

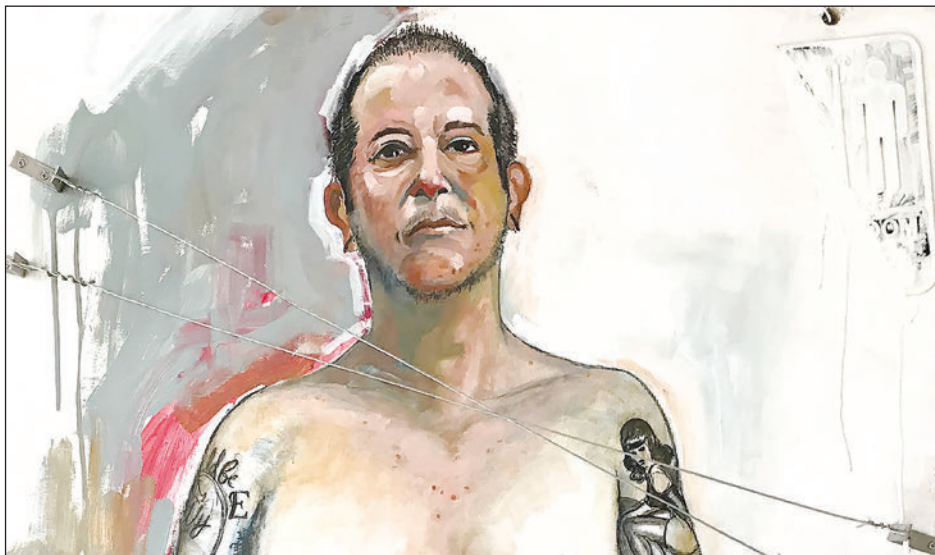


## Downtown Gallery To Host Reception

Arts for ACT Gallery will hold an opening reception of *I'mperfect* by Artist Daniel Jude Venditti in the main gallery and *Waterways* by Jeff and Dale Ocasio in the White Gallery on Friday, December 6 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Venditti has always been fascinated with the human form. He has a great interest in human nature that has formed his artistic style to reveal much about himself, the subject and the observer. His Italian heritage, coupled with various European masters, both past and contemporary, has influenced his work in many aspects.

Venditti received a bachelor degree in fine art from Pratt Institute in 1987. He later attended the New York Academy of Art and received a master's degree in painting and sculpture in 1994. He also apprenticed with the Russian artists Komar and Melamid for most of the 1990s, working on print editions of *DEATH* magazine and its *America's Most Wanted* series of paintings. He spent 20 years in New



**Billy by Daniel Jude Venditti**

York City showing his works in galleries in the city as well as international galleries and group exhibits.

The exhibit is a series of figurative paintings of real people, showing the beauty and grace in human flaws, and all shapes and sizes of humanity. In this day and age of body shaming, human looks have been reduced to a number from 1 to 10, and this series is in

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response to all that. This ongoing series of portraits will tell each person's story, through their words, their perception of themselves and the pain, confidence, grace, struggles and beauty that is told by their faces, bodies and gestures.

*Waterways* is a tribute series to life in the tides. Jeff and Dale Ocasio collaborate on making sculpted and illustrative art. Both were raised in



**Wading Bird with Baby Bird by Jeff and Dale Ocasio**

Tampa, where they met, started a family and began a creative life together. North Fort Myers has been their home for over 20 years. Refining their self-taught technique of using paper masking tape as a sculpting medium for more than a decade, they have had their art awarded

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**Stay Gold by Gabriel Mesek**

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## Pop-Up Traveling Exhibition At Davis Art Center

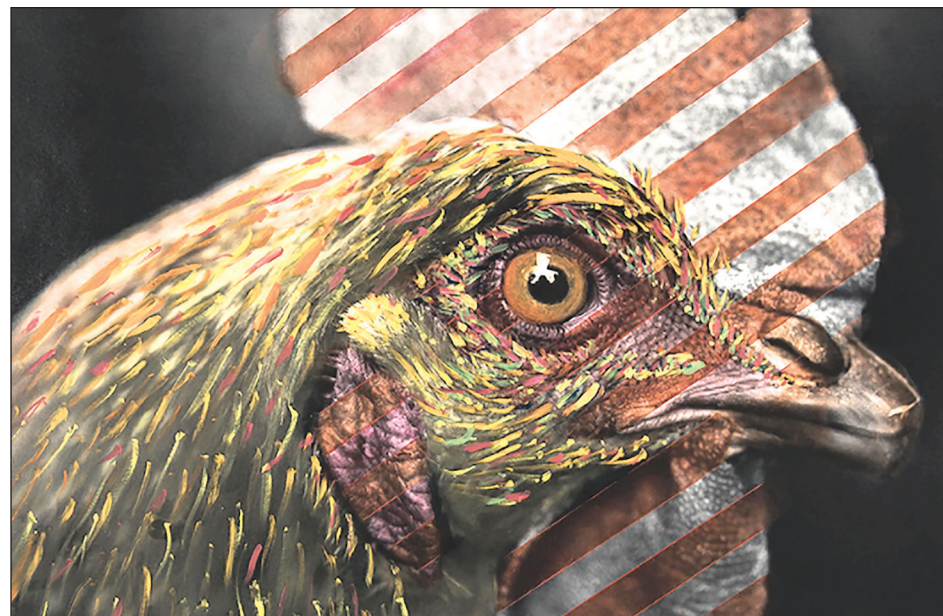
The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will host the Fresco Exchange for a three-day-only



**Primarios by Felipe Ortiz**

pop-up art exhibition from Tuesday, December 10 to Thursday, December 12, with an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

The Fresco Exchange features three Colombian artists and aims to bridge the creative gap between Latin American and U.S. culture around art. Each year, Fresco Exchange curates a traveling exhibit of original fine art from Latin American muralists. They work with artists in studio practice and street art



**CRIOILA by Ivan Salazar**

to enhance artistic opportunities, share methods of cultural expression and inspire communities with new ways of creative thinking. These pop-up exhibits expand the international platform for street artists to showcase their experimental studio work.

Together, this collection weaves a story of life in modern Colombia. Fresco Exchange teamed up with Gráfica Mestiza, an alternative creative platform across cities in Latin America,

to curate this diverse exhibit that unveils overlapping narratives of native Colombian experiences. Artwork representing indigenous culture is reinvented in striking, modern tones, while imaginary creatures share societal metaphors through their one-of-a-kind creativity. The collection is connected by elements of vibrant nature that make Colombia so uniquely enchanting.

Fresco Exchange has hosted full-circle  
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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

# From Playground To City Walk



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

The expansive tract of land at the western entrance to historic downtown has been put to many uses over the last century-plus, including playground, sports field, circus camp and community event space.

Now it's poised to become West End at City Walk, a mixed-use development.

League Field, or Park, as it was known decades ago, was bound by McGregor Boulevard on the south, Virginia Avenue and Clifford Street on the west and east, respectively, and the Caloosahatchee on the north. It should be noted that West First, as we now know it, did not exist until the 1960s, when the

bulkhead was extended to make riverfront construction projects possible.

Early in Fort Myers history, that large parcel was used as a community space. For example, in 1917, the three-day Conquista de Florida celebrations was held there. Circuses camped there when they came to town and, in the pre-Terry Park days, Fort Myers High School used it as a football field. Revival meetings and clay-pigeon shoots took place in the open space, and throughout the decades children used it as a playground.

In the 1920s and on, local baseball teams such as the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs played there.

In the post-World War II era, Fort Myers underwent enormous growth, and the expansive open space was finally developed.

In the 1950s, George Sanders (who would, in 1965, develop the Edison Mall south of downtown on Cleveland Avenue) obtained zoning changes to build the town's first shopping center on the 12 acres.

Boulevard Plaza faced protest from garden clubs who insisted that the royal palms and aesthetics of McGregor Boulevard not be destroyed. Fortunately, the trees were



Boulevard Plaza, shown here shortly after it opened in January 1960, was renamed Edison-Ford Square decades later. Located on McGregor Boulevard west of the main business district, it was the town's first shopping center. National stores included Food Fair (left) Woolworth's (center), and WT Grants (right).

photo courtesy SWFL Historical Society



A mixed-use development, West End at City Walk, is planned for the site. Since 1960, high-rise condominiums have risen on the waterfront.

photo by Gerri Reaves

saved.

The plaza had a grand opening on January 21, 1960. It had six national stores and fifteen other business, with only two spaces yet to be rented.

This postcard image shows the plaza around the time it opened. Among its larger stores were Food Fair (left), Woolworth's (center) and WT Grant (right).

Note the large "Boulevard Plaza" sign on the far right. Also note the open sky free of condominium towers.

The opening altered downtown's economic landscape. Some locals believe it was the beginning of the core business district's decline, a decline exacerbated by the opening of the Edison Mall in 1965.

Indeed, a number of businesses did relocate from the main business district to Boulevard Plaza in 1960.

The plaza thrived for years and had just about every store or service for everyday living, including Pantry Pride Grocery, Liggett Drugs, a beauty salon, barber shop, stationery and office supply, ice cream parlor, appliance store, coin laundry, shoe shop, jeweler, toy store and even a yarn and antique shop.

Dental and medical offices, realtors, lawyers, clothing shops, restaurants and a savings and loan were among the other plaza residents. Eventually, there was even a cinema.

However, by the early 1990s, the plaza had hit hard times. In 1993, it was renovated and renamed Edison-Ford Square.

By the time famed city planner Andres Duany came to Fort Myers in 2001 to design a downtown redevelopment plan, he recommend that the square be leveled and developed for mixed-use: residential, businesses and shops.

He emphasized that the shops should be useful, not just entertainment venues, to fulfill the principles of New Urbanism: a downtown where people can live, work and play, preferably all in walking distance.




In 2003, the plaza was demolished to prepare for a proposed development, First Street Village.


One portion was built on the tract east of Altamont Avenue, opening in 2007 with a Publix as an anchor. However, the second mixed-use phase on the other larger portion never came to fruition.

Now there's a new plan for the "vacant lot" – West End at City Walk, a mixed-use

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Campers conduct glow in the dark science

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## History And Science Center Winter Camps

The IMAG History & Science Center will offer new, exciting winter camps designed especially for students in kindergarten through second grade (K-2) and third through fifth grade (3-5).

On Thursday and Friday, December 26 and 27, Camp IMAG is offering Coding Games for K-2 and Stop Motion Movie Makers for 3-5. In Coding Games,

campers learn coding and programming with Bloxels to create video games; play games with Osmos; and program Ozobots to complete different challenges. In Stop Motion Movie Makers, older campers become miniature movie makers by writing a script, designing a set and using action figures to create a short motion action film.

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Campers blow bubbles during a science experiment

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disappear and create optical illusions.

On Monday and Tuesday, January 6 and 7, Camp IMAG is offering Animal Grossology for K-2 and Grossology for 3-5. Campers will dissect an owl pellet, identify tracks and scat and meet a hissing cockroach as they experience Animal Grossology. Sometimes science can also be gross, slimy, stinky and, yes, even fun. In Grossology, older campers will learn about germs using glowing germ powder, pop some burping bags, test their taste buds with questionable treats and make fake snot.

