly Association count

This year’s final tally for all butterfly species at the combined locations was 383. That number was down from the 531 counted last year, but still more than the 134 that were counted in 2017. On the positive side, this year revealed more variety, with 24 (not counting the statira sulphur) total species, up from 23 in 2018 and 19 in 2017.

Monarch and gulf fritillary butterflies were spotted by each team but the most frequently recorded species was the white peacock. One team saw 78. Viceroy were seen only at Powell Creek Preserve, and Rotary Park was the only location to

spot black swallowtail, phaon crescent, pipevine swallowtail and common buckeye that morning. The team at Edison Ford believe they spotted a statira sulphur and are waiting for confirmation from NABA, as this is an uncommon butterfly for Southwest Florida.

With the extreme heat this year, the count was held a month earlier and the 37 counters started an hour earlier on count day. These variations could have played a role in the lower number found.

Individuals wishing to learn more about butterflies and practice their identification skills can join the Southwest Florida

	Edison Ford	Lakes Park 1 (marsh)	Lakes Park 2 (garden)	Rotary Park	Powell Creek Preserve	Total of species
Common Name						
Barred Yellow			10	1	2	13
Black Swallowtail				5		5
Cassius Blue	1			1		2
Ceraunus Blue			8		11	19
Cloudless Sulphur	1			7	1	9
Common Buckeye				1		1
Dainty Sulphur	1	14	11		16	42
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	1					1
Fiery Skipper	1				2	3
Giant Swallowtail				5		5
Great Southern Sulphur				1	1	2
Gulf Fritillary	5	8	13	11	2	39
Horace's Duskywing	1				1	2
Mallow Scrub Hairstreak			3			3
Monarch	16	5	3	10	2	36
Orange-barred Sulphur	3		4	1		8
Phaon Crescent				1		1
Pipeline Swallowtail				3		3
Polydams Swallowtail	4		5	11		20
Southern Broken Dash Skipper					1	1
Tropical Checkered Skipper	1			9		10
Viceroy					3	3
White Peacock	7	78	15		4	104
Zebra Longwing		22	5	24		51
Total # at site	42	127	77	91	46	383

2019 Southwest Florida butterfly count results

Butterfly ID Practice Facebook group. For anyone wishing to create a butterfly garden, a NABA certified butterfly demonstration garden is viewable in the Edison and Ford Winter Estates Garden Shoppe, and both nectar and host plants are available for purchase. Horticulturists are on site daily to answer questions about plant selection and maintenance.

Edison and Ford Winter Estates is located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.edisonfordwinterestates.org ✨

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Mind Your Line



by Bob Petcher

To catch a fish, it takes knowledge, patience and the right fishing gear. But, while fishing line and hooks can reel in a good catch for an angler, fishing gear can also be a killing device for

innocent wildlife.

Last year, CROW admitted 101 patients related to fishing hooks or monofilament line entanglement. The numbers increased greatly from 2017 when there were 65 admissions with reported fishing gear incidents. As of July 24 this year, there have been 55 cases that have arrived with hook and line injuries.

The fact remains that monofilament line and hooks discarded or left by careless fishermen can entangle, choke, snag and even kill its victims. For example, birds have been found hanging upside down in trees, exhausted after hours of struggling to try to free themselves from being wrapped up in lines. It is also a fact that some of those animals suffer agonizing deaths due to the entanglement.

It is hoped that through continued educational awareness, more anglers will be reached and their behavior modified.



Patient #19-2735 is currently recovering from multiple injuries caused by hook and line entanglement

photo by Brian Bohlman

One such public outreach program to help in that process is called Mind Your Line.

"It is a collaboration between the City of Sanibel and all the local conservation organizations – CROW, Sanibel Sea School, 'Ding' Darling and SCCF – to help reduce the impact of monofilament/ hooks in the environment by educating the public about responsible disposal of fishing gear, and to provide information on what to do if they encounter wildlife affected by a hook or line," said Dr. Robin Bast, CROW's staff veterinarian.

Anglers have been urged to dispose of any used or loose fishing line within provided monofilament stations, often

found at boat ramps, fishing piers or other park sites that fishing takes place. If fishing in the Sanibel region, you can find many recycling bins along the Sanibel Causeway islands as well as one near the Sanibel Lighthouse, one at Smith Pond East, one each at Clam Bayou, Blind Pass and Bowman's Beach access, and several within the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

Not only can the clear, strong, flexible plastic do harm to birds, manatees, sea turtles, whales, dolphins and rays (to name a few), it also non-biodegradable. Scientists estimate it can take 300 to 500 years to decompose.

"Monofilament line and hooks do

indeed take a long time to decompose," said Dr. Bast. "This means that hooks and line left in the environment can have lasting impacts on wildlife in that area. Wildlife can get entangled in the line, resulting in either starvation or traumatic injury. By using the appropriate recycling bins, you can enjoy fishing and still protect your local wildlife neighbors."

One of the most common victims of monofilament line entanglement or hook attachment is the brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*). Removing a hook may require surgery.

"It depends on the location and extent of injury. In a pelican, if the hook was swallowed and is in the throat, we can actually reach in with a gloved arm and manually remove the hook that way. If the hook is embedded, it often requires surgery – simple cases involve pushing the barb of the hook through the skin, clipping the barb off and backing the hook out," said Dr. Bast. "Hooks that have been embedded for a long time require more complex surgical removal."

Volunteers can help by cleaning up loose monofilament line, emptying monofilament recycling bins, collecting data and getting involved in public outreach and education.

"The easiest way for everyone to help is by disposing of monofilament line responsibly and removing any line or tackle you may encounter while enjoying the environment. Additionally, there are lots of opportunities to help with clean-up efforts, emptying the monofilament recycle bins, and assisting with data

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Don't Forget Last August



by Capt.
Matt Mitchell

Traffic on the water has started to gradually quiet down as it always does mid-summer. Summertime fishing action does not slow down and offers anglers

lots of species options along with more marine wildlife to look at than at any other season. I have been out on the water most mornings and there is a cooling breeze that helps deal with the heat. This next few months are hands down my favorite time of year to be fishing as we have some of the most consistent fishing action of the year.

Catch and release snook fishing is still in full swing both around the passes and on the beaches. Redfish are also making a strong showing both in the passes and under the mangroves during the higher stages of the tide. Pinfish and grunts are the baits of choice for fishing in the passes, while cut bait fishing the mangroves during the higher tides has been very effective. Trout are being caught both on the grass flats and out along the beaches. Most grass flats in the sound have come alive with jacks, ladyfish and mangrove snapper that are mixed in with the huge schools

of small fry bait.

As we move into August, I cannot help but think back at the ecological and economic nightmare we were all living in at this time last year. This was caused by the largest and most prolonged red tide anyone can ever remember to hit our area. Now, with our water looking better than I have seen it in years, it's easy to forget what happened last summer. But, our water quality issues in Florida are far from being resolved.

The resilience of nature is amazing, seeing our waters clean and full of life again is something that has to be seen to be believed. Clean clear water and healthy grass flats have returned to the sound although we are only one hurricane, tropical storm or even a major rain event away from seeing the exact same devastating red tide issue caused by last summer's massive water releases from Lake Okeechobee.

Until the natural flow is restored to Florida, sending water south through the Everglades, we are all living with a ticking time bomb that will not only wipe out our wildlife but do hundreds of billions in economic damage again. Everyone who lives in Florida is affected by our water quality, even if you don't live on the water.

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. ✨



Mary Laser with a snook caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week
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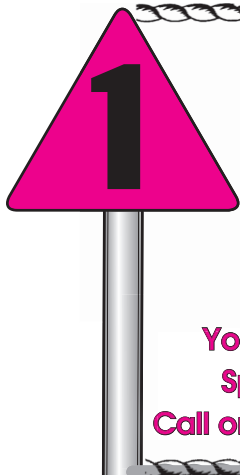


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Plant Smart

Blue Porterweed

by Gerri Reaves

Blue porterweed (*Stachytarpheta jamaicensis*) is a native wildflower of the verbena family and an excellent species to include in a wildlife garden.

In the wild, it's found in pinelands, at the edges of woods, or in disturbed areas.

This woody perennial is also called Jamaica vervain, blue snakeweed, joe, trailing porterweed and beach vitex.

The plant's tiny violet-blue flowers bloom all year 'round and attract various butterflies and other pollinators. It is a nectar source for Florida's state butterfly, the zebra longwing, as well as great southern white, large orange sulphur, red admiral, Schaus' swallowtail, julia, monarchs, gulf and variegated fritillaries, and skippers.

It is a larval host plant for the tropical buckeye butterfly and a food source for hummingbirds, bumblebees, cardinals and sparrows.

It's a fast-grower, takes a sprawling form, and isn't fussy about conditions.

The evergreen lanceolate or oval leaves are opposite with toothed edges and measure one to four inches long.



The zebra longwing (lower right) is one of many butterfly species attracted to blue porterweed's nectar photos by Gerri Reaves

The stems are square.

Tubular flowers of less than a half inch across have five rounded flaring petals and a touch of white at the center. Usually, only a few flowers – or even a



Numerous tiny flowers bloom on rough-textured stalks, lasting only a day

solitary one – appear on the quill-like spike at once. They open for only a day, close at night and don't open on cloudy days.

Spent spikes, which are as long

as a foot, are full of seeds, or nutlets, that can be gathered for propagation. *Stachytarpheta* is derived from words meaning "thick spike."

It can also be propagated with cuttings or volunteer seedlings.

This species is low-maintenance, pest-resistant and extremely drought tolerant once established. Salt tolerance makes it a candidate for coastal landscapes.

Give it well-drained soil in full sun to partial shade. It will grow even in nutrient-poor soil.

Use it as a groundcover or border. It reaches a height of two to three feet.

The name porterweed refers to a dark beer, or porter, made with the leaves and used medicinally in the West Indies.

Sources: *Betrock's Florida PlantGuide* by Edward F. Gilman, *Butterflies of Florida* by Jaret C. Daniels, *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer, *Gardening for Florida's Butterflies* by Pamela F. Traas, *The Guide to Florida Wildflowers* by Walter Kingsley Taylor, *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell, *Wildflowers of Florida* by Jaret C. Daniels and Stan Tekiela, www.edis.ifas.ufl.edu, www.flawildflowers.org, www.fnps.org, and www.regionalconservation.org.

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New Rule Protects Native Songbirds

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) recently approved a rule to help protect Florida's native songbirds from illegal capture. The new rule within Chapter 68A-16, FAC (Rules Relating to Birds) includes regulations regarding the use, placement and possession of bird traps, and will go into effect later this year.

The illegal trapping of native birds has long been a concern in the state, particularly in south Florida where trapping is believed to be widespread. Birds are lost from the wild population and, in many cases, may be mistreated and are sometimes killed or injured when illegally trapped. The new rule will provide an additional tool for law enforcement officers to help stop the poaching of these



Male painted bunting photo provided birds, while still allowing for lawful uses of bird traps.

Report any instances of illegal trapping to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC 888-404-3922 or by email or text to tip@myfwc.com.✱

Morning Meander With Bird Patrol At Lakes Park

Take a nature walk with a bird patrol guide at Lakes Regional Park on Saturday, August 3 at 8 a.m.