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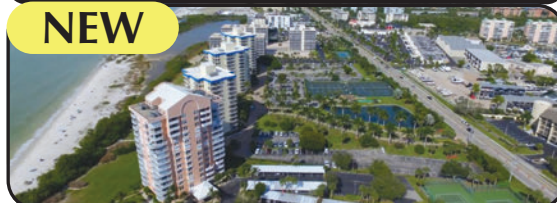


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Volunteers at the 2018 Heights Center Christmas Outreach photo provided

## Donations Sought For Christmas Giving Tree

The Heights Foundation/The Heights Center is seeking organizations and individuals to participate in the annual Harlem Heights Community Gift Drive. Individuals, businesses and philanthropic groups are asked to donate new, unwrapped gifts for local children. Gifts are needed for more than 800 children, ranging in age from birth to age 17.

Suggested donations are gifts under \$25 including Legos, dolls, art sets, footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, remote

control cars, tea sets, action figures, board games, coloring books and crayons. Personal items are needed including pajamas, jewelry, body lotion, spray, soaps, hair accessories and wristwatches. Donations of gift cards from Target, Kmart or Walmart are appreciated. Monetary donations can be made at [www.heightsfoundation.org/donate](http://www.heightsfoundation.org/donate).

The gifts will be distributed to parents at The Heights Center on Saturday, December 21, keeping the surprise in Christmas for the kids.

"This holiday season will again be challenging for many families in the Harlem Heights neighborhood," said Kathryn Kelly, president and CEO of the Heights Foundation. "This is a great opportunity to bring joy to the children of our community. We are thankful for the

generous support of our neighbors."

Items can be dropped off at The Heights Center, 15570 Hagie Drive in Fort Myers. Toys will be collected through Thursday, December 19.

Volunteers are needed to assist with event set up and at the event.

## Finalists Named For Annual New Play Contest

Theatre Conspiracy at the Alliance for the Arts recently announced the three finalists for the 21st Annual New Play Contest – *Love and Communication* by Jim Christy; *The Wild Boar* by Daniel Damiano; and *The Chechens* by Phillip Smith. Finalists were selected from over 600 entries from around the world. The audience will vote for their favorite at the event on December 14 at the Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard, in Fort Myers.

The New Play Contest provides an opportunity for audiences to get involved with the contest process itself, rather than the end result.

The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a reception including food and drink. At 7:30 p.m., selections from the finalists will be read by a cast of Alliance for the Arts actors. After the conclusion of the final reading, the audience will vote for which show they think should be the winner. The winning script will be given a full production in the Alliance's 2020-21 season and receive the Janet & Bruce Bunch New Play Contest Award.

"Our New Play Contest is a daunting task each year, but the payoff is worthy of the effort," said artistic producing director Bill Taylor. "Supporting new work is an important part of our mission. These playwrights and their work are the future of theatre in America."

Tickets are \$50 and include the reception and readings. Tickets can be purchased at [www.artinlee.org/newplaycontest](http://www.artinlee.org/newplaycontest) or by calling 939-2787.

Here is a synopsis of each play:

*Love and Communication* by Jim Christy – Samuel Holden is by all accounts, a spectacularly beautiful child. His parents, school administrators, therapists and lawyers fighting about the best way to treat his autism all agree on that. And practically nothing else.

His father Rob will do anything necessary – anything – to get Samuel into a private school with a years-long waiting list. For his mother Megan, the answer is a relatively new therapy patented by a charismatic doctor. As these increasingly desperate efforts take them in different directions, their marriage – and their relationship with their son – hang in the balance.

The show is about autism as an analogy for the difficulty people have communicating with each other. Every allegedly normal character in the play – parents, educators, bureaucrats – displays an inability to communicate or to show empathy for those they are supposed to love, the core of autism.

*The Wild Boar* by Daniel Damiano – A newly retired teacher moves to a remote island, seeking nothing but solitude and

Organizations and individuals interested in participating can contact Melissa Barlow at 482-7706 or [melissa@heightsfoundation.org](mailto:melissa@heightsfoundation.org). All donations are tax deductible. Monetary donations can be made online at [www.heightsfoundation.org](http://www.heightsfoundation.org).

serenity. However, when a boar arrives at her house one day, an unlikely relationship develops, bringing about unexpected feelings from her past, while placing her at odds with the local authorities and the island's other inhabitants.

*The Wild Boar* by Daniel Damiano was a finalist for the Woodward/Newman Drama Award and Bloomington Playwrights Project.

*The Chechens* by Phillip Smith – In modern Chechnya, homosexuals are rumored to be held in camps. Can one family protect their brother suspected of being gay, or will they honor to kill him to protect the name of the family? What prevails in the end-religion, politics or love?

## Symphony To Present Holiday Pops

The Southwest Florida Symphony, Lee County's only professional orchestra and the fourth oldest in the state of Florida, will present its annual Holiday Pops concerts at different locations from December 13 to 15. Concerts take place at the Village Church at Shell Point on Friday, December 13 at 7 p.m.; Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall on Saturday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m.; and conclude with a matinee at First Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs on Sunday, December 15 at 4 p.m.

These performances, entitled Christmas in Paradise will be conducted by Music Director Nir Kabaretti and feature holiday classics of the Christmas season with the greatly anticipated return of postmodern crooner and star of *Sinatra and Beyond*, Tony DeSare.

The symphony, with DeSare performing on vocals and piano, will delight audiences with beloved holiday favorites including *I'll be Home For Christmas* and *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*, and *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year*.

Single tickets start at \$13 and vary by venue. Family packages are available for \$48 for four tickets (two adults and two children) for Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall and First Presbyterian Church performances. Tickets may be purchased from the Southwest Florida Symphony Box Office by calling 418-1500, by visiting in person, or online at [www.swflso.org](http://www.swflso.org), and at the performance venues one hour prior to each performance.

In addition to the holiday classics, the symphony has partnered with Toys for Tots for a holiday toy drive at its Barbara B. Mann concert on Saturday, December 14. Patrons are encouraged to bring a new toy in its original packaging to the concert as a donation to Toys for Tots so that every child in Lee County can have a merry Christmas.

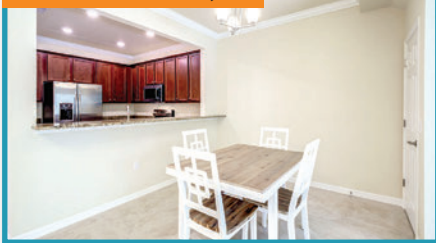
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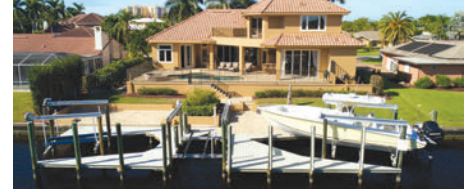
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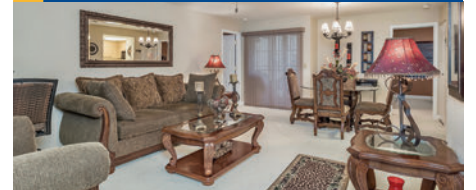
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Fort Myers Art:

# Kickin' It With Elijah Grant About His Future

by Tom Hall



**P**ippin closed at the Alliance for the Arts on November 24. The ambitious musical had an enthusiastic and energetic cast of 30 that included Yuliana Garcia as The

Leading Player, Kagan Vann in the role of Charlemagne, Giselle Meyer as his duplicitous wife Fastrada, Dylan Sneddon as her incestuous son, Lewis and Madeline Ritter as widowed mother Catherine.

Elijah Grant reprised the title role. Now a sophomore, Grant traces his love of theater all the way back to second grade.

"I went to Gulf Elementary and they had this program where if you got straight A's, you got to see the musical as your reward. It was the first one I'd ever seen, and I knew I had to try out for the show the following year when I got into third grade," he said.

The show Grant saw that day was *Annie* and as luck would have it, one of the young actors who inspired Elijah was none other than Yuliana Garcia, who was in the fourth grade. Not only did he not know Yuliana (kindergarten through second grade was in one building and Grades 3 to 5 were in another), he did not know she was in *Annie* that day until both sat down with me to talk about their roles in *Pippin*.

When Gulf Elementary performed *Willy Wonka Jr.*, Grant got a part as an oompa loompa.

"Lucky for me, I was very short," he quipped. "From there, I just fell in love with performing, and I've been in at least one musical every year.

His past credits include *Spamalot the Musical*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* and *Sweeney Todd*.

He played Anthony Hope in the latter show, a role that required him

Elijah Grant in *Pippin*

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to perform his first stage kiss. "It really prepared me for *Pippin* and being able to portray that love connection with Catherine," Grant said.

Of course, there's more to *Pippin* than just the character's tender love scenes with a widowed mom. In the show, Pippin has just graduated college and is desperately trying to find his niche in his father's kingdom. After trying his hand at warfare, he takes a more hedonist path that includes sex with multiple partners and even a group orgy. While these scenes are effectuated through suggestive dance scenes and innuendo, they nevertheless required a level of sensuality that Grant had not been called upon to display in any previous production.

But it was the thematic content of the overall show that proved most challenging in portraying Pippin.

For the singing, acting and dancing to make sense to both them and the audience, the actors in *Pippin* had to understand the musical's themes and subthemes. That required the cast to spend four days with director Carmen Crussard doing book work.

"It's line by line looking for themes,

defining characters and goals and really diving into the depth of the show," noted Alliance Youth Theatre choreographer and costume designer Lauren Perry. "We like challenging the kids and this one was definitely challenging."

Grant agreed.

"Pippin ... is trying to find meaning and fulfillment, and that required finding a connection with each scene [i.e. each rite of passage that Pippin undergoes] as the play unfolds. But at the same time, you have to be lost in yourself because each time Pippin finds an experience unfulfilling, it causes him to become increasingly depressed. It's a drain on his psyche, and the hardest part was conveying that growing sense of disappointment and frustration at that very moment," noted Grant.

Intended by Stephen Schwartz as a metaphor, *Pippin* actually resonates with teens and twenty-somethings to a surprising degree when you consider that the musical was penned in 1972. It's not just that the "American Dream" seems so far out of reach for the vast majority of Gen X and Gen Z who find that in addition to stifling student loan debt, a four-year degree and uncompromising work ethic don't guarantee a great-paying job with good benefits, never mind home ownership and financial security. They may not even have a habitable planet in 50 years because of climate change and related ecological threats. It's hard to start a career, business or even a family when you might be facing a climatological Armageddon before your 50th birthday.

But in true Pippin fashion, Grant rejects pervasive pessimism. Echoing the sentiment expressed in Pippin's character-defining solo *Corner of the Sky*, Elijah believes that his generation will discover and introduce achievable plans to reduce gun violence, eliminate gender bias, decrease our carbon footprint and save the planet.

Indeed, members of Gen Z are establishing themselves as exemplary global citizens and planetary stewards with increasing frequency. By way of example, consider the strides taken in just the past year by climate activist Greta Thunberg, Marjorie Stoneman Douglass activists Sarah Chadwick, Cameron Kasky, Delaney Tarr, David

Hogg and Jaclyn Corin (co-founder of March for Our Lives) and the legions of young women and girls associated with #GirlsToo and Girls For Gender Equality.

"My generation hasn't been corrupted by money or wealth yet," Grant adds optimistically. "That gives us an advantage because we've seen what [greed] does to our planet. We will change that. We just have to wait for our opportunity."

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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## Historic Downtown

community with 300 residential rental units, a 128-room Marriott brand hotel, and 5,000 to 10,000 square feet of commercial space.

Walk down to the lot where children played and Fort Myers's first shopping center was built. Then visit the following research centers to learn more about local shopping options in the 1960s.

The Southwest Florida Historical Society is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization open Wednesday and Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon and Wednesday 4 to 7 p.m. It is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. Call 939-4044 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 nonprofit 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](http://www.leecountyblackhistorysociety.org).

Visit the IMAG History & Science Center at 2000 Cranford Avenue or at [www.theimag.org](http://www.theimag.org).

Sources: The Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, *The News-Press* and [www.cityftmyers.com](http://www.cityftmyers.com).✱

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Nancy Morgan captured top honors with *Viewer Favorites*

photos by Lilianna Taub

## Beach Art Group Arbitrary Illusions Exhibit Winners

Arbitrary Illusions, the first judged show of the season, recently opened at the Fort Myers Beach Art Association's (FMBAA) main gallery. The group's members submitted paintings for the exhibit, judged by artist and professor Francesco Gillia and sponsored by the Red Coconut RV Park.

Christine Reichow and Cheryl Fausel gave a gallery talk about the art of judging. Both artists are accomplished members of many prestigious art societies. Artists Floyd Lawrence and Donna Bergeron are displaying their artwork in Studio 2. Their show will run through December 5.

Best of Show, awarded in memory of Lee Ackert who was FMBAA president from 1983 to 1985, went to Cheryl Fausel for *A Bag of Flowers*. Nancy Morgan took first place with *Viewer Favorites*, JoAnn LaPadula placed second with *On the Vine*, while Floyd Lawrence took third with *Beach Cottage*. Julie Nusbaum received the Maya Bryant Award (outdoor painter) for *Puerto de San Miguel*. Dorothy McDowell received the Gretchen Johnson Memorial Award in the memory



Third place went to Floyd Lawrence for *Beach Cottage*

of longtime FMBAA member Gretchen Johnson for *Lighthouse View*.

Merit awards were awarded to the following: *Wild Horses* by Pam Flaherty and *View From Room #249* by Bob Mueller. Honorable mentions went to *Back Bay* by Phyllis Abed and *Oak Park* by Patricia Payzant.

The Quick Draw Event was a success and the following awards were presented: Best Representation of Times Square



JoAnn LaPadula took second place with *On the Vine*



Cheryl Fausel was awarded Best of Show for *A Bag of Flowers*

went to Patricia Payzant; and Best Representation of the Beach went to Julie Nusbaum.

The annual Art Divine sale of original art priced at or below \$150 begins on Sunday, December 8. The FMBAA Gallery will host a public reception on Wednesday, December 11 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Entries for the FMBAA Winter Show will be

accepted on Friday, January 10. A gallery talk by artist and professor Francesco Gillia will take place on Sunday, January 19.

For more information, visit [www.fortmyersbeachart.com](http://www.fortmyersbeachart.com), email Pam Flaherty at [fmbaapublicity@gmail.com](mailto:fmbaapublicity@gmail.com), call 463-3909 or stop by the Fort Myers Beach Art Association, located at 3030 Shell Mound Boulevard on Fort Myers Beach.✱

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## Along The River

**Bonita Bills Waterfront Café** will host the annual **Old Fashioned Fish Fry and Silent Auction** to benefit the Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center this Friday, December 6 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Cost is \$12 for the fish fry. There is no cost to participate in the silent auction. Tickets will be sold for 50/50 raffles.

Bonita Bills Waterfront Café is located at 702 Fishermans Wharf on San Carlos Island. For more information, call 765-8101 or email [info@ostegobay.org](mailto:info@ostegobay.org).

Operation Pet Rescue's (OPR) **Pet Photos with Santa** will be available outside **City Tavern** this Friday, December 6 from 6 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$10 for the professional photograph provided by Al Larson Photography. Participants will be able to access the photo for printing at [www.allarsonphoto.com](http://www.allarsonphoto.com) a few days after the event. Ask the Trainer from Rescue Dog Trainers will also be available during the event.

City Tavern is located at 2206 Bay Street in downtown Fort Myers. For more information on OPR, visit [www.operationpetrescueus.com](http://www.operationpetrescueus.com).

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida will present the 13th annual **Festival of Trees** from this Thursday, December 5 through Sunday, December 8 at the **Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center** (SBDAC).

This year, Festival of Trees will have an indoor ice skating on a synthetic ice rink located right in the center of the glistening tree display. On Friday, December 6, you



The Nowhere Band will again perform outdoors at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center this Friday at 7 p.m. during the Festival of Trees photo provided

can skate with Big Mama from B-103.9 from 4 to 6 p.m. during his live remote.

Throughout the Festival of Trees event, the public can view the trees, purchase raffle tickets and vote for their favorites. Area businesses decorate the trees with a retail value in décor and gifts between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

In addition to the tree raffle, Festival of Trees participants can enjoy the Holiday Stroll down First Street and official tree lighting by the mayor, a free outdoor concert with the Nowhere Band, Santa's Block Party including a holiday vendor

showcase, food trucks, entertainment, pictures with Santa and a children's workshop.

SBDAC is located at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. Tickets to the event can be purchased in advance at [www.sbdac.com](http://www.sbdac.com). For more information and raffle tickets, visit [www.goodwilltrees.com](http://www.goodwilltrees.com).

The Lee County Library System (LCLS) is hosting **Fandom Fest**, a free celebration of fandoms and geek culture for teens and young adults at the **Fort Myers Regional Library** this Saturday, December 7 from noon to 5 p.m. Cosplay is encouraged.

The Fort Myers Regional Library is located at 2450 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. For more information about Fandom Fest, including the schedule of events and volunteer opportunities, visit [www.leelibrary.net/fandomfest](http://www.leelibrary.net/fandomfest).

Among Lee County Parks &

Recreation's holiday events throughout December is **Santa Fest**, which will be held at 3 p.m. this Saturday, December 7 at **Wa-Ke Hatchee Park**, located at 16760 Bass Road in Fort Myers. The event involves games, bounce houses, food trucks, photos with Santa, face painting and a movie in the park - 2018's *The Grinch*. Admission is free. Toy donations for Golisano Children's Hospital are welcome. For more information, call 432-2154.

The 31st annual **Fort Myers Beach Christmas Boat Parade** is scheduled to depart **Salty Sam's Marina** on Saturday, December 7 at 6 p.m. The dazzling lighted parade will be led by the chamber boat featuring Mr. and Mrs. Claus along with Grand Marshall and World War II veteran John Murphy, father of Fort Myers Beach Town Vice Mayor Ray Murphy.

Vessels will assemble in front of the docks at Salty Sam's Marina at 5:30 p.m. At 6 p.m., the boats will begin to leave Salty Sam's Marina and will proceed to pass Parrot Key Caribbean Grill heading northwest by Bonita Bill's Waterfront Café and Doc Fords, then under the Matanzas Pass Bridge. They will travel in and out of Siesta Isles and toward Bowditch Point, turning in front of the Pink Shell Beach Resort and Marina. The boats will travel past Nervous Nellies and Matanzas on the Bay on the return. The parade will end at Salty Sam's Marina for the Winners Circle Party and awards presentation.

VIP judges will ride along in the parade and will choose and announce the winners in each category. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in respective categories. To vote for the People's Choice Award the night of the parade, visit [www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-holiday-parade-2019/fort-myers-beach-christmas-boat-parade-fort-myers-fla](http://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-holiday-parade-2019/fort-myers-beach-christmas-boat-parade-fort-myers-fla).

For more information and sponsorship opportunities, contact the Fort Myers Beach Chamber at 454-7500 or visit [www.fmbboatparade.com](http://www.fmbboatparade.com).✧

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## Professional Actor In Theater Series

The Laboratory Theater of Florida will be hosting professional movie and television actor Wayne Morton at the Public Access Series on Monday, December 9 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The Public Access Series, which is moderated by Randall Kenneth Jones, is an actor's studio-style question-and-answer discussion event, featuring people of note in our area that can offer tips and stories from their careers in entertainment, with great humor and insight.

Morton has been seen on MASH, Dukes of Hazzard, Mork and Mindy, Happy Days, Private Benjamin and Newhart, as well as being the Meineke muffler spokesman. He's been seen in various musicals on Broadway, Las Vegas and in Naples, Florida. He worked extensively with Jack Benny and many other incredible actors. He will share his interesting life with its twists and turns and time spent with some of the great names in entertainment over the past 40 years. Tickets are \$12 for members of the



**Wayne Morton** photo provided theater and \$20 for non-members, and the event is included in the season pass. Group rates and membership packages are available upon request.

The Laboratory Theater of Florida is located at 1634 Woodford Avenue in Fort Myers. For tickets, visit [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or call the box office at 218-0481.✧





John Gowdy with his winning solo sculpture *Soul Reunion - It's a Matter of Time*  
photos by Shayne Wolfe

## Sand Sculpting Championship Winners Revealed

Officials from the 33rd annual American Sand Sculpting Championship presented by the Seminole Casino Hotel recently announced the winners of the masters competition and advanced amateur competition from the 10-day festival, which ran from November 22 to December 1.

The winners from the Master Sculptor Solo Division were:

- 1st Place – John Gowdy *Soul Reunion It's a Matter of Time*
  - 2nd Place – Maxim Gazendam *Architecture is Frozen Music*
  - 3rd Place – Delayne Corbett *LUVBUG*
  - Sculptor's Choice – Maxim Gazendam *Architecture is Frozen Music*
- The winners from the Master Sculptor Doubles Division were:
- 1st Place – Delayne Corbett and Maxim Gazendam *VR: A Grand Adventure into the Landscape of the Imagination*
  - 2nd Place – Melineige Beauregard and Seveline Beauregard *Your Beauty is your Smile*
  - 3rd Place – John Gowdy and Laura



Front view of Delayne Corbett and Maxim Gazendam doubles winning sculpture *VR - A Grand Adventure into the Landscape of the Imagination*

Cimador-Gowdy *Dream Catcher*  
Sculptor's Choice – Delayne Corbett and Maxim Gazendam *VR: A Grand Adventure into the Landscape of the Imagination*

The winners from the Advanced Amateur competition were:

- 1st Place – Amanda Bolduc *The Struggle is Real*
  - 2nd Place – Mitch Guerrero *A Warrior Spirit*
  - 3rd Place – Darrel O'Connor *10 Years After*
- The event's People's Choice voting



Back view of Delayne Corbett and Maxim Gazendam's *VR - A Grand Adventure into the Landscape of the Imagination*

will be promoted and available through the event's Facebook page and website at [www.facebook.com/sandsculptingfestival](http://www.facebook.com/sandsculptingfestival) and [www.fmbsandsculpting.com](http://www.fmbsandsculpting.com)

The festival featured 30 participating sculptors representing eight nations, including 16 masters competing in solos, 10 masters competing in doubles, 10 advanced amateurs competing in the Florida State Championships and 50 total sculptures, making this the largest sand sculpting event of its kind in the United States.