This easy walk along clear paths offers an opportunity to see birds in native vegetation with experienced bird patrol guides pointing out the many species in Lakes Park, a Lee County birding hot spot and crucial nesting area for many birds. Wear comfortable shoes and dress

to be outside. Bring water, sunscreen and binoculars.

This tour, which is free with paid parking, is provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation.

Meet at Shelter A7. After entering the Lakes Park gate from Gladiolus Drive, turn right and drive to the end of the road, continuing through the parking lot. Shelter A7 is located near the train station.

Lakes Regional Park is located at 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.birdpatrol.org or call 533-7580 or 533-7576.✱



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'Ding' Darling Day Scheduled For October 20

This year's "Ding" Darling Day birding and eco-festival at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel will be held on Sunday, October 20.

Free activities during the one-day event include refuge tram tours, live wildlife presentations, wildlife yoga, nature sketching, origami, archery clinics, hot dogs, a touch tank and butterfly house, and kids nature crafts. Federal Duck Stamp and Junior Duck Stamp winner presentations, plus conservation art award ceremonies, will take place throughout the day.

Recreation concession Tarpon Bay Explorers will offer free stand up paddleboarding clinics in the morning and all-day discounts on kayak tours and boating excursions that day. Reservations are recommended, visit www.tarponbayexplorers.com.

The 31st annual "Ding" Darling Day celebrates the birthday of the refuge's namesake, father of the Federal Duck Stamp program and Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist, Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling. It will be part of the pre-celebration for the refuge's 75th anniversary in 2020.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) and Tarpon Bay Explorers co-sponsor "Ding"



Tarpon Bay Explorers will offer free paddleboarding clinics in the morning photos provided

Darling Day with support from the local community and businesses.

Visit www.dingdarlingdays.com for updates on events, information on sponsoring "Ding" Darling Day, or to sign up for email update bulletins. Contact Dot Voorhees at 472-1100 ext. 239 or dot@dingdarlingsociety.org to become a sponsor.

Sponsors for the 2019 event include: Roseate Spoonbill Sponsors: Doc's Ford Sanibel Rum Bar & Grille; Great Egret Sponsors: Mitchell's Sand Castles, Feather Jim and Patty Sprinkle; Great Blue Heron Sponsors: Bailey's General

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Live snakes and other wildlife are a highlight of "Ding" Darling Day

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As a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop profits.

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FutureMakers

in other industries," said Tessa LeSage, social innovation and sustainability director for the Southwest Florida Community Foundation. "We would like to partner with more investors like Bank of America Charitable Foundation to work alongside the Lee County Economic Development Office, employers and partners throughout the region."

According to LeSage, based on the growing number of unfilled jobs in the manufacturing industry, we estimate a deficiency of 670 skilled workers possessing credentials necessary to fill open machining jobs.

In 2017, Bank of America Charitable Foundation contributed \$10,000 to the CNA project. Those funds assisted 36 students in achieving their goal of becoming a CNA.

"With Bank of America's initial investment, we discovered that less than \$300 per nursing student made a huge impact on removing a small financial barrier that, in turn, truly transformed lives," LeSage added.

With the expansion of the program, additional funds will further the region's shared goal of transforming the workforce by increasing the number of working aged adults that hold a degree or certificate. This funding opportunity will continue indefinitely as the region strives to create a more skilled workforce and

sustainable economy.

"Advancing the economic mobility of our residents by providing them with job skills and opportunities ultimately strengthens this community," said Gerri Moll, Southwest Florida market president for Bank of America. "We're honored to partner with organizations like the FutureMakers Coalition, which is removing barriers and giving underserved individuals access to careers in a sector that's invaluable to Lee County." The FutureMakers Coalition is a regional collective impact initiative for which the Southwest Florida Community Foundation provides backbone/ administrative support. Formed in 2015 around existing regional collaborations, the goal of the FutureMakers Coalition is to transform the workforce by increasing the number of Southwest Florida residents with degrees, certificates and other high-quality credentials by 2025. The coalition is committed to creating a cradle-to-career pathway to ensure success for traditional students and adult learners.

The FutureMakers Coalition was one of Lumina Foundation's 75 national Community Partners in Attainment. Residents are encouraged to join and support this community-changing initiative. For more information or to get involved, visit www.futuremakerscoalition.com, call 274-5900 or email LeSage at tlesage@floridacommunity.com.*

Real Estate Industry To Hold Meeting

The Real Estate Investment Society (REIS) will hold its monthly luncheon meeting in the Osprey Room at Pelican Preserve's Clubhouse on Tuesday, August 13 at 11:45 a.m.

Craig Capano, PhD, CPC, founding chair/professor with Florida Gulf Coast University's (FGCU) construction management department, will present If you build it they will come: New Construction Management program at FGCU. He will explain the program and its relationship with Southwest Florida's real estate development industry.

Following his presentation, Dr. Capano will respond to questions of specific interest to the real estate investment and development industry.

Dr. Capano has started similar programs at the Milwaukee School of Engineering, Western Carolina University and Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston. He has more than 40 years of experience in the construction industry and currently serves as principal of The Capano Group, a consulting firm for contractors and construction education. His research interests are in construction technologies, prefabrications and construction analytics.



Dr. Craig Capano photo provided

The meeting is sponsored by LandQwest Commercial Property Management, Cost is \$30 for members and \$40 for guests, which includes lunch. Reservations are required by August 8.

Pelican Preserve's Clubhouse is located at 9802 Pelican Preserve Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information or to register, visit www.reis-swfl.org.✱

Public Relations Professional Certification

Jennifer Olivier, APR, CPRC of the Southwest Florida Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA), recently earned professional certification in public relations and received the designation of Certified Public Relations Counselor (CPRC).

Earning the CPRC credential distinguishes senior members of FPRA who have demonstrated understanding and mastery of core public relations principles and ethical practices and have been certified to act as public relations counselors. Currently, there are 129 CPRCs in Florida, including 17 in Southwest Florida.

Olivier is the marketing manager for Eye Centers of Florida, the largest and most experienced eye care practice in Southwest Florida. She moved to the area a year ago from Lakeland, where she worked in public relations and marketing for 26 years, including time at Lakeland Regional Health, SUN 'n FUN International Fly-In and Publix Super Markets. She earned a communication degree from Florida Southern College in Lakeland. She's a longtime member of FPRA and recently earned another professional credential, Certification for Associate Project



Jennifer Olivier photo provided
Manager (CAPM).

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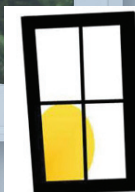
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Tom Petty And The Heartbreakers



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

During the 1980s, I attended college and law school at the University of Florida in Gainesville, which also happens to be the hometown of rock and roll legend Tom Petty.

I was not a big Petty fan before attending UF. You couldn't help it, however, from becoming a fan while living in Gainesville during the height of his popularity. Over time, his music grew on me. He was the hometown hero who busted it "Into the Great Wide Open."

As an undergrad, one Thursday night I happened to take a date to Rickenbacker's Bar in downtown Gainesville, when Petty, at the height of his career when he normally played to packed stadiums, strolled in with an acoustic guitar and a friend.

He proceeded to play two sets to the uncrowded room (this was before cell phones which would have resulted in an immediate madhouse), allowing me to enjoy a personal concert from one of the biggest musical names at the time. He sang some songs and chatted with the 20 or so people in the bar about his music.

It was a great experience, and I became a much bigger fan.

Petty's "Last Dance with Mary Jane" happened from an accidental drug overdose in October of 2017. Since that time, his widow, Dona York Petty, and his two daughters Adria Robin Petty and Annakim Violette, both from a prior marriage, have been trying to "Break Down" one another over his estimated \$95 million estate.

The disagreement between stepmother and stepdaughters boiled over in lawsuits, each vying for control over Petty's intellectual property rights, including marketing rights to his name and image, royalties and artistic creations.

Dana chides Adria for wanting to authorize Petty's likeness to promote products like salad dressing, a la Paul Newman. She accuses her stepdaughters of locking

her out of the management of the intellectual property rights, claiming that Petty's trust directs those rights to be contributed to an LLC, which she wants managed professionally.

Adria and Annakim have said "Don't Do Me Like That" to Dana over these same issues, claiming that Petty's trust directs the intellectual property rights to be maintained in an LLC with all three having equal membership interests, which would create a situation where the stepdaughters could outvote their stepmother at any time.

The two sides "Won't Back Down." It looks like all of the parties will be "Free Fallin'" for quite some time until the legal process works all of this out. I'm sure that either side would like to be "Runnin Down a Dream" and get their own way, but that doesn't look likely any time in the near future.

The Tom Petty saga speaks to many universal estate planning truths. Economically tying a stepparent to stepchildren can be a recipe for disaster, especially when there's not an impartial trustee named to ensure that your dispositive intent is carried out the way that you would like.

Your trustee decides how the trust assets are invested and distributed. In Tom Petty's case, an impartial LLC manager could decide how to optimize the intellectual property rights.

Obviously Petty wanted to take care of all his "American Girls." It appears that his estate had more than enough assets and revenue to do so. Instead his family turned into "Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers."

Neither his wife nor his daughters will have to "Live Like a Refugee." But when the glue that holds the family relationship is no longer there, it comes down to money and control.

I'm sure if he were alive today, he'd tell his wife and his daughters "You Wreck Me," and "It's Time to Move On," to "The Best of Everything."

But Tom's not with us anymore.

It doesn't take millions to put your family in a similar situation. In fact, the less money and assets available make the investments and distribution allocation decisions that much more important and vital to each party's interest.

If you have a similar situation, make sure that you think through the issues, so everyone will "Feel a Whole Lot Better."

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CONRIC staff, from left, Linda Fiore, Connie Ramos-Williams, Javier Fuller, Katie Kupser, Jaimie Miller, Josh Milton, Justin Ungar, Chuck Myron, Landen Drake, April Bordeaux and Katherine Viloria Menendez

Marketing Firm Collects Muse Design Award

When King Brands LLC, one of the largest national manufacturers of shelf-stable juice cups, set out to launch the company's first national advertising campaign, they turned to CONRIC PR & Marketing. King Brands contracted with Fort Myers-based firm to develop a national print and digital advertising campaign that would run in an industry publication. The result was a colorful,

flavorful ad that came away with a 2019 Silver Muse Design Award.

"When we catch the attention of a national giant such as King Brands, it's a testament to the excellent work and commitment our team brings each and every day," CONRIC President Connie Ramos-Williams said. "Winning awards for the creative and innovative campaigns we develop on behalf of our clients is icing on the cake."

CONRIC has a long track record of success and was recently named a finalist for GrowFL's 2019 Florida Companies to Watch. The team also won an Image Award, an Award of Distinction and three Judges' Awards in April at the Florida Public Relations

Association Southwest Florida Chapter's annual Local Image Awards ceremony.

King Brands is an industry leader as well, capturing 90 percent national market share since its founding in 2006. The desire to reel in the other 10 percent brought King Brands to CONRIC PR & Marketing, and CONRIC's creative team went to work. The ad's design and message communicate the unique selling points of the King Brands juice cups while showcasing their strengths. The tagline features waste reduction to highlight the shelf stability and cost savings associated with the products. The end result is a splashy look that evokes a sense of freshness, with mouthwatering imagery.

"The ad conveys what sets our products apart in a colorful, eye-catching and ultimately very effective way," King Brands co-founder Jason King said. "We are so glad we chose CONRIC PR & Marketing. They delivered exactly what we were looking for."

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Lab Theater

herself. In this case, I am delighted to once again collaborate with my friend, playwright Zalman Velvel, with whom I've shared some of the most thoughtful conversations over the years on topics such as theater, religion, economics, world history and storytelling. And I thank the talented Carmen Crussard for signing on to helm this comedy that was born of Mr. Velvel's many visits to the DMV and his interviews with staff members at the Department of Motor Vehicles in Fort Myers and elsewhere."

Lab Theater has new seating: Rows A, B and C are on the floor, while Rows D and above are on risers.

DMV plays from August 9 to 25. It stars Gerrie Benzing, Sam Bostic, Stacy Stauffer, Todd Lyman, Mike Dinko, David Cooley, Art Keene and Margaret Cooley. It is directed by Carmen Crussard, also known for *Play On!*, *And the Winner Is...* and *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*.

Performance dates are August 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 and 24 at 8 p.m., and August 18 and 25 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available online at www.brownpapertickets.com or by calling the box office at 218-0481.✴

Book Review

The Border



by Di Saggau

The Border by Don Winslow is a meticulously researched book that ends a trilogy 20 years in the making. It follows *The Power of the Dog* and *The Cartel*. At the heart

of the novels are Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Agent Art Keller and a young Mexican man named Adan Barrera, the fictional head of the very real Sinaloa drug cartel. As *The Border* begins, some think Barrera is dead and others think he is alive and in hiding. Keller is at war against the DEA, the U.S. Senate, the Mexican drug cartels, even the president of the United States. *The Border* brings the war on drugs home to the United States.

Many want to silence Keller, put him in prison, destroy him, and a few, he suspects, want to kill him. Barrera, has cost him the people he loved, even taken a piece of his soul. Keller has been on the front lines of America's war against drugs for more than 40 years. Now, he is called out of retirement to wage one final battle in a war he can never really win.

A heroin epidemic of unprecedented proportions is taking place in America. A kilo of raw heroin will sell for somewhere between \$60,000 and \$80,000 in the states. Keller is determined to stem the deadly flow but finds himself surrounded by enemies, men who want to kill him, politicians who want to destroy him and an incoming administration that's in bed with the very drug traffickers Keller is trying to bring down. He is now the administrator of the DEA, the most powerful "drug warrior" in the world, commanding an agency with over 10,000 employees, 5,000 special agents and 800 intelligence analysts.

Keller learns there are no borders.

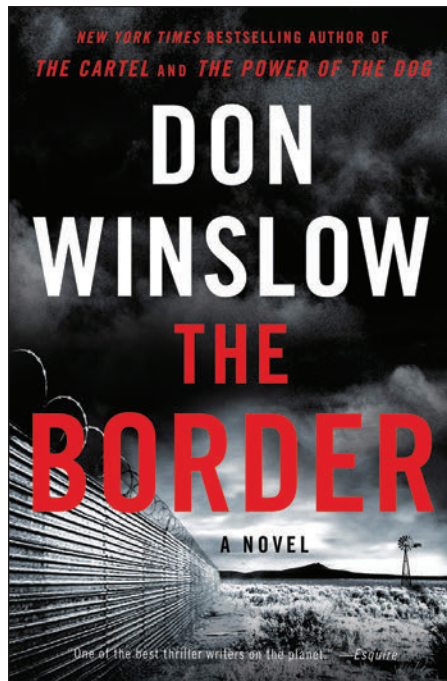


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The book moves from the deserts of Mexico to Wall Street, from the slums of Guatemala, to the marbled corridors of Washington, D.C. Winslow follows a new generation of narcos, the cops who fight them, street traffickers, addicts, politicians, money launderers, real estate moguls and children fleeing the violence for the chance of a life in a new country. This is a tale of vengeance, violence, corruption and justice, packed with unforgettable scenes drawn from the headlines. More than 150 Mexican reporters have been murdered covering the drug wars.

Keller suspects that drug cartels are purchasing influence at the highest levels of the United States government. The war on drugs is big business, and we learn about it through a huge cast of characters, some from Winslow's previous books. *The Border* is a fictionalized tale that is based on a very real tragedy, a passionate novel that directs its anger at a wide assortment of targets. Stephen King said, "You can't ask for more emotionally moving entertainment."**

experience the previous year – Children who had a difficult time academically or socially or were teased or bullied may be more fearful or reluctant to return to school. If you have not yet done so, share your children's concern with the school and confirm that the problem has been addressed. Reassure your children that the problem will not occur again in the new school year, and that you and the school are working together to prevent further issues. Reinforce your children's ability to cope. Give your children a few strategies to manage a difficult situation on their own. But encourage your children to tell you or the teacher if the problem persists. Maintain open lines of communication with the school.

Arrange play dates – Try to arrange get-togethers with some of your children's classmates before school starts and during the first weeks of schools to help them re-establish positive social relationships with peers.

Plan to volunteer in the classroom – If possible, plan to volunteer in the classroom at least periodically throughout the year. Doing so helps your children understand that school and family life are linked and that you care about the learning experience. Being in the classroom is also a good way to develop a relationship with your children's teachers and classmates, and to get firsthand exposure to the classroom environment and routine. Most teachers welcome occasional parent help, even if you cannot volunteer regularly.

These recommendations can contribute to a positive and productive school experience for most children. Some children may exhibit more extreme opposition to or fear of school or may be coping with more specific learning or psychological difficulties. If your children demonstrate problems that seem extreme in nature or go on for an extended period, you may want to contact the school to set up an appointment to meet with your children's teachers and school psychologist. They may be able to offer direct or indirect support that will help identify and reduce the presenting problem. They may also suggest other resources within the school and the community to help you address the situation. While children can display a variety of behaviors, it is generally wise not to over-interpret those behaviors. More often than not, time and a few intervention strategies will remedy the problem. Most children are wonderfully resilient and, with your support and encouragement, will thrive throughout their school experience.

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSP

Dear Readers, It's that time of year again – summer is almost over, and the kids are getting ready to go back to school. Every year, I re-run some of my

columns on this topic as there are many things parents can easily do to help their children transition to the school calendar.

Many parents tell me that their children are anxious about school, particularly at the beginning of the school year. Here are some suggestions from the National Association of School Psychologists to help you deal with your children's anxiety and how to pursue

problems if they arise.

First of all, let your children know you care – If your children are anxious about school, send personal notes in the lunch box or book bag. Reinforce the ability to cope. Children absorb their parent's anxiety, so model optimism and confidence for your child. Let your children know that it is natural to be a little nervous anytime you start something new, but that they will be just fine once they become familiar with classmates, the teacher and school routine.

Do not overreact – If the first few days are a little rough, try not to overreact. Young children in particular may experience separation anxiety or shyness initially, but teachers are trained to help them adjust. If you drop them off, try not to linger. Reassure them that you love them, will think of them during the day, and will be back. Remain calm and positive.

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Financial Focus

Estate Plans To Answer Questions About The Future



by Jennifer Basey

The word “estate” conjures images of great wealth, which may be one of the reasons so many people don’t develop estate plans – after all, they’re not rich, so

why make the effort? In reality, though, if you have a family, you can probably benefit from estate planning, whatever your asset level. And you may well find that a comprehensive estate plan can help you answer some questions you may find unsettling – or even worrisome.

Here are a few of these questions:

What will happen to my children?

With luck, you (and your co-parent, if you have one) will be alive and well at least until your children reach the age of majority (either age 18 or 21, depending on where you live). Nonetheless, you don’t want to take any chances so, as part of your estate plans, you may want to name a guardian to take care of your children if you are not around. You also might want to name a conservator – sometimes called a “guardian of the estate” – to manage any assets your minor children might inherit.

Will there be a fight over my assets? Without a solid estate plan in place, your assets could be subject to the time-consuming, expensive – and very public – probate process. During probate, your relatives and creditors can gain access to your records, and possibly even challenge your will. But with proper planning, you can maintain your privacy. As one possible element of an estate plan, a living trust allows your property to avoid probate and pass quickly to the beneficiaries you’ve named.

Who will oversee my finances and my living situation if I become incapacitated? You can build various forms of protection into your estate planning, such as a durable power of attorney, which allows you to designate someone to manage your financial affairs if you become physically or mentally incapacitated. You could also create a medical power of attorney, which allows someone to handle health care decisions on your behalf if you become unable to do so yourself.

Will I shortchange my family if I leave significant assets to charities? Unless you have unlimited resources, you’ll have to make some choices about charitable gifts and money for your family. But, as part of your estate plans, you do have some appealing options. For example, you could establish a charitable lead trust, which provides financial support to your chosen charities for a period of time, with the remaining assets eventually going to your family members. A charitable remainder trust, by contrast, can

provide a stream of income for your family members for the term of the trust, before the remaining assets are transferred to one or more charitable organizations.

As you can see, careful estate planning can help you answer many of the questions that may be worrying you. Be aware, though, that certain aspects of estate planning, especially those related to living trusts and charitable trusts, can be complex, so you should consult your estate-planning attorney or qualified tax advisor about your situation. But, once you’ve got your plans in place, you should be able to face the future with greater clarity and confidence.

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

Police And Fire Departments Job Orientation

The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers will host a community job orientation in partnership with the Fort Myers Police and Fire departments on Saturday, August 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Carrie Robinson Center, located at 2990 Edison Avenue in Fort Myers.

The orientation is open to the public and will include information on career opportunities with both the Fort Myers Police Department and the Fort Myers Fire Department, including the Explorers and Cadet programs.

“We are especially holding this orientation for the citizens of the City of Fort Myers to learn more about job opportunities with the FMPD and fire station,” said Isaac Dozier, director of community development for the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers. “Fort Myers is our residents’ city and we know they want to keep it safe. How better than to join the men and women who work to protect our city every day through our police and fire departments.”

For more information, call Vivian Watkins, CSS supervisor at 332-3825 or email vivianw@hacfm.org.✱

Know The Signs Of Drug Abuse

Narconon reminds families that the country is currently facing the largest man-made health crisis in history. Drugs are currently a major problem nationwide and it’s more important than ever to know the signs and symptoms of drug abuse.

Click here to learn more about how to spot signs of drug abuse and how to help your loved one. You can also visit <https://www.narconon-suncoast.org/drug-abuse/> for more information.

Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call for a no cost screening or referral: 1-877-841-5509.✱

Superior Interiors

How To Position Coffee Tables And Ottomans



by Linda Coin

People often pay close attention to the sofas, chairs and other seating arrangements in the living and family rooms, but what about the ottomans and coffee tables? Often

overlooked, these pieces of furniture can help bring each space together, offering a place to set a morning cup of espresso or store cozy accessories like throw blankets and accent pillows.

If currently on the verge of rearranging or sprucing up your living space, consider paying closer attention to your coffee tables and ottomans. These pieces of furniture can add the touch of style and comfort that you’ve been craving.

There’s no getting around the fact that the coffee table belongs near furniture. After all, its main objective is to offer convenience in holding beverages, books and gorgeous accessories to display in your living space.

To style the surface, follow a few simple steps. Grab something square. To add foundation to your arrangement, use something square like a tray or book. Next, add some height. Give your coffee table some height and dimension with a vase of flowers or candlesticks. Don’t forget to give it some life. Add a plant or other natural accessory to make the space livelier. Finally, use different shapes. Add something round or of an irregular shape to grab attention.