For more information, visit [www.fmbsandsculpting.com](http://www.fmbsandsculpting.com).



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# Non-Perishable Food Items



The Best Overall Thanksgiving display made of non-perishable food photo provided

Hodges University faculty and staff put their creative and construction skills to work with 14 Thanksgiving displays on the Naples and Fort Myers campuses. The displays were made of non-perishable food items for a Thanksgiving dinner, so that they could be donated after the displays were judged.

As a result, 665 pounds of non-perishable food items were delivered to the Bonita Springs Assistance Office for its food pantry.

Dr. John Meyer, president of Hodges University, judged all the displays and the winners were as follows:

Most Creative – Student Financial

Services and Registrar  
Best School Spirit (tie) – School of Liberal Studies and Admissions  
Funniest – First Impressions  
Best Overall – Student Experience  
Honorable Mention – Fisher School of Technology.

“I was impressed with the creativity and ingenuity our faculty and staff put into their displays,” said Dr. Meyer. “It’s clear we have some hidden talent at Hodges. The most rewarding part of this was our ability as a team to help others in our community.”✱

## Men’s Club Breakfast

You probably know about our next breakfast Sunday, December 8. Hoping you could please add a mention in our listing, that

Bayside Estates Men’s Club will host its monthly pancake breakfast in the Bayside Recreation Hall on Sunday, December 8 from 8 to 11 a.m. All are invited to attend.

The breakfast includes scrambled eggs, sausages, coffee, orange juice and all-you-can-eat pancakes for the cost of \$5. For only \$1 more, get a made to order omelet.

During the December breakfast, the Bayside Socialites will be having there Christmas Bake Sale.

Bayside Estates is located on the corner of San Carlos Boulevard and Pine Ridge Road. Signs are at two entrances. Breakfast get-togethers are held on the second Sunday of the month through March.✱

# Morning Meander At Lakes Park

Take a nature walk with a bird patrol guide at Lakes Regional Park on Saturday, December 7 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](http://www.birdpatrol.org) or call 533-7580 or 533-7576.✱

## Holiday Concert At Church

The Southwest Florida Concert Band will perform A Florida Family Christmas concert at Unitarian Universalist Church on Sunday, December 15 at 2 p.m.

The 40-member community band

will perform seasonal music and give the audience an opportunity to join in a sing-a-long of their favorite carols. The program will start with Christmas classics *The Most Wonderful Time of Year* and Leroy Anderson’s *Sleigh Ride*. The band will perform *Christmas on Broadway* and *Irving Berlin’s Christmas* as well as *The Nutcracker*, *Christmas Music for Winds*, *Feliz Navidad*, *Festive Sounds of Hanukah*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* and the narrated version of *’Twas the Night Before Christmas*.

All concerts are FREE with donations accepted.

Unitarian Universalist Church is located at 13411 Shire Lane in Fort Myers. For more information on the group, scholarship program and other performances, visit [www.swflconcertband.org](http://www.swflconcertband.org).✱

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## Pop-Up Exhibition

cultural exchanges for muralists across nations. During U.S. residencies, the Fresco Exchange has connected Latin American artists with street art projects in Massachusetts, New Mexico, Kansas,

California and now Florida. This diverse exhibition will feature artists Felipe Ortiz, Gabriel Mesek and Ivan Salazar.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center located at 2301 First Street in the historic downtown Fort Myers River District. For more information, visit [www.sbdac.com](http://www.sbdac.com) or call 333-1933.✱

## Churches/Temples

**ALL FAITHS UNITARIAN CONGREGATION**  
Service 9, and 11 a.m. Children’s RE, Adult Education Forum 10 a.m., [www.allfaiths-uc.org](http://www.allfaiths-uc.org), 2756 McGregor Boulevard, 226-0900.  
**ALL SAINTS BYZANTINE RITE CATHOLIC**  
Sunday 10:30 a.m., 10291 Bayshore Road, 599-4023.

**ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX**  
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**BAT YAM-TEMPLE OF THE ISLANDS**  
Friday Shabbat at 7 p.m. [www.batyam.org](http://www.batyam.org), 2050 Periwinkle Way, 579-0296.

**BETH YESHUA MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE**  
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**BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRIES**  
Sunday 10:30 a.m. 16581 McGregor Boulevard, 267-3166.

**CHABAD LUBAVITCH ORTHODOX**  
Friday 6:30 p.m., [www.chabadswf.org](http://www.chabadswf.org), 5620 Winkler Road, 433-7708.

**CHAPEL OF CYPRESS COVE**  
Sunday 10 a.m., [www.revtedalhouse@aol.com](mailto:www.revtedalhouse@aol.com), 10200 Cypress Cove Circle, 850-3943.

**CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
Sunday 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. 13500 Freshman Lane, 768-2188.

**CONGREGATIONAL**  
Sunday 10:30 a.m., [www.taecc.com](http://www.taecc.com), 1619 Llewellyn Drive, 334-4978.

**COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN**  
Sunday 10 a.m. 2439 McGregor Boulevard, 334-8937.

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

481-5442.  
**CYPRESS LAKE PRESBYTERIAN**  
Sunday 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m. [www.clpc.us](http://www.clpc.us), 8260 Cypress Lake Drive, 481-3233.

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

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**NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER**  
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**NEW COVENANT EYES**  
Monthly 9 a.m., [www.newcovenanteyes.com](http://www.newcovenanteyes.com), 1900 Park Meadows Drive, 220-8519.

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**PEACE COMMUNITY**  
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**PEACE LUTHERAN**  
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**SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE METROPOLITAN**  
Sunday 10 a.m., 3049 McGregor Boulevard,

344-0012.  
**SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN**

Saturday 5:30 p.m.; Sunday 8 and 10:45 a.m., 3595 Broadway, 939-1218.

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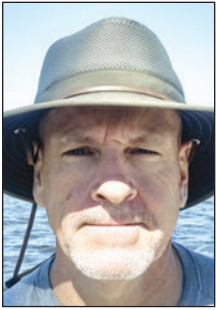
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## CROW Case Of The Week:

# Eastern Cottontail Rabbit



by Bob Petcher

The eastern cottontail rabbit (*Sylvilagus floridanus*) is the most common cottontail rabbit in the country. Mainly, these long-eared mammals range from reddish brown

to gray in color, but they all feature the distinctive "cotton ball" tail for which they are named.

Eastern cottontail rabbits tend to live in fields and meadows, or on the outskirts of farms. However, they are known to adapt to human habitats. Females give birth in shallow ground nests.

Each year, hundreds of baby eastern cottontail rabbits are admitted to CROW's wildlife hospital. Reasons for admission include predator attacks or being found by a person's cat or dog, but many of these bunnies are brought in by mistake after being found without an adult rabbit around.

"We get baby bunnies (both eastern cottontail and marsh rabbits) throughout the year in Florida, but in general the height of baby season is spring into summer. In the past month alone, we have admitted over 50 baby bunnies to the clinic," said Dr. Robin Bast, CROW staff



These eastern cottontail bunnies are being raised by CROW staff and volunteers until they are old enough to be released

photo by Brian Bohman

veterinarian. "Of the 50 bunnies admitted in the past month, approximately half of them were abducted, meaning they were unintentionally rescued when in fact they didn't require any medical intervention and needed to be left in the care of their parents. The rest of the baby bunnies are usually admitted for trauma sustained by predator attacks."

Mother rabbits only return to their nest, usually a shallow burrow lined with grass and fur, during the dawn and dusk hours so as not to attract predators to their babies. Twigs placed in an "X" over the entrance to the burrow will show if the

mother has returned overnight, as she will push them aside to enter. Rabbits leave the nest when they are just three weeks old, so even a seemingly small rabbit with its eyes open and ears standing up is self-sufficient and does not need assistance.

"Rabbits are crepuscular, different than nocturnal, which means they are most active at dawn and dusk, and that's when they visit the nest to care for the babies," said Dr. Bast. "They do not stay at the nest during the day to avoid attracting predator attention to the nest site. Because of this, well-intentioned people often mistake an unattended nest of babies

as being orphaned."

CROW officials took in a pack of baby rabbits recently. The bunnies were not injured, and there is no knowledge as to where they were found.

"These babies were taken to a drop-off site with no information left as to the rescue site, which made a re-nesting attempt impossible. They are otherwise healthy, and are being raised by our rehabilitation staff and foster volunteers until they are old enough in a few weeks to be released," said Dr. Bast. "Baby rabbits grow up quickly, but their best chance of survival is always with their true parents."

Finders need to make sure these little animals are in need of help.

"If there is evidence of obvious injury: blood, history of predator attack, then the babies need medical treatment. If they appear healthy, but you want to check to make sure the mother is taking care of them, you can place light sticks on top of the nest or a circle of flour around the nest – these items will be disturbed the following day if an adult is returning to the nest," said Dr. Bast. "If you have any questions about whether or not a baby needs care, please call us at CROW and we can help determine the appropriate action to be taken."

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](http://www.crowclinic.org).

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# Magical Childhood Creek



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

The weather during

Thanksgiving week was as good as it gets in Southwest Florida.

Waterways were busy with boaters and fishermen alike getting out during the holiday to enjoy the water. The slow, gradual warmup of our water temperature made the fishing improve everyday. Redfish and snook were our main targets. Redfish action has been on fire on what seems like either tide, while the better snook bite has been happening a little later in the morning as the water temperature slowly warmed.

I did catch fish all over the southern sound this week, but after finding fish in one magical creek from my childhood, I returned to it almost daily. This is the first time this winter I've found one of these creeks with fast-moving currents and clean clear water that's just loaded up with fish. Many of these narrow feeder creeks that connect smaller bays can be amazing during our colder winter months. This creek was a hot spot all week long. The redfish action was impossible to ignore along with an

exciting sight-fishing for snook once it warmed up.

Trying to get into this creek, which is protected by a sandbar, was challenging during the big minus low tides we experienced this week. Two days in a row, I had to get out of the boat and push it across this super shallow hump as I was not patient enough to let the tide come up. Once in the creek, the water is plenty deep no matter how low the tide was. During the first few hours of the low incoming tide, the redfish bite was amazing and the water so clear that you could see the fish.

The more time I spent in this creek, the more snook I began to see. We did manage to catch a few on free-lined shrimp. As conditions warmed later in the week, I knew I had to find some live shiners to take in here. Waiting until late morning, we slid into the creek and immediately saw the snook I'd been watching for the past few days. After pitching a few live shiners along the edges, it did not take long until the whole creek was filled with snook chasing and feeding on the live bait. We baited up and sight-casted, and the snook exploded on the surface. It was the best snook bite I have been on in quite some time. It made having to push the boat across the bar all worthwhile.

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](mailto:captmattmitchell@aol.com).✱



Brian Little from Ohio with a snook caught and released with Capt. Matt Mitchell photo provided

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Florida scrub jay

photo by Rick Bunting

## Audubon Lecture Series Announced

A visual introduction to Florida's only endemic bird, the Florida scrub jay, will kick off the annual Sanibel-Captiva Audubon lecture series. Lectures will be held on Thursday evenings in January and February, commencing on January 9 at the new, earlier starting time of 7 p.m. at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. All are welcome to attend. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and parking available at The Community House as well as across the street in the Herb Strauss Theater parking area. A \$10 donation per attendee is appreciated with proceeds after costs being used to promote conservation on Sanibel and in Florida.

This year's lineup also includes Sanibel-Captiva Audubon lecture favorites, Rick Bunting and Dr. Ken Meyer as well as SCCF's Audrey Albrecht. For more information, call Bill Jacobson at 395-1878 or visit [www.san-capaudubon.org](http://www.san-capaudubon.org).

January 9 – Brash, Boisterous & Blue – Meet the Florida Scrub Jay. Jacqui Sulek, chapter conservation manager of Audubon Florida, will

introduce you to the Florida scrub jay, Florida's only endemic bird. Unfortunately, its population has declined 90 percent in the past 50 years. Learn about the Florida scrub jay and what is being done to sustain the remaining population of this charismatic ecosystem indicator.

January 16 – Climate & Birds: Their Future & Ours. Like canaries warned coal miners of dangerous conditions, Audubon Florida Executive Director Julie Wraithmell will explain how birds are harbingers of the changing climate. Learn the latest in predictions about what the climate future holds for North America's birds, what symptoms Florida is experiencing and how you can help Audubon address this threat.

January 23 – Tracking Shorebirds Through Banding. Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) Coastal Wildlife Manager Audrey Albrecht will cover the history and origin of bird banding, the many methods of trapping and marking shorebirds, and the invaluable data gained as a result. Featured will be individual stories of some of the resident and migratory shorebirds.

January 30 – Chasing Rare Birds in the Lower 48. Discover how avid birders David and Tammy McQuade find and timely visit the exact locations, sometimes down to square feet, of the

rarest birds in the lower 48 states. They will include many exquisite photos of the subjects of their quest.

February 6 – Birds' Secret Lives. Dr. Ken Meyer, founder of Avian Research and Conservation Institute (ARCI), reports on how ARCI's field and tracking studies reveal clues and uncover mysteries that help us protect the future of birds we love. Studied species covered will be reddish egrets, mangrove cuckoos and swallow-tailed kites.

February 13 – Birding Exotic Southern Africa. Peter Hawrylyshyn returns to lead attendees on a trip through this dramatic region using his photos of its many unique bird species. He will also elaborate on some of

the remarkable avian bio-adaptation and evolution which has occurred in southern Africa.

February 20 – Florida Reflections. Sanibel-Captiva Audubon favorite Rick Bunting is back to again utilize his unique perspective and superb photos to visually elaborate on his activities in Florida, his favorite away from home location for observing birds and nature.

February 27 – Falcon Fascination. Barb Walker, president of Tampa Bay Raptor Rescue, will provide a unique learning experience about man's epic relationship with peregrine falcons, their natural history, and the unusual adaptations that make them successful today. She will also have a live peregrine falcon in the room.✧

### Plant Smart

## Shoestring Fern

by Gerri Reaves

Native shoestring fern (*Vittaria lineata*) is a member of the shoestring fern family and one of the state's most common ferns.

Its natural habitat includes pinewoods, hammocks and swamps, where it typically grows on the trunks of cabbage palms, particularly at the base.

Like many other ferns, orchids and bromeliads, it is an epiphyte, or air plant. Epiphytes are not parasites, but they depend on a host plant as a platform from which to gather nutrients and moisture.

At first glance, this species resembles dense tufts of long hanging grass blades, thus another common name, grass fern. Other common names are ribbon fern and beard fern.

The very short stems are branched, creeping and scaly.

The narrow pendulous fronds are dark green, shiny and under-curved. Undivided and as long as three feet, they are very narrow – only a half-inch or less wide.

Reddish brown sori, or spore sacs, appear in two grooved lines on the undersides of fronds near the edges.

This fern prefers shade and moist conditions and is not drought-tolerant.

It can be used as a hanging plant and can be propagated by division.

The Seminoles used it to treat



Native shoestring fern is an epiphyte and commonly grows on the trunks of cabbage palms photo by Gerri Reaves

depression and senility by boiling it to make a potion or using it in a steam bath.

Sources: *The Ferns of Florida* by Gil Nelson, *Guide to the Common Epiphytes of Florida* by Bruce Holst, *The National Audubon Society Field Guide to Florida* by Peter Alden et al., [www.efloras.org](http://www.efloras.org), and <http://wildsouthflorida.com>.

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# Tides Of Change Fundraiser Aids PACE Center

More than 330 community supporters recently came together for the 2019 Tides of Change in support of PACE Center for Girls, Lee County's vital counseling and academic programs.

Held November 8 at MarineMax Fort Myers, Tides of Change featured an evening of shoreside cocktails, dinner, dancing and a wave-making live auction to help chart a smoother course for at-promise young women in Lee County.

"PACE's programs serve well over 100 girls each year right here in Lee County," said Meg M. Geltner, executive director at PACE Center for Girls, Lee County. "Through impactful programs and counseling, 96 percent of our girls have improved academically and 95 percent have no involvement with the criminal justice system within a year of leaving PACE. We are so thankful for the tremendous community support seen at Tides of Change that will help us continue these lifechanging services for



Tides of Change co-chairs Suzanne Boy and John Agnew

the girls and young women of PACE."

Former PACE student Amy Iberger delivered the keynote address, highlighting the impact of PACE's influential programs. Iberger transitioned from PACE in 2017 and went on to graduate from Riverdale High School. She is now attending Florida SouthWestern State College with a two-year scholarship that was donated at PACE's 2018 Boo Ball.

"I learned leadership and how to work towards becoming the best version of myself every day," Iberger said during the event about her time with PACE. "There's a saying at PACE, 'once a PACE girl, always a PACE girl.' After watching my own personal transformation, I truly believe that and I am so proud to be a PACE girl."

The signature Tides of Change event was led by co-chairs John Agnew and Suzanne Boy with Boy Agnew Potanovic Law Firm. Event sponsors included the Fort Myers Police Department as North Star Sponsor (title), Boy Agnew Potanovic Law Firm as the Anchorage Sponsor, Cushman & Wakefield Commercial Property Southwest Florida and Scott and Mary Fischer as Helmsman Sponsors, and Lee Health,



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From left, David Collins, Christin Collins, Nicole Roland and Brian Roland





From left, Jenna Persons, Stefanie Ink-Edwards and Melissa Mitchell



From left, Vicki Pitbladdo, Richard Pitbladdo, Meg Geltner and Bob Geltner



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## Attorneys Honored At Pro Bono Luncheon

Celebrating the significant work of dedicated attorneys who believe in giving back to their community, Florida Rural Legal Services honored 25 attorneys for their pro bono work at the recent FRLS Pro Bono Awards Luncheon at Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers.

The attorneys were recognized for giving of their time and talents to assist those who otherwise could not afford legal fees in the tax clinic, with family law issues and other legal work.

Attorneys honored were:

Scott Atwood, Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, PA, Fort Myers;  
Shanthy Bala, Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc., Fort Myers;  
Albert V Batista, Naples;  
Norma H Brill, Fort Myers;  
Daniel Dalesandro, Associates and Bruce L. Scheiner, Fort Myers;  
Theresa Daniels, Daniels Law Office, Bokeelia;  
Che Diaz, Diaz Law Office, Fort Myers;  
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Local attorneys honored for their legal contributions at pro bono luncheon

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Steven Spence, Spence Law Firm, LaBelle;  
David Steckler, ACT Shelter, Fort

Myers;  
Joseph Trunkett, Trunkett Law Group, Fort Myers; and  
John Webb, Webb Law Group, Fort Myers.

Also recognized were several interns from Florida Gulf Coast University who worked with Naples Attorney David Steckler.\*

## Shoes And Socks Needed For Local Veterans

submitted by Dan Perkins

This is the third year for a unique opportunity for people on Sanibel and in Southwest Florida to help a homeless veteran change his or her life. Southwest Florida is in the Veterans Administration (VA) Bay Pines Healthcare District, which covers the area between St. Petersburg and Naples. The CW Bill Young Hospital in St. Petersburg houses a rotating 150 homeless veterans. These men and women come to the VA for help, and they are looking to turn around their lives. The VA can get them a place to stay, feed and clothe them, even get them job interviews, but they cannot provide them shoes and socks. The VA tells us that without proper shoes for interviews, it is hard for vets to get a job, earn a living and take care of themselves.

Again this year, residents have even more places to drop off their new shoes and socks. There are changes this year; we still need work boots, dress shoes and sneakers for men. However, we have been asked if we can help the growing population of homeless women vets by getting new sneakers and women's socks. The campaign will run from November 30 to December 22, and there will be drop boxes at 13 sites on Sanibel and surrounding communities.

New participants in the program are Sanibel and Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, Bank of America on Sanibel, St. Isabel Catholic Church and five local

radio stations. Outside the area is a radio and TV network in the Pacific Northwest: The Dove Network of Medford, Oregon. The network came up with a unique way for their listeners to help. Songs and Stories for Soldiers is a local 501(c)3 foundation that has been assisting vets for the last five years, right out of Sanibel. Their idea is to go to the [www.songsandstoriesforsoldiers.us](http://www.songsandstoriesforsoldiers.us) website and click on the Amazon Smile link. Go and shop for shoes and socks, and if you are an Amazon Prime member, you can ship the shoes and socks for free.

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All of the drop boxes will be out by Saturday, November 30 at the following locations on Sanibel:

Bailey's General Store; Bank of America; The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club, American Legion Post 123; St. Isabel Catholic Church; Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce; Kingfisher Real Estate; The Community House; Sanibel Fire and Rescue District; FISH of SanCap; Sanibel Public Library.

The drop-off location is Fort Myers is St. Columbkille Catholic Church, 12171 Iona Road; Port Charlotte drop-off location is WIKX Radio, 24100 Tiseo Boulevard, Ste. 10.

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## Book Review

## The Turn Of The Key



by Di Saggau

I love a good psychological thriller, and Ruth Ware delivers in her latest novel *The Turn of the Key*. The book opens with a young woman, Rowan Caine, writing to a lawyer to say that she did not kill anyone. The letters continue to grow and tell the story. Rowan stands accused of murdering one of the four children in her care while she was a nanny. Which child died under her care? What brought Rowan to Scotland for the nanny job? What events led up to the fateful event? These are the questions that are slowly answered.