You can always switch up the coffee table decor. Just keep these tips in mind when you’re coming up with a new arrangement.

There’s nothing quite like sitting back in your favorite chair after a long, busy day of work – but an ottoman to rest your feet would make this lounge space much cozier and inviting. While usually used as a place to kick up your feet, ottomans aren’t subject to that – you can use it for storage or even as a substitute for the coffee table if you want to take a non-traditional route.

“An ottoman is often an underappreciated living room staple,” wrote Kristin Flanagan of *Architectural Digest*. “The piece of furniture is actually a multipurpose gem: It can be used as a cocktail table substitute, a decorative footstool for a sofa, or space-saving storage.”

Placement of your ottoman should be based on how you plan on using it. Arrange this staple piece of furniture near your seated areas if you’ll utilize the ottoman as a footrest. If you plan on using it to store living room accessories, the ottoman can go virtually anywhere – next to the sofa, in the corner of the room or adjacent to the entertainment system. If you’re using the ottoman as more of a statement piece, place it between your seating arrangement to mimic a coffee table. From there, you can style it as you please – add a tray for holding your beverages, books and other accessories, or keep it comfortable and drape your favorite throw blanket over the top.

Rearranging and styling your coffee tables and ottomans makes more of an impact than you once believed. If you need help bringing these tips to life, consider contacting a design professional to offer insight and advice based on the allotted space in your home, and your personality, unique style and ideas.

Linda Coin is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands and can be reached at linda@coindceden.com.✱

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PBS Series

owners to be a historically rural state that is changing rapidly in the second national episode, airing August 13 at 8 p.m.

Each of the episodes begins with a community photo-sharing event, at which the film crew sees and archives the photos and interviews the contributors. In Southwest Florida, WGPU hosted photo-sharing events last fall at the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County in Immokalee and the Harlem Heights Community Center.

“For the past 150 years, families have used the photo album to pass on their stories from one generation to the next,” said filmmaker Harris. “The family album has kept us together. But in today’s digital age, we have to work harder to keep and maintain the stories of our families and our communities. Everyone is a photographer, but the stories and communities behind our

photos are being lost. *Family Pictures USA* strives to keep these stories alive and – by sharing them – remind us of our common roots and strengthen connections with our friends, families and neighbors.”

Family Pictures USA invites viewers all over the country to share their own images and stories, which will be aggregated across social media and posted to the Digital American Family Album. Use #familypicturesusa.

Support for *Family Pictures USA* is provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Wyncote Foundation, Ford Foundation, Oasis Senior Advisors, ElectricCities and Capitol Broadcasting Company.

For more information about Southwest Florida’s participation in *Family Pictures USA*, go to visit www.wgcu.org/familypictures.

Family Pictures USA Southwest Florida episodes will re-air August 23 beginning at 7 p.m. on the WGPU WORLD Channel.✱



Barbara Kelly

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Community Foundation Adds Team Members

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation recently welcomed two new team members to the organization.

Trisha Botty, an experienced professional in government and community relations, communications, organization, program management and public advocacy, has been named the Community Foundation's new grants manager. She previously served as regional director of intergovernmental affairs at the New York State Attorney General's Office where she worked directly with elected officials, community leaders and was the liaison between the attorney general's office and 18 counties.

Botty also has experience working at a prominent labor organization where she effectively planned, supported and implemented campaigns and communication strategies that fought for workers rights and their families. While working in the Washington, D.C. area, she managed fundraising efforts for a labor



Trisha Botty

association and worked at a non-profit, as assistant director of consumer educations, where she effectively managed advocacy programs, including a scholarship program that provided financial support to those who had suffered the loss of a parent or guardian. She also served as a press intern for a distinguished senator on Capitol Hill. Botty graduated from the State University of New York at Oswego with a political science degree.

Barbara Kelly has been named impact coordinator and board liaison for the Southwest Florida Community Foundation. A former English teacher and student mentor with the Lee County School District, she spent more than 10 years as a course preceptor for Florida Gulf Coast University and has a passion for education and supporting youth in Southwest Florida. Kelly also brings with her years of experience in the legal field as a real estate and probate paralegal, in addition to her skills in office operations as a former team member of the Lee County Economic Development Office.

A resident of Southwest Florida since 1989, Kelly completed her bachelor's degree with honors at Florida Gulf Coast University and holds a certification as a salesforce customer relationship management (CRM) administrator.✽

University Employee Promotion

Khedric Cash has been promoted to assistant director of human resources at Hodges University.

In his new position, he is responsible for recruiting professionals to work at Hodges University, which includes scheduling and interviewing candidates, overseeing employee relations, and assisting with the annual financial and benefit plans audit.

He brings 15 years of experience in the human resources field. He joined Hodges University in 2015 as the benefits manager. He earned a bachelor of science degree in management with a concentration in human resources management from Florida Gulf Coast University.

Hodges University is a regionally



Khedric Cash

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accredited, private nonprofit institution founded in 1990. For more information, visit www.hodges.edu.✽

Babcock Ranch Leadership Change

Syd Kitson, CEO of Kitson & Partners, has announced Al Dougherty as chief operations officer (COO) for Babcock Ranch, America's first solar-powered town.

Dougherty will continue in his role as COO-Communities for Kitson & Partners, the developer of Babcock Ranch, where he has managed planning, land development and construction for the new town. His expanded duties include overseeing all operations at Babcock Ranch, including land sales, builder partnerships, marketing, ancillary businesses, retail, food and beverage, and business development.

"Al has played an integral role in the success of Babcock Ranch from the very beginning, so expanding his leadership role is a natural transition," Kitson said. "His extensive professional experience has long been an asset at Kitson & Partners, and we are fortunate to have him at the helm at Babcock Ranch."

Dougherty, who joined Kitson & Partners in 2013, has more than 30 years of experience in community master plan development, including acquisitions, budgeting, planning and entitlements. Prior to joining Kitson & Partners, Dougherty served as the deputy secretary of land and recreation for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, overseeing 171 state parks and the



Al Dougherty

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acquisition of all state lands.

Dougherty's newly expanded role at Babcock Ranch comes on the departure of Rick Severance, who served three years as president of Babcock Ranch. Severance is relocating within Florida.

"Rick has worked diligently to implement the strategic business plan for Babcock Ranch, and his efforts have helped position the town for continued success," said Kitson. "We appreciate his contributions and wish him well in his future endeavors."

Babcock Ranch is located at 42850 Crescent Loop in Punta Gorda. For more information, visit www.babcockranch.com.✽

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Frankly Speaking



by Howard Prager
Let's talk about everything but the game. As trade deadlines have come and gone and NFL camps and college camps move into high gear, I think about all the ways sports has changed OFF the

field.
It used to be enough to go to a game and hear the organist between innings, listen to the public address announcer say "Get your pencils and scorecards ready" as Pat Piper used to say at Wrigley Field, keep score of the game and watch the marching bands perform at halftime. Not anymore.
Entertainment and keeping people in their seats is what the game is all about today. That's also part of the "speed up the game" movement. Jumbo video screens (remember when we called them Jumbotrons?), mascots and all sorts of goofy little games between innings and timeouts is about keeping people in their seats and not leaving. I remember the first time I took my son Jordan to a Chicago Cubs game. He looked for two things: the food vendors, and the TV sets in the grandstands. I kept saying, "Look Jordan, the game is being played right in front of you." And he said, "Dad, I can see it on the TV!"
I am more of a traditionalist. Yet when they put the new video screens in Wrigley Field, I even appreciated all the information they are able to display about each hitter, each inning and the game. And, of course, the replays.
Where do you stand? Do you want to see replays? Should there be an electronic umpire, as they have experimented with in some minor leagues this year? How many timeouts should a manager or football coach have for challenging calls? Get it right or keep the game moving?

For music, do you prefer the same anthems that rock the house in every sport, or do you like the specialized approach, for example, with each batter having their "signature song" as they come up to bat? I was in the marching band, and love seeing the exquisite shows they work so hard on each week. So do the poms and dance teams. Both the bands and the cheerleaders/poms/dance teams have their own competitions as well, with every bit of excitement and suspense as to who wins as the games they perform at.
Do we really need to be encouraged to cheer by saying so on the big screen? (And please, stop the sound-o-meter to show how loud you can cheer.) If you're at the game, aren't you paying attention to what's going on? Do we need reminders that this is a potential turning point in the game? That a strikeout with the bases loaded or stop on third down can make all the difference in the game?
Mascots, I believe, date back to 1964 with Mr. Met from the New York Mets in major league baseball, and in college football, they have had mascots far longer. I can't get too worked up about a mascot. As long as they don't take away from the experience but rather enhance it in some way, I'm OK with it.
Fantasy ball. Now I must admit I'm not interested in playing amateur GM, but it's been a way to raise interest and awareness in players and teams and statistics, and for that reason alone, that's good.
Do we talk about all the food that's available at ballparks now? No more peanuts, hot dogs and Cracker Jacks but gourmet fare. And all the parks seem to have these Dippin' Dots – the "ice cream of the future." It's been the ice cream of the future for 31 years, yet I never see it outside of games and events. Maybe it's the future marketing of ice cream.
Tailgating has also become a big part of the game experience for many, and it too has gone gourmet with a cornucopia of amazing food and giant screen TVs and speakers in the back of cars. Don't want to miss a minute of the game

beforehand or pregame specials while fortifying yourself.
Yes, all the accoutrements and accompaniments to sports have grown and changed over time. Fortunately what counts the most – the game and the athletes on the field – are still what it's all about.
*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.**

Extended Hours At School Enrollment Office

With the start of the new school year just two weeks away, the School District of Lee County is extending the hours of the School Enrollment office. This is an opportunity for students new to the district to enroll in school and for current students to have any questions answered (enrollment office may close early if lobby exceeds capacity).
For the week of August 5 to August 9 and for the first two days of school, the enrollment office is adding one and a half hours in the morning and evening:
August 5 – 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
August 6 – 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
August 7 – 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
August 8 – 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
August 9 – 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
August 12 – 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
August 13 – 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
"We encourage all families new to the district to use these extended hours to visit our office and enroll their children in school," said Soretta Ralph, executive director of student enrollment. "By opening early and staying open late, we hope to make ourselves available to parents at times they can take advantage of to enroll their students in school, so they are in class from day one."
The enrollment office is also opening on Saturday, August 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lee Health will be on site to provide school physicals. Immunizations

are available during the same hours at the Florida Department of Health, located at 3920 Michigan Avenue in Fort Myers.
The Student Enrollment Office is located in the Lee County Public Education Center at 2855 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. Questions can be emailed in advance to StudentEnrollment@leeschools.net.*

Honey Bee Day

honey bee hives managed by professional beekeepers at EFWE. Historically, bees were critical to the site for pollination. As early as 1886, Edison instructed his caretaker to obtain bee hives to pollinate flowers and other plants on his property.
In addition to honey bees, there are more than 4,000 native bee species in North America – more than 300 of those are found in Florida and, of those, 29 are endemic (found only in Florida). Due to pesticide use, disease and parasites, bee populations have decreased considerably. Across the United States, some native bee species have recently been added to the endangered list, such as the rusty-patched bumblebee (*Bombus affinis*) and seven species of the Hawaiian yellow-faced bees.
Approximately one third of the food that humans consume each day requires pollination, including fruits, vegetables, nuts and other crops. Bees are also the primary pollinator for many beautiful flowers that grow wild and are used in landscaping.
"This is an opportunity for residents to learn about the important role bees play in our environment and how everyone can help protect honey bees and the many Florida native bees in their own home gardens," said Debbie Hughes, horticulture director at EFWE.
The event is free but does not include tours, the museum or the lab admissions.
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SPORTS QUIZ

1. In 2018, New York Yankees outfielder Aaron Judge became the fastest major-leaguer to reach 60 career home runs (197 games). Who had been the fastest?
2. Combined, Barry Bonds and Babe Ruth hold seven of the top 10 spots in major-league history for single-season slugging percentage. Name any of the other three players in the top 10.
3. Oregon's Royce Freeman set a Pac-12 record in 2017 with 60 career rushing TDs. Who had held the mark?
4. When was the last time before the 2017-18 NBA season that the Philadelphia 76ers won at least 14 consecutive games?
5. Name the last school before Minnesota-Duluth in 2018-19 to win consecutive NCAA Division I Frozen Four men's hockey championships.
6. What was the name of the last men's pro soccer team from Atlanta to win a league championship before Atlanta United did it in 2018?
7. Seven boxers have won pro titles at 135, 140 and 147 pounds. Name two of them.