The book is about a nanny alone in a Scottish estate that appears to be haunted, and children who aren't at all what they seem. Rowan was unhappy in her job at a London daycare center, so she answers an ad for a live-in nanny for architects Bill and Sandra Elincourt. The salary offered is very generous. Rowan discovers that four predecessors in the position have all walked off the job during the last year. She also learns that the enormous house is wired to be smart in every possible way, ensuring that privacy is a thing of the past.

Upon arriving in Scotland, Rowan wins over Sandra. Then the couple tells her they need to work on a major project and will leave her alone with

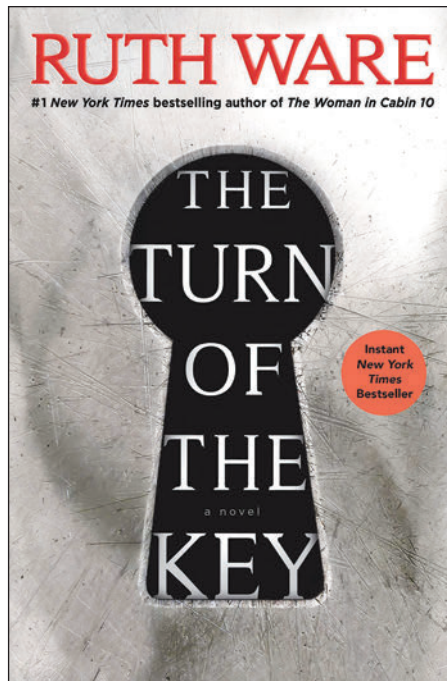


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the children. The children are not exactly thrilled with their new nanny. The tension mounts as the various characters' true agendas are revealed. There's also a poison garden and an attic filled with secrets. Rowan has stepped into a nightmare, one that will end with a child dead and herself in prison awaiting trial for murder.

Ware provides the reader with just enough information along the way and then pulls together the plot's many threads with a surprise ending that stays with us long after we turn the last page. A review in *Library Journal* says, "Ware hits another one out of the park. Fans of hers or anyone with a taste for the disturbing will stay up late devouring this."✱

patience and ability to focus will help you enjoy yourself more, too.

Holidays represent a change in a family's normal schedule and, for some kids, that's unsettling. Preparing them for changes in their routines, what to expect and what you expect of them will help head off meltdowns. If you're traveling, bring familiar toys and books, and make sure you have quiet one-on-one time like reading before bed.

Give yourself a break as well. Don't stretch yourself too thin trying to create the "perfect" holiday season. Decide what is important, prioritize and say "no" to what you can't handle. Your kids will be fine with a less than perfect tree, cookies, décor, etc.

Kids pick up their parents' stress and tension, so they're more likely to be irritable if you are. Have a sense of humor, enjoy your kids for who they are, and keep in mind that what you'll all remember when it's over is likely to be the unexpected moment when everybody was relaxed, not the perfectly choreographed party, dinner, or outing.

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## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

**D**ear Shelley, Every year when the holidays come around, we all get stressed out at my house and often at my kids' schools. My kids and I seem

to be overwhelmed. Even their coaches and teachers seem frazzled. How can I help my kids, which in turn might help everyone else, to have less stress and enjoy this season.

*Cheryl K, Fort Myers*

**Cheryl,**

The holidays are often fraught with tension because expectations for happiness have been set at a ridiculously high standard. Movies, television, advertising and social media depict this season with so many images of "perfection" that many people and especially children become confused about what is real, appropriate and

worthwhile for them. Expectations are then heightened, and the holidays can feel like a test of how happy and successful your family is. And, if you have children with psychological or learning disorders, even favorite traditions can turn into a test of stamina and patience. Here are some ideas to help minimize stress and make the holidays more fun and fulfilling.

Talk with your kids about your traditions, which ones they love and which you might evolve to make them more fun or memorable for everyone. This is especially important when family dynamics have changed because of divorce, a new marriage or sibling, or a death in the family.

When making holiday plans, be realistic. Remember your children's limitations when you make plans and that will help to reduce stress on everyone. Kids who are anxious about meeting new people or even encountering the extended family will need support and realistic expectations. Kids who have trouble with organization will need help to succeed at gift-giving. Children who tend to be impulsive need structure to minimize disruptive behavior. Not overestimating your kids'

## School District To Hold Vendor Open House

The School District of Lee County is holding its 2nd annual Vendor Open House in the Lee County Public Education Center on Thursday, December 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. This is an opportunity for businesses who would like to compete for contracts to work with the district to learn the proper procedure and make the necessary contacts.

The procurement services department will be hosting discussion topics such as:

How to register for bid notifications

The district's purchasing policies and procedures

How to complete a bid packet

RFQ process for construction projects



"We award large construction projects to general contractors who are qualified to manage projects valued up to \$100 million, and these projects generate opportunities for smaller businesses to perform work locally," said Frederick Ross, procurement services director. "During the open house, vendors can meet the district's general contractors, share their firm's qualifications and follow up on district subcontractor bid opportunities."

A variety of non-construction related contract opportunities will be available at the open house as well.

The Lee County Public Education Center is located at 2855 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information or to register for free, visit [www.leeschools.net/procurement](http://www.leeschools.net/procurement).✱

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# Saints Or Sages



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

During the holiday season, it's not just children who put forward their best behavior in hopes that Santa Claus delivers great bounty. The rest of us tend to reflect on our life's journey. We try to be more considerate, patient and kind, while also being less judgmental of those around us.

We try to be more "saintly," don't we?

Which got me thinking about what a saint really is. Is it the utmost in morality? I'm not sure that it is when you examine sainthood closely. Sainthood is individual in nature. In most major religions, a saint is a person of extremes. He is defined

as loving kindness towards all. He lives in a world of self-denial, in that he doesn't seek material rewards or outside praise.

A saint's understanding of moral life is to give everything away to others in need. The saint may give all his money to the poor. But in so doing, what has the saint done to his own family? They suffer because of his extreme self-denial. A saint may refuse to fight in battle. But what about the saint's country and its defense? A saint may forgive all crimes committed against him, at the expense of law and justice.

Saints are supremely virtuous people, yet you cannot build a society out of saints alone. Indeed, saints aren't really interested in society. They have chosen a different, lonely self-segregating path.

Contrast this against a "sage" or "prophet." When watching the news, we see all sorts of people who claim to prophesize about our coming destruction. These are today's moral guardians. Their interest is in society at large as opposed to individual virtue.

We are told that we have lost our moral compass. Our prophets lament inequality, be it racial, religious, ethnic or monetary. Our modern day sages cry that the earth is dying beneath our feet, yet we continue to spew greenhouse gases, eat meat and throw plastics into the waters such that one day soon, we will be able to walk across trash stretching from Japan to California.

A true sage is a different kind of person altogether different than a saint. She follows the way of moderation and balance.

She avoids the extremes of cowardice on the one hand by speaking out about today's wrongs and injustices, yet isn't reckless about it, and thus acquires the

virtue of courage. She avoids miserliness in one direction, prodigality in the other, and instead chooses the middle way of generosity.

The sage understands the twin dangers of too much and too little, excess and deficiency. She weighs the conflicting pressures and avoids extremes.

The saint and the sage are not just two types of people, but rather two different ways of understanding moral life itself. Is a moral life to achieve personal perfection? Or is it to create gracious relationships and a decent, just and compassionate society? Can one have both?

I recently attended a conference where attorney Stan Miller explained that there will likely be the largest intergenerational transfer of wealth in the next 20 years or so unlike anything previously encountered throughout history. What are we to do with this wealth? Will our estate plans help heed our prophets' warnings to correct society's wrongs? Is that not saintly to do so within your estate plan?

What are the causes most important to you? How will your legacy work to promote those issues? Will it be through those you have raised or taught? Or will you leave generous amounts to those willing to raise the flag after your time here is done?

Are you the saint who heeds the prophet's warning? Or are you the prophet looking for saints to help your cause?

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## Airport To Offer Live Holiday Music Programs

Sounds of the Season, Lee County Port Authority's holiday music program at Southwest Florida International Airport, is featuring live performances from local elementary, middle and high schools this month.

Local schools will bring their music programs to entertain travelers and people in the terminal at Southwest Florida International Airport during the holiday season. There will be 32 performances this year from area schools taking the opportunity to share their talented students with the airport community.

Performances will take place on the upper level, inside Door 5, in front of the large windows in the West Atrium at Southwest Florida International Airport.

The following is the schedule:

- Friday, December 6  
10:30 a.m. – Diplomat Elementary School  
11:30 a.m. – Bonita Springs Elementary School  
Monday, December 9  
9:30 a.m. – Pinewoods Elementary School  
10:30 a.m. – North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts  
11:30 a.m. – San Carlos Park Elementary School  
Tuesday, December 10  
9:30 a.m. – Oasis Charter Middle & High School  
10:30 a.m. – Varsity Lakes Middle School  
11:30 a.m. – San Carlos Park Elementary School  
2:30 p.m. – Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts  
Wednesday, December 11  
9:30 a.m. – Bonita Springs Charter School  
10:30 a.m. – Lehigh Elementary School  
11:30 a.m. – Veterans Park Academy for the Arts  
Thursday, December 12

- 10:30 a.m. – The Alva School  
Friday, December 13  
9:30 a.m. – Bayshore Elementary School  
10:30 a.m. – Tropic Isles Elementary School  
11:30 a.m. – Bonita Springs Charter School  
12:30 p.m. – Trafalgar Middle School  
Monday, December 16  
9:30 a.m. – Tanglewood Elementary School  
10:30 a.m. – Hancock Creek Elementary School  
11:30 a.m. – Oak Hammock Middle School  
Tuesday, December 17  
9:30 a.m. – Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School  
10:30 a.m. – North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts  
11:30 a.m. – Bonita Springs Charter School  
1 p.m. – Tice Elementary School✴

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## Downtown Gallery

in juried shows and have exhibited locally throughout Southwest Florida and in Chicago.

Sculpting with paper masking tape over wire and reclaimed objects is where the artwork begins, aiming to express an imaginative, storybook spirit. Each sculpture is encased with layers of acid-free glue, while color is added with more layers of acrylics and protected with varnish. A large part of the work is figurative sculpture where a world of made-up, quirky, imperfect characters is introduced to the viewer. Many of the sculptures are familiarized in their own illustrative digital art.

Water Ways is a whimsical, naïve but loving view of living things in and around local banks and shores. The intention of the artists is to stir up, refresh memories and make one think about the vital message that water connects us all.

Arts for ACT Gallery is located at 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. For more information, email [dale.ocasio@gmail.com](mailto:dale.ocasio@gmail.com), call 691-8292, or visit [www.ocasiocasa.com](http://www.ocasiocasa.com).✴

## Sanibel Shoes & Socks for Homeless Veterans

**Drop-Off Locations  
November 30 to December 22**

We kicked off year three of Sanibel Shoes and Socks for Homeless Veterans and, we added additional drop-off sites.

Below are places that offer a drop-off box to deposit shoes and socks.

### SANIBEL

Bailey's General Store  
The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club  
American Legion Post 123  
St. Isabel Catholic Church  
Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce  
Kingfisher Real Estate  
Bank of America  
The Community House  
Sanibel Fire and Rescue District  
Sanibel Public Library  
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### FORT MYERS

St. Columbkille Catholic Church  
**PORT CHARLOTTE**  
WIKX Radio



We will continue to collect shoes and socks for men and women from now until the Sunday before Christmas. If you want to give veterans the opportunity to get a job, bring dress shoes, work boots or sneakers and socks to one of the drop-off centers.

For more info, call 973-687-4826



## Lifetime Achievement Award Honoree

Alexandra (Alex) Bremner received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Uncommon Friends Foundation at the annual Uncommon Evening gala at the Burroughs Home & Gardens on November 14. The award signifies many years of exemplary service to the locally founded non-profit organization.

Bremner was a teacher in the School District of Lee County for 35 years and saw first-hand the importance of teachers and the impact they have on the education and well-being of children. Her aunt, Berne Davis, provided the seed money to start the Uncommon Friends Foundation's scholarship program. Bremner has served as chair of the scholarship committee for many years in addition to serving on the foundation board of



**Alexandra Bremner** photo provided  
directors. She is currently serving as chair of the foundation's Uncommon Evening.\*

## Lee County To Be Featured In State Calendar

Lee County will be featured as December 2020 of the 2020 Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Calendar called Aerial Florida. Lee County's photo is one of 15 photos chosen for the calendar out of nearly 300 photos submitted during the annual calendar photo contest.

"The 2020 calendar offers a unique perspective of the state, one that few may get to see no matter how long they've lived here – a view of Florida from the sky," said FAC President and Leon County Commissioner Nick Maddox. "The calendar provides an opportunity for resident and visitors alike to showcase the beauty that every county has to offer."

Each year the membership votes on a calendar theme and a photo contest is held over the summer. Now in its seventh year, the photo contest has gained popularity among both professional and amateur photographers. The 2020 FAC Calendar is available for purchase at [www.fl-counties.com](http://www.fl-counties.com).

"Lee County is honored to have

been chosen by the members of FAC to represent December in the FAC 2020 Calendar," said Lee County Commission Chairman Brian Hamman. "This is a unique chance to show off why Lee County is such a great place to live, work and play."

The 15 photos chosen to represent 15 different counties and showcase the views of Florida from above are:

Cover: Leon County  
December 2019: Bay County  
January 2020: Highlands County  
February 2020: St. Johns County  
March 2020: Broward County  
April 2020: Lake County  
May 2020: Miami-Dade County  
June 2020: Okaloosa County  
July 2020: Manatee County  
August 2020: Palm Beach County  
September 2020: Levy County  
October 2020: Polk County  
November 2020: Pasco County  
December 2020: Lee County  
Back Cover: Seminole County  
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Association of Counties is a non-profit association representing the diverse interests of Florida's 67 counties. FAC helps counties effectively serve and represent Floridians by strengthening and preserving county home rule through advocacy, education and collaboration.\*

## Best Buddies Surpasses Goal At Inaugural Gala

Best Buddies Southwest Florida recently surpassed its inaugural Champion of the Year Gala fundraising goal by 63 percent, raising a total of \$79,000. As the top fundraiser, Ken Coker of Cross Country Mortgage was named the 2019 Champion of the Year for the local organization.

The gala was recently held at the Forest Country Club in Fort Myers, which featured silent and live auctions, dinner and dancing.

Prior to the event, 11 Southwest Florida 'champions' raised funds and awareness for Best Buddies Southwest Florida, and generated countless opportunities for friendships, jobs and leadership development for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

"We are so proud of Ken and all of our champions, who worked diligently to help us achieve our goal for the inaugural Champion of the Year event. Their collective efforts will make a tremendous impact on the lives of those with intellectual and developmental abilities," stated Melanie Musick, area director of Best Buddies Southwest Florida. "The Southwest Florida community has embraced our mission wholeheartedly, and we so appreciate to continue receiving support from community leaders, business owners and residents."



**Ken Coker** photo provided

The champions also included: Andy Minoie, Starbucks at Miromar Outlets; Dale Earp, Earp Enterprises; Derek Newborn, Derek Newborn Fitness; Susan Christiano, Engel & Volk; Amy Gaziano, mother of 2018 Best Buddies Friendship Ball queen; Steve Bray, Titan Restoration Construction; Jenna Maringione, FGCU chapter president; David Oliver, Talking Bear Consulting; Elizabeth Salazar, Lehigh Senior High chapter vice president and Tim Dupre, Conditioned Air. Event sponsors included: FPL Home, Seminole Casino and Hotel, Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial, Downtown House of Pizza, Zak's Jewelry and Vein Specialists, Dr. Joseph Magnant.\*

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## Financial Focus

## Invest In Your Family And Community



by Jennifer Basey

**W**hy do you invest? For many people, here's the answer: "I invest because I want to enjoy a comfortable retirement." And that's certainly a great reason, because all of us

should regularly put money away for when we're retired. But you can also benefit by investing in your family and your community.

Let's start with your family members, particularly the younger ones. How can you invest in their future? One of the best ways is to help send them to college. A college degree is still a pretty good investment: The average lifetime earnings of a college graduate are nearly \$1 million higher than those of someone with a high school degree, according to a study by the U.S. Census Bureau.

To help your children or grandchildren pay for any college, university, vocational school or other postsecondary education, you may want to open a 529 savings plan. With this account, withdrawals are federally tax free, as long as the money is used for qualified higher education expenses, including those from trade and vocational schools. (However, if you withdraw some of the earnings on your account, and you don't use the money for qualified expenses, it will be taxable and can also incur a 10 percent federal tax penalty.) Plus, you retain control of the funds until it's time for them to be used for school, so if your original beneficiary chooses not to pursue some type of higher education, you can name

a different eligible beneficiary.

Another way to invest in your family is to help your adult children avoid feeling obligated to provide financial assistance to you. For example, if you ever required some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home, could you afford it? The average cost for a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000 per year, according to a study by Genworth, an insurance company. And Medicare typically pays very few of these expenses. So, to avoid burdening your adult children – while also preserving your own financial independence – you may want to consider some type of long-term care insurance. A financial advisor can help you determine what coverage may be appropriate.

Moving beyond your family, you may want to invest in the social fabric of your community by contributing to local charitable, civic, educational or cultural groups. Of course, now that we're in the holiday season, it's the perfect time for such gifts. Furthermore, your gift will be more appreciated than in years past because one of the chief incentives for charitable giving – a tax deduction – was lost for many people due to tax law changes, which raised the standard deduction so significantly that far fewer people chose to itemize deductions. However, you might still be able to gain some tax benefits from your charitable gifts. To name one possibility, you could donate financial assets, such as stocks that have risen in value, freeing you of potential capital gains taxes. In any case, contact your tax advisor if you're considering sizable charitable gifts.

Saving for your retirement will always be important. But don't forget about investing in your family and your community – because these investments can provide satisfying returns.

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## Tobacco-Free Policy At Quality Life Center

**Q**uality Life Center of Southwest Florida, Inc. is being recognized for being the county's first recreational organization to adopt a tobacco-free policy in the Dunbar community of Fort Myers.

The Quality Life Center of Southwest Florida, Inc. adopted a tobacco-free policy for staff, members, volunteers and visitors. The tobacco-free policy will prohibit the use of all cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco and electronic cigarettes.

Quality Life Center youth participating in Florida's statewide youth advocacy organization – Students Working Against Tobacco – collaborated with the Department of Health in Lee County to develop a policy that would protect the community, particularly

youth, from the harmful and deadly effects of tobacco and electronic cigarettes.

"The Q is proud to provide a clean, safe and healthy environment for youth to enjoy and take advantage of recreational activities in the community," said Katrina Shanks, teen program coordinator. This policy covers all Quality Life Center facilities at any time from "curb to curb," including offices, grounds, adjacent sidewalks, parking lots/ramps, organization-owned vehicles and vehicles parked on owned or leased property.

Quality Life Center of Southwest Florida recognizes the hazards caused by tobacco products and exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke and aims to protect the health of their employees, youth members and all visitors to their facility. They are committed to assisting employees and community members wanting to quit smoking by referring them to Tobacco Free Florida's free Quit Your Way cessation resources.✱

## Superior Interiors

## Try A Bold Color Scheme In Home Design



by Jeanie Tinch

**C**olor theory is a complex take on what would traditionally be considered simple, choosing a color scheme. This idea is all about how different shades work together in harmony based on

certain context. In home design, you pick a theme and arrange different pieces of furniture and decor based on the structure of the room and how the hues can flow together. Many often go for a neutral palette, one that uses traditionally soft shades that are keen to the eye and evoke natural calming sensations. While a neutral theme can be satisfying, it's not always going to make a statement. If you're on the fence about one of the color schemes in your home, or lack thereof, why not take a chance and go for something bold?

Perhaps the room needs a new face. Step inside the room you want to transform and think back to the last time you switched up the design. If you can't remember when that took place, close your eyes, take a deep breath and imagine incorporating a color that could make the living space pop, giving the room the personality it deserves. Something as simple as a new shade on the walls can take an area in your home to the next level. Eccentric wallpaper can add a fun twist to your home style and give the room a new face as well.

Adding a fresh color in your home is a wonderful way to inject your personality in the space. There's something so gratifying about transforming a room with a new bold color scheme. Just think about the opportunity – it's endless. If it's been a long time since you've expressed yourself and you need an outlet, redecorating with a daring color can help you express the feelings you've kept inside for years. That's the beauty of transforming a room – it's a blank canvas that you can convert into your own personal colorful haven using paint, furniture, accessories and pieces of decor.

Maybe you've been afraid to step away from the comforting neutral palette you've had for years. Or, perhaps you just can't picture yourself taking a bold approach in home decor. There's no use in saying you'll try a bold color scheme at some point in your life – take the step outside of your comfort zone now. Think about a bold hue that you love (or simply catches your eye) and imagine it in that living space you retreat to every morning. Whether it's something as simple as adding a single colored accent wall to your entryway or taking the plunge and purchasing the striking window treatments or area rug you've been eyeing for years, there's no better time to go bold than now.

Making a big change in your home is a commitment that can be intimidating, but it doesn't have to be. With assistance

from a design professional, you can follow through with the bold theme you've been excited to try for years. He or she can help you incorporate that daring color in a way that pops without being over the top.

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## Montage Women To Meet

**T**he Montage Women's Club, a social and philanthropic club open to all women residing in Lee County, will meet at The Landings Yacht, Golf, and Tennis Club on Friday, December 20 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be followed by an informative program.

The guest speaker will be Greg Parker, a news anchor for the local ABC television network. Parker is an expert guitar player and has agreed to bring his guitar to the meeting to lead attendees in some holiday carols.

Within the organization are various interest groups for members' participation. Membership is open to both year-round and seasonal residents. Meetings are usually held on the fourth Thursday of each month.