ANSWERS

1. Oakland's Mark McGwire needed 202 games to reach 60 career home runs in 1988. 2. Lou Gehrig (seventh at 7,654), Rogers Hornsby (ninth at 7,525). 3. Oregon State's Ken Simpson had 59 career rushing TDs in 1998-2001. 4. It was 1982-83, when the 76ers won an NBA championship. 5. Denver, in 2004-05. 6. The Atlanta Chiefs won the NASL championship in 1968. 7. Terence Crawford. Oscar De La Hoya, Floyd Mayweather Jr., Pernell Whitaker, Barney Ross, Adrien Broner and Manny Pacquiao.



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New Officers And Investigator Join Police Force

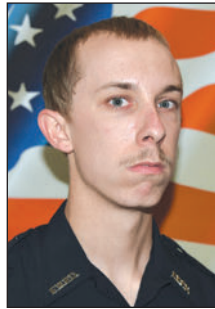
On July 19, the Fort Myers Police Department (FMPD) held a swearing-in ceremony for five new officers and a cold case investigator at the Collaboratory, located at 2031 Jackson Street in downtown Fort Myers.

The new members of the department recently graduated from the Southwest Florida Public Service Academy and bring a variety of backgrounds and experience to the FMPD.

Joining the sworn ranks of the department are officers Ruben Mora, Anthony Townsend, Carlos Ramos, Jerry



Laynor Rodriguez



Anthony Townsend

Moore and Laynor Rodriguez along with cold case investigator Edmund Haras. They were welcomed to their new positions by Chief Derrick Diggs in a ceremony that included fellow members and command staff of the FMPD, family and city officials.✴

Executive Earns Leadership Certificate

Midland IRA & 1031 Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Brandon Hall has obtained his executive leadership certificate from Cornell University.

Hall completed eight online courses over the last year on topics including quality and service management, leading organizational change and strategic decision-making taught by the staff of the SC Johnson College of Business at Cornell University.

Hall has been with Midland IRA & 1031 for 15 years and has been instrumental in the firm's growth from a two-person accounting firm on Sanibel to a national custodian administering more than \$2 billion in self-directed IRA assets.

Dave Owens, CEO, Midland Trust Company, said, "This is a great accomplishment for Brandon. His leadership skills have taken Midland to the next level. Midland prides itself on



Brandon Hall

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supporting its employees to be the best they can be both professionally and personally."

As part of the senior management team, Hall oversees operations in three locations: Fort Myers, Chicago and Sioux Falls, South Dakota.✴

Local Real Estate Council Names President

Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, PA Attorney Michael Lehnert has been named president of the Southwest Florida Real Estate Council. In association with The Fund, the council is comprised of attorneys to help all professionals involved in the real estate industry thrive. The next educational and networking event is a CLE (continuing legal education) at the Collaboratory in downtown Fort Myers on Tuesday, August 6. It will feature a discussion on Recent Real Property Case Law and its Impact on Your Practice.

Lehnert concentrates his practice assisting property owners, lenders and builders with commercial and residential development, acquisitions, finance, survey matters, title insurance and commercial leases. He is also a regular writer on the firm's *Legal Scoop* on the Southwest Florida Real Estate blog.

Lehnert also serves as chairman of the Lee County Board of Big Brothers Big Sisters ("BBBS"). He is a member



Michael Lehnert

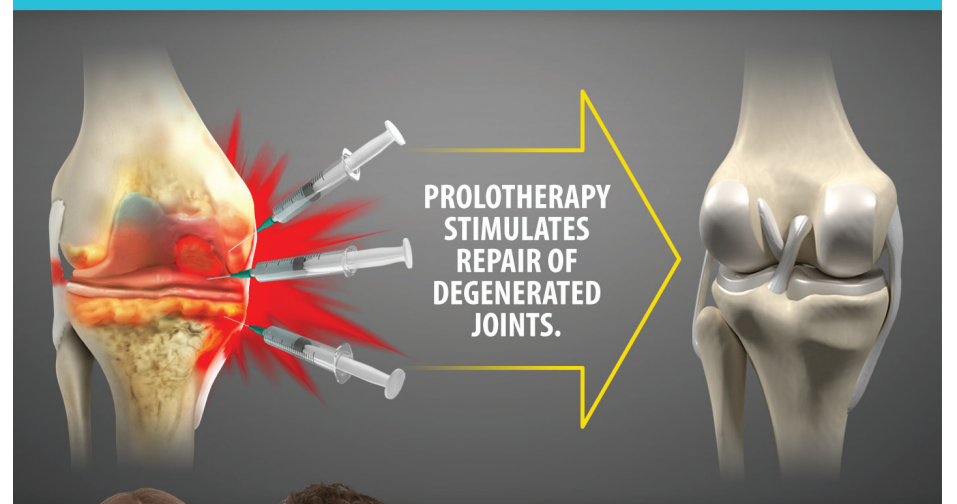
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of the Real Estate Investment Society, Urban Land Institute and the Young Lawyers Division of the Lee County Bar Association. Lehnert graduated from Bishop Verot High School, received his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida and his law degree from the University of Florida Levin College of Law.✴

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CROW Case

collection and public outreach. For more information on how you can help, go to www.mindyourline.org.

Recycling is the key to saving these poor victims from medical attention or death.

"Hook and line injuries are preventable, and you can help save wild lives and protect the environment with the simple act of recycling and advocating

for others to do the same," added Dr. Bast. "If you encounter an animal that needs help, please call CROW for assistance and check out the Mind Your Line website for more information."

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



The cast of *Engagement Rules*, from left, Lemec Bernard, Cantrella Canady, Carolyn England and Jim Yarnes
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Theatre Conspiracy Sets 2019-20 Season

Theatre Conspiracy at the Alliance for the Arts has announce its 26th consecutive season will include beloved classics, comedic favorites and award-winning new plays from the most popular unknown playwrights.

"I really am looking forward to this year," said founder and producing artistic director Bill Taylor. "Not only have we put together an incredible lineup of shows, we also have incredible casts."

Season subscriptions range from \$138 per person for six shows to \$160 per person for all eight shows. Individual ticket prices are \$26, \$11 for students or \$22 for Alliance members.

Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturdays with a 7:30 p.m. start time and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Audio described shows are also available on selected dates. For theatregoers who are blind, or have moderate to severe vision loss, the Alliance will provide a specially trained describer who verbalizes what's happening on stage during pauses in dialogue. The describer uses a headset microphone, while individuals using the service listen through a receiver with a single earpiece. Reservation of headsets is required prior to the show by calling 939-2787.

To widen the post-show conversation and discuss what the art onstage means to us as individuals and as a society, the Alliance will facilitate a community conversation through talkbacks on selected dates. Talkbacks allow the audience to ask questions and express their thoughts and ideas on issues revealed in the play through the form of meaningful discussion with the cast, director or panel guests. The opportunity is included with ticket purchase.

Harvey – a Pulitzer Prize-winning American Classic comedy by Mary Chase and directed by Bill Taylor. It

stars Brendan Powers, Rachel Burtram, Miguel Cintron, Lauren Drexler, Dena Galyean, Joann Haley, Stephen Hooper, Scott Thompson and Patrick Day

Elwood P. Dowd insists on including his friend Harvey in all of his sister Veta's social gatherings. Trouble is, Harvey is an imaginary six-and-a-half-foot-tall rabbit. To avoid future embarrassment for her family – and especially for her daughter, Myrtle Mae – Veta decides to have Elwood committed to a sanitarium. When they arrive at the sanitarium, a comedy of errors ensues.

Production is sponsored by Bruce and Janet Bunch and Noreen Raney. The play is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. from August 15 to 17 and August 22 to 24, and at 2 p.m. on August 18 and 25.

Engagement Rules – mostly a comedy by Rich Orloff and directed by Bill Taylor. It stars Jim Yarnes, Carolyn England, Cicero McCarter and Sonya McCarter.

A comedy with bite, *Engagement Rules* follows the intertwined lives of two couples who advise and support each other on challenges of love, sex and the soul. The younger couple (early 30s) is recently engaged, and the older (in their 70s) has been married over 50 years. *Engagement Rules* strives to avoid old arguments and pat answers as it explores with compassion and humor the challenge of love and commitment. It is the winner of the annual Janet and Bruce Bunch New Play Contest Award, presented by Theatre Conspiracy.

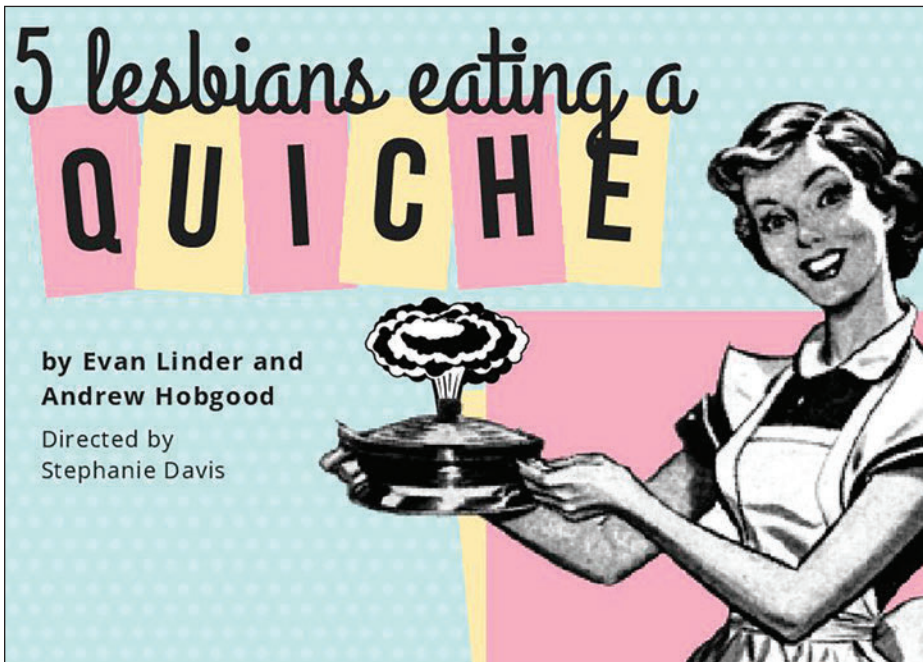
The play is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. from September 20 to 21, September 26 to 28 and October 3 to 5 and at 2 p.m. on September 29 and Oct. 6.

It's a Beautiful Wound – written and performed by Rich Orloff, takes the audience through the experience of psychedelic-assisted therapy in an honest, amusing and deeply compelling way.

The true story of Orloff's adventures in underground therapy using MDMA (aka Ecstasy) and psilocybin mushrooms. These sessions, based on cutting-edge experiments to help people heal from deep psychological wounds, propel Orloff beyond his ego and defenses



It's a Beautiful Wound



5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche

into a journey that both challenges his perceptions and reveals possibilities he never before considered. Inspired by the autobiographical monologues of Spalding Gray, *It's a Beautiful Wound* is the tale of one person's journey towards reconciliation with the soul... with a slight detour for an appendectomy.

The play is scheduled for one night only – September 23 at 7:30 p.m.

5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche – by Evan Linder and Andrew Hobgood and directed by Stephanie Davis, stars Dena Galyean, Cantrella Canady, Karen Goldberg, Lucy Sundby and Madison Mitchell.

A 2012 New York International Fringe Festival sensation and cult favorite of theatre companies across the country, *5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche* is a farcical, audience-interactive celebration of sisterhood and survival.

The Susan B. Anthony Society for the Sisters of Gertrude Stein are having their annual Quiche Breakfast. When the Communists attack, the closet doors blow open as secrets, repressed desires and an insatiable hunger for quiche are released.

The play is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. from October 24 to 26, October 31 and November 1 to 2, and at 2 p.m. on October 27 and November 3.

The Mountaintop – by Katori Hall and directed by Rick Sebastian, stars

Derek Lively and Sonya McCarter.

The Mountaintop is a two-person drama about the last day of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The entire play is set in the Lorraine Hotel room, the evening before his assassination. King is alone, trying to create yet another powerful speech. When he orders a cup of coffee from room service, a mysterious woman arrives, bringing much more than a late-night beverage. What follows is a reflective, often funny, often touching conversation in which Dr. King examines his achievements, his failures and his unfinished dreams.

The play is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on January 16 to 18 and January 23 to 25, and at 2 p.m. on January 19 and 26.

Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery – by Ken Ludwig and directed by Rachael Endrizzi.

Get your deerstalker cap on – the play's afoot! Sherlock Holmes is on the case. The male heirs of the Baskerville line are being dispatched one by one. To find their ingenious killer, Holmes and Watson must brave the desolate moors before a family curse dooms its newest heir. Watch as our intrepid investigators try to escape a dizzying web of clues, silly accents, disguises and deceit as five actors deftly portray more than 40 characters. Does a wild hellhound prowl the moors

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Educational Scholarships Awarded

Cypress Cove at HealthPark Florida's staff scholarship committee recently awarded 15 educational scholarships for the Fall 2019 academic term to employees and dependents of the South Fort Myers Life Plan community.

The recent scholar selections bring to 32 the number of employees who have been chosen as scholarship recipients since the program began in fall 2017. Of those 32 Cypress Cove scholars, 12 employees have since graduated from their higher education studies.

The recent awards included six legal dependents of Cypress Cove employees. Earlier this year, the resident-led employee scholarship committee approved the eligibility of qualified employee dependents for scholarship award consideration.

This fall's scholarship class, according to the Life Care community's Philanthropy Specialist Allen Abbott, includes the program's first mother-daughter scholarship recipients Nancie Gaspard (a certified nursing assistant at The Lodge) and her daughter Sergine



Sergine and Nancie Gaspard

Gaspard. There are five returning and four new employee recipients included in this year's scholarship fund class.

Seven of the recipients have been awarded specific named scholarships:

Shantae Gayle of dining services is the recipient of the Marcia Goldberg and

Judy Papier Scholarship; Nadee-Sheena Joseph, daughter of Cottage employee Carille Brutus, is the recipient of the Donna Miceli Scholarship;

Tatiana Pierre of The Cottage is the recipient of the Sheppard Memorial

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Scholarship;

Jyra Safford of dining services is the recipient of the Don and Jane King Scholarship;

Kimberly Scott, MDS coordinator at The Lodge, is the recipient of the Jack G. Brown Scholarship;

Michael St. Hilaire, LPN at The Inn, is the recipient of the Perry and Susan Ahrens Scholarship;

Amanda Sweeney, activities supervisor in independent, is the recipient of the Lyle and Audrey Olson Scholarship.

Rasmussen College, Florida Southwestern State College and Florida Gulf Coast University were selected as the schools of choice among the 15 scholarship recipients.

Others selected as fall scholarship recipients include Dapheline Joselin, daughter of Yverose Jocelin, a certified nursing assistant at The Lodge; Abigayle Pierre, daughter of Dietary Aide Marjorie Saintheard; Olivia Taylor, daughter of Move-In Coordinator Lauren Taylor; Line Cook Travis Whiddon; Jeff Cassamajor, son of Denis Cassamajor who is a certified nursing assistant at The Lodge; and Paul Denova, a licensed practical nurse at The Lodge.

First-time scholarship recipients receive \$2,000 toward their education while employees having previously received scholarship program assistance were awarded \$1,000.*

Milestone Donation For Caps For Kids

Resident volunteers of Cypress Cove at HealthPark Florida's Caps for Kids organization recently reached the momentous milestone of completing its 20,000th cap for use by a child undergoing surgery at nearby Golisano Children's Hospital.

"I'm so very pleased to be part of this meaningful moment of giving," said Caps for Kids chair Audrey Blomquist. "It makes all of our volunteer team so happy to help a child and their family during such a stressful period."

The program, which began in October of 1999, is a spin-off of a program called Sew Angelic that was started that same year by Lee Health RN and pediatric specialist Sandi Falk. Her friend, long-time hospital volunteer and Cypress Cove resident Jane Andrae, offered Falk the help of a team of volunteers from the nearby Life Plan community.

Caps for Kids (a name given by Andrae) was soon formed, and volunteers have since donated their time to create surgical caps for children at Golisano Children's Hospital.

Fabric for the caps is purchased by Lee Health. Volunteer staff at Lee Health cut the fabric into circles and then Cypress Cove's Caps for Kids team assemble the elastic-banded caps.

Fabrics, explains Blomquist, are printed with bright, cheery colors and figures – such as cute animals, funny fish, smiling dolls, etc.

There is nervousness with stomachs churning for both children and parents



Resident volunteers of Cypress Cove at HealthPark Florida's Caps for Kids organization put the finishing touches on colorful surgical caps for use at Golisano Children's Hospital

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as surgery time nears. But some of the nervousness suddenly vanishes when nurses bring out a hatbox filled with colorful cloth caps that patients are invited to choose from. Nurses and doctors join in the fun, selecting a cap to don. Suddenly the operating room doesn't seem so scary to the child or parents.

A group of more than a dozen Cypress Cove resident volunteers

participate each month in assembly of the caps. Those residents with sewing machines hem the circles and another crew of volunteers gather once a month to thread elastic through the hems. The latter work, notes Blomquist, becomes a social event.

Cypress Cove's volunteers produce on average 1,000 caps each year. The organization is part of a large contingent of residents at the 48-acre

Life Plan community that donate their time volunteering for on and off campus projects.

"More than 180 residents provide a combine 13,000 volunteers each year," said Executive Director Michele Wasserlauf. "Cypress Cove generosity comes in many forms, and our Caps for Kids program is one of several meaningful volunteer gifting programs that we participate in with Lee Health."*

dearRPharmacist

You Can Order Your Own Lab Tests Now



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: I am thrilled to tell you that you can test yourself for pretty much anything. It's absolutely fantastic and quickly puts you on the track to better health.

In the old days, if you wanted to check something, you had to make an appointment with the doctor, wait a week, drive over, request the test you want, or hope the pertinent one is offered, and then go to a lab somewhere else, probably on another day because you needed to fast. Then you'd wait another week for results.

Today you can order your own tests from many labs nationwide, either online, or by going directly to the laboratory or local hospital where these are offered. Call in advance. I just did it the other day to test the theory before writing this. I went to the local hospital's outpatient laboratory on a Thursday (quiet time). I ordered a ferritin and TIBC test for iron, filled out a simple form, provided a driver's license, and had blood drawn within minutes. I was in and out the door in eight minutes!

Typically results are made available on your lab's secure website or they can be picked up. If you're buying a test online, the website should begin with https, not http in the URL, to keep your credit card information secure.

Here are two options:

RequestaTest.com

WalkinLabs.com

You can call Quest as well; they

are nationwide or go online to www. QuestDirect.com Even if you need a local lab or a phlebotomist, you can arrange that pretty easily as well, just visit www. anylabtestnow.com to find a location near you. There's also Phlebotomy Services International and you can visit www. phlebotomyservices.com.

Advantages

1) It's convenient because some tests for urine, saliva or feces are conducted from home, and you mail samples back to the lab in pre-paid envelopes.

2) It's private, which is useful for drug/alcohol testing or gene testing... even STDs.

3) Self-pay pricing is dramatically reduced. Monitoring your PT, ferritin, A1c and cholesterol just got a whole lot cheaper.

4) Get well quicker. Ordering highly specialized tests can reveal the missing link, and therefore speed healing for chronic situations that haven't responded to conventional treatments. Aren't you tired of doing the same thing with no results?

There are disadvantages which I outline in the longer version of my article which you will receive over email. Join my online community, which is almost 200,000 people strong, to get all the longer versions of my articles. Tuesday is Suze-day, lol, and that's when you get my newsletter which also includes specialized lab tests now available. Sign up at www. suzycohen.com.

One disadvantage is that you get an abnormal test result. What do you do? Obviously, you will need guidance from your practitioner, but I even have a useful workaround for that. And specialty tests that are extraordinary in their scope, and exclusive to specialty labs (which you can now purchase yourself). I'll see you over email.

*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

Essential Oils



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

Essential oils are, well, essential! We use them at home and in the office via diffuser (aromas in the air), topically or orally. Instead of a medicine cabinet filled with drugs, we have oils. We use them for pain, bruising, nausea, skin issues, colds/flu, digestive issues, mental fog, anxiety, post-workout and more. Some must-have oils are lavender, peppermint, tea tree, grapefruit, lemon, rosemary, and yes, even frankincense. Essential oils are made from different parts of plants. Other parts of the world have used them for centuries, only recently in the U.S.

We use oils at Caring Medical to help our patients with nausea, anxiety and pain. Our regenerative injection treatments can be painful and anxiety-producing. Lavender and peppermint oil can help calm by sending chemical messages to the brain, as well as provide something to focus on. We also diffuse antiseptic oils to help clean the air during cold/flu season, as well as make cleaning solutions, air fresheners and laundry detergent.

As you know, I sustained a bike

crash resulting in a pelvic break with pelvic floor and pubic structural instability, a huge hip hematoma (pooled blood), shoulder and neck instability, and shoulder ligament tears. I am still recovering, but thankful that I used essential oils immediately post-crash; yet another natural remedy that accelerated my healing. I used frankincense, lavender, helichrysum, arnica and turmeric mixed in fractionated coconut oil and applied it to all the injured areas twice daily, along with DMSO to help penetrate into the body faster. The massive bruising was eliminated in a matter of a few days. I did not take prescription pain meds. This is truly amazing!

We are huge proponents of essential oils and encourage you to learn more about them so you too can start dumping medications from your medicine cabinet.

*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.**

Overeaters Anonymous

If food is a problem for you, Overeaters Anonymous can help. Meetings are held in Room 130 at Sanibel Community Church on Tuesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. and on Fridays at 4 p.m.

For more meeting information, visit www.southwestfla.org.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way.*

Blood Drive Held In Memory Of Fallen Officer

Over a three-day period last week, the Southwest Florida community rallied together for a massive blood drive in honor of Fort Myers Police Department (FMPD) Officer Adam Jobbers-Miller, who was killed in the line of duty last July. At the conclusion of the drive, which was held at Lee Memorial Hospital and FMPD headquarters, 327 people lined up to honor the memory of Jobbers-Miller with their lifesaving donations.

The blood drive came at the request of the Jobbers-Miller family, who wanted to honor their loved one's memory in a way that made lasting impact for the community he served. The drive kicked-off on July 22 with a ceremonial flag raising followed by emotional remarks from the Jobbers-Miller family and leaders from FMPD and Lee Health.

"Thank you to the Jobbers-Miller

family for taking the initiative to honor Adam in such a meaningful way. He was a hero who bravely served our community, and we were honored a year ago to care for him and his family in his time of need, just as we were honored to remember him this week as hundreds showed up to make donations that will save lives here in Lee County," Dr. Scott Wolf, vice president of operations and chief physician executive at Lee Memorial Hospital said.

"The success of the blood drive in Officer Jobbers-Miller's name is a reflection on a great partnership between Lee Health and the FMPD. Our department wants to thank all who donated, and we are deeply touched by the emotion and support shown by our community and fellow first responders," Fort Myers Police Department Lieutenant Roger Valdivia said.

Every drop of blood collected by Lee Health remains in Lee County to save lives in our community. Blood centers are open five days a week. For more information on becoming a blood donor, call 343-2333 or visit www.leehealth.org/bloodcenter.*

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of Devonshire? Can our heroes discover the truth in time? Join the fun and see how far from elementary the truth can be.

The play is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. from February 13 to 15 and February 20 to 22 and at 2 p.m. on February 16 and 23.

August Wilson's *King Hedley II* – directed by Sonya McCarter.

King Hedley II shares the story of King – a man recently released from prison, attempting to rebuild his life amid changing times and a backdrop of the crime and drug struggles in the community where he exists. King dreams of a life of stability and self-reliance beyond incarceration, gangs and broken family. The play dares to ask what it takes to transcend the limitations of life and personal circumstance, and if pure will is enough to change a man's destiny.

King Hedley II is part of August Wilson's 10-play American Century Cycle that, decade by decade, examines

African American life in the United States during the 20th century. This production is sponsored by Noreen Raney.

The play is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. from March 5 to 7 and March 12 to 14 and at 2 p.m. on March 8 and 15.

The Roommate – by Jen Silverman and directed by Stephen Hooper, stars Lauren Drexler and Marianne Torres.

Sharon, in her mid-50s, is recently divorced and needs a roommate to share her Iowa home. Robyn, also in her mid-50s, needs a place to hide and a chance to start over. But as Sharon begins to uncover Robyn's secrets, they encourage her own deep-seated desire to transform her life completely. A dark comedy about what it takes to re-route your life – and what happens when the wheels come off.

The play is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. from May 7 to 9 and May 16 and 17 and at 2 p.m. on May 10 and 17.

Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. To purchase tickets or for more information, drop by or call the box office at 939-2787 or visit www.artinlee.org/theatre.*

PETS OF THE WEEK

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Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Jazzy And Stella



Jazzy ID# A787028

Hello, my name is Jazzy. I am a 1-year-old female terrier mix that weighs just 29 pounds, making me a great addition for any sized home. I am super playful and love to run around. As you can see, I am very attentive and will hang on your every word. My soulful brown eyes will have you fall in love with me with just one look! My adoption fee is \$10. Hi, I'm Stella. I am a 4-year-old female domestic shorthair who was adopted from LCDAS as a



Stella ID# A751605

kitten and has since been returned after unfortunate circumstances occurred. My owner passed away, and I now find myself back under the loving care of the staff and volunteers waiting for my new person to come for me. I lay on a blanket from home every day, so it is obvious I am sad and long to be back in a home where I be loved. My adoption fee is \$10. 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.✧

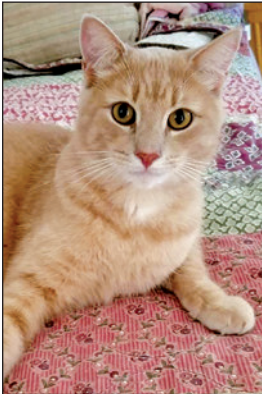
PAWS Of Sanibel

Sweetie Pie

PAWS has a beautiful young mother cat up for adoption. Her name is Sweetie Pie and she is approximately one year old. She has had all her shots, was combo-tested negative, wormed, treated for fleas and had spay surgery. All of her kittens have been adopted and now she is wandering around wondering where everyone went. If you would like to meet Sweetie Pie, call Pam at PAWS, 472-4823.✧



Sweetie Pie



Chester



Dallas

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. 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 havenonearthanimalleague@yahoo.com.✧



Emergency	911
Lee County Sheriff's Office	477-1200
Florida Marine Patrol	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
Poison Control	1-800-282-3171
HealthPark Medical Center	1-800-936-5321
Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce	332-3624
Foundation for Quality Childcare	425-2685
Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce	454-7500
Fort Myers Beach Library	463-9691
Lakes Regional Library	533-4000
Lee County Chamber of Commerce	931-0931
Post Office	1-800-275-8777
Visitor & Convention Bureau	338-3500
ARTS	
Alliance for the Arts	939-2787
Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall	481-4849
BIG ARTS	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	278-4422
Cultural Park Theatre	772-5862
Edison Festival of Light	334-2999
Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade	332-4488
Florida West Arts	948-4427
Fort Myers Harmonica Band	610-653-7940
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers	288-2535
Gulf Coast Symphony	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater	472-6862
SW Florida Symphony	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy	936-3239
Young Artists Awards	574-9321
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS	
American Legion Post #38	239-332-1853
Angel Flight	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center	731-3535
American Business Women Association	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL	339-8046
Audubon Society	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR	482-1366
Caloosahatchee Folk Society	321-4620
Cape Coral Barbershop Chorus	1-855-425-3631
Cape Coral Stamp Club	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists	415-2484
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

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Super Crossword

“THAT’S MY CLUE”

- ACROSS
- 1 Inuit vehicle

5 In — (as first placed)

9 Total fan

15 Insolent talk

19 Law enforcer

21 Actress Peet or Pays

22 Andy Taylor’s boy

23 Flatfish that was there first?

25 WWII attack time

26 Quality

27 ‘63 Liz Taylor role

28 Couple taking off to tie the knot

30 Lookout person

32 Product for whitening NASCAR drivers’ garb?

37 Kappa preceder

40 Smell — (be suspicious)

41 Willing to do

42 Wild horse’s boastful talk?

48 Battle milieu

50 “The Waste Land” poet’s inits.

51 Classic New York City theater

52 Actress Gilbert

53 Vex no end

55 Single-celled swimmer

58 Trajectory of a thrown winter weapon?

65 Place affording a good view

67 Related to kidneys

68 Black bird

69 Ending of pasta names

70 The cry “Hah, I scaled that peak and you didn’t!”?

76 Be obliged

77 Rose Bowl org.

79 Take for one’s own use

80 Manufacture of military officers?

88 “Short and stout” vessel

89 His cube became a craze

90 Novelist Hunter

92 Viral net phrase, say

93 Anvil’s organ

96 Pill, e.g., briefly

97 Powerful machine that pulverizes car splash guards?

102 Censoring tone

104 Opera part

105 Mavens

106 One who would’ve taken on Goliath if David had been unavailable?

111 Take stock of

116 Russian ballet company

117 Tableland

120 Sunni’s deity

121 Web app language

122 Narratives recorded on CD?

127 Prayer’s end

128 Beatified French lady

129 Put in a different key

130 Minstrel

131 Ecstatic

132 “Auld Lang —”

133 White bird

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2 Peter of “M”

3 González in 2000 news

4 Pinkie, e.g.

5 Capitol fig.

6 Apple type

7 7’0”, say

8 In need of nourishment

9 — Zedong

10 — Darya (Asian river)

11 Bread with vindaloo

12 Put right?

13 “A Passage to India” woman

14 Substitute for chocolate

15 Hit a homer

16 It lifts a kite

17 Debacles

18 Comic Tina

20 — acid (lime ingredient)

24 Mauna —

29 Not singular

31 “— -hoo!”

33 Sun — -sen

34 Uno + due

35 Rowing need

36 Charles V’s realm: Abbr.

38 “Conan” channel

39 “Ah, so sad”

42 Facing with courage

43 Film genre

44 Student at England’s oldest university

45 Nikita’s “no”

46 Samovar

47 — Paulo

48 Whack hard

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53 Israeli flier

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73 TV’s Kwik-E-Mart clerk

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78 — Lingus

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84 “Honest” guy

85 Turner of TV

86 First mate?

87 — avis

91 Network for Jimmy Fallon

93 Recede

94 Part of ASU

95 Salvage

97 Thu. follower

98 A, in Vienna

99 Hound

100 Grazing field

101 Op-eds, e.g.

103 Actress Britt

104 R&B artist Keys

107 Aspect

108 L.A.’s region

109 Rescue squad VIP

110 Takes ten

112 Insults

113 Pipe shape

114 Taco topper

115 Soft luster

118 Nimble

119 Film scorer Menken

121 Quick hit

123 Can, province

124 Plains native

125 Beatty of “The Toy”

126 Hex- ender
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1 Taxi

4 A-E connection

7 Showroom sample

8 Sag

10 Sound portion

11 Peter of Peter, Paul and Mary

13 Fairy tale footwear

16 “— the ram-parts ...”

17 Frogs’ kin

18 Also

19 Flowerless plant

20 Perches

21 Worship

23 Nothing

25 Elbow counterpart

26 Hardly brawny

27 And so on (Abbr.)

28 Liniment targets

30 Second person

33 Lawn-trimming tools

36 Blazing

37 Cheer up

38 Cobbler’s supply

39 A rate or tax

40 Type squares

41 Tit for —

8 “The Times They Are A-Changin’” singer

9 Beautifully imaginative

10 Way back when

12 Very angry

14 Peeved

15 “Help!”

19 Adversary

20 Crafty

21 Bone cavities

22 Coffee shop

23 New Mexico tribe

24 Scrutinize

25 Small barrel

26 Heaps

28 Song of David

29 Pinnacles

30 Leavening agent

31 Table scraps

32 Employ

34 — gin fizz

35 Entreaty
-
- MAGIC MAZE ● — TROUBLE
- U U R P M P J G D A X V F S Q
N K F I F D U A X V T Q O H O
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A Z X R O F G N I K S A W V C
- Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
- All kinds of Asking for Big Car

Causing Engine Get into Having

Heart Not worth the Nothing but Serious

Source of Stir up You’re in



"Don't you think you should wear your glasses when you _____?"
answer on page 30

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!

Ship
ELVSS

Void
SCAHM

Harsh
EVERSE

Relief
SREALE

TODAY'S WORD

	1		2		4		9	
		3			1	5		
2				5				8
1				4				6
3	6		1				5	
		9		6	8	7		
7				9			8	
	2		7			9	1	
		4			5			3

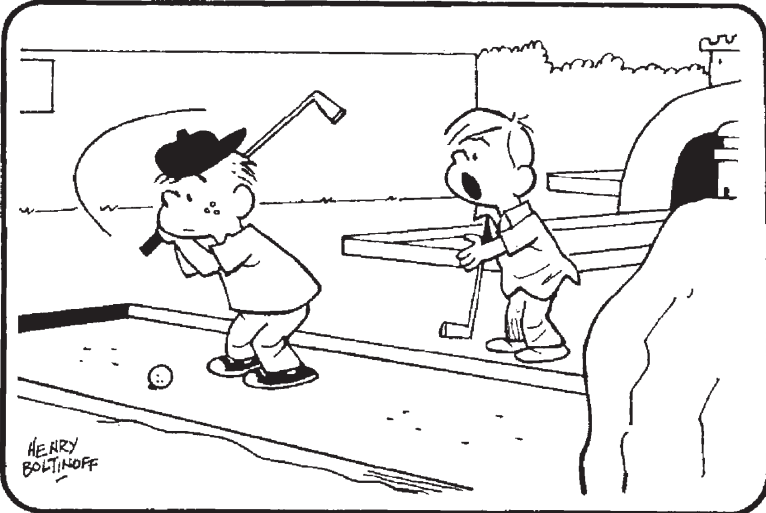
SUDOKU

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.

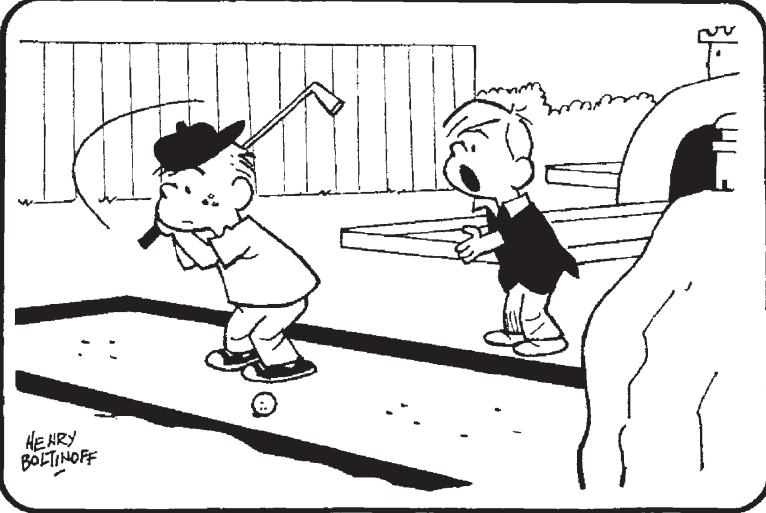
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Fence has been added. 2. Boy's shirt is black. 3. Bushes are lower. 4. Golf ball has moved. 5. Boy's club is missing. 6. Border around putting green is black.



Watermelon Rind Pickles

3-5 pounds watermelon rind
3 cups sugar
1 orange, sliced thin
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1 lemon, sliced thin
2 cups water
2 cups white vinegar
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Watermelon Rind Pickles

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FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 5, 2019

Aries (March 21 to April 19) Technology snafus tax your patience. But before you throw that computer or other hardware into the trash, take a deep breath and call someone knowledgeable for help.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) Don't be too upset if your generosity goes unappreciated. These things happen, and rather than brood over it, move on. A new friend could open up some exciting new possibilities.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) A loved one helps you get through an especially difficult emotional situation. Spend the weekend immersed in the body and soul restorative powers of music and the other arts.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) You are pretty much in charge of what you want to do this week. However, it might be a good idea to keep an open mind regarding suggestions from people you know you can trust.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) Another chance to shine (something always dear to the Lion's heart) might be resented by others. But you earned it, so enjoy it. The weekend brings news about a family member.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) A suggestion that never took off could become viable again. Dust it off, update it if necessary, and resubmit it. In your personal life, a new relationship takes an "interesting" turn.

Libra (September 23 to October 22) Confronting a new challenge to your stated position could work to your advantage by settling all doubts once you're able to present a solid defense backed up by equally solid facts.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) You enjoy doing nice things for others. But this is a good time to do something nice for yourself as well. You might want to start by planning a super-special getaway weekend.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) Some changes you feel you need to make might be reasonable and appropriate. But others might lead to new problems. Think things through carefully before you act.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) Good instincts usually keep the sure-footed Goat on the

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July 26, 2019

Place Classified



<u>Day</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Fri	6:13 am	12:13 am	4:28 pm	10:40 am
Sat	6:39 am	12:54 am	5:23 pm	11:41 am
Sun	7:06 am	1:34 am	6:21 pm	12:47 pm
Mon	7:37 am	2:11 am	7:25 pm	1:59 pm
Tue	8:11 am	2:47 am	8:43 pm	3:19 pm
Wed	8:51 am	3:22 am	10:22 pm	4:46 pm
Thu	9:38 am	3:58 am	None	6:13 pm

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1. Rosie Z. Nunn 3. George Frideric Handel
4. Agreement for international recognition of
copyright 5. Take over the world 6. "Gangs
of New York" 7. Louis XIV, the "Sun King" of
France (72 years) 8. The face 9. Dr. James
Herick 10. About 13 times.

Vietnam War Memorial Replica At JetBlue Park

A local American Legion post is celebrating 100 years of service with a stirring public tribute to veterans. The Rabe O. Wilkison American Legion Post 38 and the Colonial Charitable Foundation are teaming to arrange an exhibit of The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall at JetBlue Park on Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

The wall, a three-fifths scale replica of the national memorial in Washington, will arrive in Fort Myers on Thursday, September 5, 100 years to the day after Post 38 was formed. Representatives from the post and the Lee County Sheriff's Office will meet the wall in front of the Winn-Dixie on 14600 Palm Beach Boulevard at 8 a.m. and escort it on the final leg of its journey to the park.

"We wanted to make our 100th anniversary about the enduring connection between the freedoms we enjoy and the price so many have paid to secure them," Post 38 Cmdr. Kevin Boyd said. "We are so grateful to everyone who is helping us



The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall

photo by Maureen Welsh

put this together for our heroes." The mobile exhibit features more than 58,000 names of U.S. service members who made the ultimate sacrifice during the war. The public is invited not merely to view the wall but to touch it, take a piece of paper, place it on a name and

rub a wax crayon or graphite pencil over it to create a memento of someone whose memory lives on. "It's important to make the experience as vibrant and dynamic as possible so that newer generations of Americans gain an understanding of what these brave men

and women gave to their country," Boyd said. "This really drives it all home." Near the exhibit will be an area for solemn reflection, and a Hughes Helicopter OH-6A model on display. The Army used the OH-6A helicopters to fly some of the most dangerous missions in

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SCRAMBLERS

1. Vessel; 2. Chasm; 3. Severe; 4. Release
Today's Word
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Vietnam, and only a third of the original fleet of 1,200 remained by the end of the war.

Opening and closing ceremonies are scheduled for both days, including the *National Anthem* and a 21-gun salute. Concession stands will be open, and beer will be available for sale. All proceeds from the event will go toward programs for veterans.

Sponsors include Rocket Mortgage, Bank of America, Centennial Bank, Conditioned Air, Crowther Roofing, CVS Health, the Fort Myers Memorial Garden, the Fort Myers Police Athletic League, Galeana, the Heritage Palms Veterans Association, Heroes on the Water – Southwest Florida, LadyCakes Bakery, Morgan Stanley, The News-Press Media Group, Norman Love Confections, St. John XXIII Catholic Church, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Storm Smart, Surterra Wellness, Tag a Pet for a Vet and Veterans United Home Loans.

Visit www.centennial.legion.org to find out about the legacy of the American Legion, and go to www.travelingwall.us to learn about the mobile exhibit.

Sponsorship opportunities are available by contacting George Tice at post038.2vice@yahoo.com or 738-0601, or Jim Squadrito at 401-261-9096 or jrsquadrito@gmail.com.

Pet Adoptions August Special

Don't get that empty nest feeling when the children go back to school. Lee County Domestic Animal Services is here to help. Through August 31, adoption fees for all cats and kittens and dogs more than six months of age will be reduced to just \$25. In addition, cats and kittens are two-for-one; adopt one and take home a second feline friend at no additional charge.

The adoption package includes spay or neuter, microchip, up-to-date vaccinations, county license and a 10-day health guarantee. This is a \$500 package. Volunteers and staff are waiting to introduce your new family member to you. Just stop by the adoption center from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers.

Visit www.leelostpets.com to see pets available for adoption. On social media, follow Animal Services on Facebook at [leecountydomesticanimalservices](https://www.facebook.com/leecountydomesticanimalservices) and on Instagram at [leanimalservices](https://www.instagram.com/leanimalservices).

Lee County Tied For Florida's Top Recycling Spot

Lee County residents and businesses led recycling efforts statewide in 2018, tied with only with Charlotte County with a 77 percent annual recycling rate.

The amount of material Lee County residents recycled in 2018 would be enough to fill 107 football fields with material 70 feet high – as high as the

tallest point of the Sanibel Causeway bridge.

Lee County received credit for recycling 1.5 million tons of the total 1.96 million tons of waste generated locally in 2018, according to numbers recently released by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

"Florida has a recycling goal of 75 percent by 2020," said Pam Keyes, public utilities director. "We are happy to report that strong participation by both residents and businesses has enabled Lee County to meet and exceed this goal."

This is the fourth time Lee County has led the state in recycling since Florida began tracking in 2000.

Recycling credits include curbside recycling by residents as well as business recycling of materials such as cardboard, yard waste, scrap metal and construction and demolition debris, among other

items. Lee County also receives recycling credit for energy produced from garbage processed at the waste-to-energy plant in Buckingham.



Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Metes And Bounds	Captiva	2009	6,292	\$6,999,990	\$6,000,000	533
Laguna Shores	Fort Myers Beach	2007	6,603	\$6,950,000	\$3,400,000	137
Bonita Beach	Bonita Springs	1985	2,009	\$3,485,000	\$3,225,000	230
Mcphe Park	Fort Myers Beach	1932	1,753	\$2,350,000	\$2,289,500	200
Longlake	Bonita Springs	1993	3,342	\$1,275,000	\$1,100,000	100
Palm Acres	Fort Myers	2001	3,784	\$1,195,000	\$1,100,000	115
Addison Place	Bonita Springs	2001	3,552	\$949,500	\$935,000	130
Gulf Shores	Sanibel	1981	2,051	\$799,000	\$747,000	240
Hendry Creek	Fort Myers	1983	4,189	\$798,000	\$778,000	28
Imperial Shores	Bonita Springs	2002	4,100	\$697,000	\$670,000	281



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