The Landings Yacht, Golf, and Tennis Club is located at 4425 South Landings Drive, Suite 100, in Fort Myers. For more information or to make a reservation, call 481-7765.✱

## Military Group Dinner Meeting

**T**he next meeting of the Lee Coast Chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association or America) will be held at Crown Colony Golf and Country Club on Monday, December 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Guest speaker is David Santini, director of Hearts and Homes for Veterans. Reservations are required.

Former, retired or active duty uniformed officers who are interested in joining MOAA should contact Terry Robertson at 352-638-5838 for membership information.✱

## Animal Services Gift Giving Tree

**L**ee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS) will celebrate the upcoming holiday season with a Gift Giving Tree. The tree is decorated with ornaments containing a wish list of gifts for the shelter pets and can be found in the adoption lobby at Animal Services, 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers.

Visitors can pick up an ornament and return a gift to LCDAS by Saturday, December 21 to help make the shelter animal's holiday a little brighter. The ornament is yours to keep for your tree.

The adoption center is open 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Dogs, cats, bunnies and guinea pigs are looking for a home just in time for the holidays. Visit [www.leelostpets.com](http://www.leelostpets.com) to see pets available for adoption.✱



## Employee Scholarships By Cypress Cove

Cypress Cove's staff scholarship committee recently awarded 14 educational scholarships for the spring 2020 academic term to employees and dependents of the South Fort Myers Life Plan community.

The recent scholar selections bring to 36 the number of employees and their dependents who have been chosen as scholarship recipients since the program began in fall 2017. Program scholars from Cypress Cove have been represented at 12 different institutions of higher learning.

The current class of scholars represent five different colleges: Aspen University, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida SouthWestern State College, Rasmussen College and the University of South Florida.

This spring's scholarship class, according to Cypress Cove Philanthropy Specialist Allen Abbott, includes 10 returning scholars. Of the 14 recipients, eight are employees of Cypress Cove and six are dependents of Cypress Cove employees.

Three recipients have been awarded specific named scholarships. They are Rasmussen College student Paul Denova, a licensed practical nurse at The Lodge who has received the Anne Tatler Family Scholarship; Florida SouthWestern State College student Abigail Pierre, daughter of Dietary Aide Marjorie Saintheard, who received the Bill and Janet Nichols



Cypress Cove Dining Services' employee Shantee Gayle, right, receives her Spring 2020 scholarship award from Philanthropy Specialist Allen Abbott as Dining Services Director Kevin Mannix looks on photo provided

Scholarship; and Line Cook Travis Whiddon, an engineering major at Florida Gulf Coast University, who was awarded the first-ever Betty Haskell Scholarship.

Additional recipients are Sephora Augustin, a certified nursing assistant (CPA) at The Lodge; Jeff Cassamajor, son of Denis Cassamajor who is a CNA at The Lodge; Marc Charles, a home health aid with Cypress at Home; Madison Cunningham, daughter of Lodge employee Tracey Cunningham; and Housekeeper Evelyn Alpizar.

Other scholarship winners were the mother-daughter awardees Nancy Gaspard, CNA at the Lodge, and her daughter, Sergine Gaspard. They both

received scholarships for the second consecutive semester.

The remaining scholarship recipients are Shantae Gayle from Dining Services; Dapheline Jocelin, daughter of Yverose Jocelin, a CNA at The Lodge; Anne Laguerre, daughter of Welna Zamor of Dining Services; and Kimberly Scott, minimal data set coordinator 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.\*

## Christmas Market At Fort Myers Beach Museum

The second annual Friends of the Mound House Christmas Market will be held at Mound House on Saturday, December 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A wide variety of local vendors will be on site. Visitors can get free chair massages and have free photo ops with Saint Nick. Fort Myers Beach Chapel by the Sea will provide musical entertainment, and the Caloosa Carvers will create holiday magic with their carving artistry.

Momentum Brewery will have beer samples for purchase. The Fort Myers Beach Dog House restaurant will provide food.

Mound House, a national historic landmark, is offering museum admission free all day, with a special discount available for visitors to the Mound House gift shop, which has a wide selection of fun and educational gifts for kids of all ages.

Mound House is located at 451 Connecticut Street on Fort Myers Beach. For more information, visit [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) or call 765-0865. Vendors may apply by contacting Gayle Crabtree-Pergoli at [crnagayle@msn.com](mailto:crnagayle@msn.com).\*

## Health Facilities Garner Marks For Term Care Quality

HealthPark Care & Rehabilitation Center has been listed as a 2019-20 Best Nursing Home by *U.S. News & World Report*, earning two top badges for quality care. The Skilled Nursing Unit (SNU) at Lee Memorial Hospital also earned top marks for short-term care.

New this year, *U.S. News* is assigning most facilities two ratings – one for short-stay rehab and a new long-term care rating. This new methodology is intended to provide prospective residents who need help with daily activities, and their families with specific information about the quality of care provided by nursing homes. The rating includes data on staffing, success in preventing ER visits and pneumonia vaccination rates, among other metrics. Out of 13,685 nursing homes that received a long-term care rating, 1,139 were designated as High-Performing, according to *U.S. News*.

"We're proud to receive three 'high-performing' ratings from *U.S. News* for excellence in both short-term and long-term care," said Dave Cato, Lee Health's chief administrative

officer of outpatient services. "Our compassionate team strives to be a national leader in quality skilled nursing, and this recognition shows that we are providing the highest level of care for our patients, whatever their needs."

HealthPark Care & Rehabilitation Center is one of only two facilities in Lee County that earned a Best Nursing Home designation for both long- and short-term care.

Analyzing data provided by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), *U.S. News* provides each facility a rating ranging from one to five, with five being the highest. This rating evaluates a broad range of resident conditions and care at each nursing home, including both shorter-term rehabilitation and long-term chronic care.

HealthPark Care & Rehabilitation Center is a skilled nursing facility with 112 beds located adjacent to HealthPark Medical Center, where focused medical care is combined with personalized support services to help patients achieve their optimal health and independence. The SNU is an 18-bed unit within Lee Memorial Hospital that opened in 2017. Both facilities have also earned five-star ratings from CMS for top-quality care.

For more information, visit [www.health.usnews.com/best-nursing-homes](http://www.health.usnews.com/best-nursing-homes).\*

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# Frankly Speaking



by Howard Prager

Rivalries, old and new. One feature of Thanksgiving weekend is lots of football (and great food). And good football rivalries. Some were excellent; some were blowouts; a

superb potential Super Bowl preview between the 49ers and Ravens, and a life-changing, game-ending shot.

What rivalries do you follow? It seems like every team, NCAA and professional, has a team that just gets under their skin. Bears-Packers, Michigan-Ohio State, Auburn-Alabama, Army-Navy are all perennially great matchups and are always worth watching. Even though the Bears-Packers and Army-Navy games are a few weeks away, they are among the ones to savor. In fact, Navy is the most improved team this year, going from 3-8 to a current 9-2 and No. 23 ranking in the Top 25. Air Force has also done well and is 10-2 this season, losing only to Navy and Boise State and most recently ranked No. 25. The Navy rivalry with Army goes back 128 years, and nearly

100 years for the Bears-Packers which started in 1921 and is the most played matchup in the NFL – 199 games. That’s a long time to turn up the heat. (If you remember from my column last week, the NFL started in 1920).

As for last weekend’s rivalries, Michigan-Ohio State is one of the oldest starting in 1897 and playing regularly since 1918. Unfortunately for this Michigan fan, Ohio State has owned the game over the last seven years, with this year truly being another slaughter and forgettable match. The Iron Bowl between Alabama-Auburn started earlier, in 1893, but was not played regularly until 1948. This year, Alabama was ranked 5th, and the lead went back and forth a lot before No. 15 Auburn clinched it with a game-winning field goal. The upset by Auburn knocked ‘Bama out of FBS contention for the first time in several years. A fitting farewell to Auburn’s first Heisman Trophy winner QB Pat Sullivan, who passed away last weekend. This opens up the possibility of Utah getting into the Top 4, as they are 11-1 and are ranked 5th. Georgia plays LSU next weekend for the SEC championship, with Utah conceivably jumping over one of them.

Other surprises from rivalry weekend was a spirited Indiana-Purdue game that went into double OT before Indiana pulled it out, strengthening the chances

of Hoosiers going to a decent bowl game with an 8-4 record, which they hadn’t seen since 1993. Northwestern had nowhere to go, but still managed to beat bowl-bound Illinois with their first Big Ten win this weekend. And Minnesota, after going undefeated most of the season, has now lost two games to finish at 10-2 with their loss to Wisconsin and earlier to Iowa, both big rivalries. If Minnesota can win their bowl game, they will have 11 wins for the first time since 1904. It will be nice to see new teams at some of the better bowls.

As for the Super Bowl, both the Ravens and 49ers have been hot all season. The Ravens, with Lamar Jackson being a highlight-reel himself, won the game with a last second field goal. The game had gone back and forth, featuring some big plays (the 49ers first TD was a bomb on 4th down and 2) and great stops by both teams. If this was a Super Bowl preview, football fans have a lot to look forward to.

Here is a good news story from Thanksgiving week. A previously unknown basketball player from Stephen F. Austin University, Nate Bain, hit a last-second shot to beat Duke during Thanksgiving week, and word quickly gets out that there is a GoFundMe campaign for his family, whose home and church were badly damaged when Hurricane Dorian hit the Bahamas earlier this year.

The water had risen more than 10 feet at the Bains’ home. The church where his father Norris is pastor was heavily hit as well. Funds went from \$2,000 before Nate hit the buzzer-beater to \$137,000 afterwards. “This has been unbelievable,” his dad said in an interview Thursday, after he watched tens of thousands of dollars pour into the account in 24 hours. “It has truly been life-changing.”

Now the challenge is how do you legally distribute an unexpected philanthropic windfall to the family of a student athlete? Funds would be distributed to the Bains once they provide receipts for goods and services that comply with the NCAA guidelines. It’s not clear that the funds can be used to rebuild or refurbish Tabernacle Baptist Church where Norris Bain is minister. NCAA rules state that excess funds must be donated to a charity, and it is unclear whether the church would be considered a charity. But two things are clear: Nate Bain has definitely raised his profile on the court and, more importantly, his family home will be rebuilt. All because of “the shot that beat Duke.”

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## National Fishing Seminar Tour Opens In Area

The Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series will kick off its 2020 tour in Fort Myers on Saturday, January 4. The 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. event will be held inside the Cohen Center at Florida Gulf Coast University. The seminar series will involve a one-hour break at noon.

George Poveromo, host of *George Poveromo’s World of Saltwater Fishing* on the Discovery Channel and contributing editor for *Salt Water Sportsman*, will headline the program, along with co-host “Crazy” Alberto Knie, a legendary shallow water and land-based fishing specialist on catching trophy snook, redfish, tarpon and flounder.

The annual eight-stop nation-wide tour is presented by Bass Pro Shops.

Joining Poveromo and Knie will be: Captain Chris Turner – third-generation Naples-based guide specializing in fishing the waters from Naples to Chockolokee

Captain Codty Pierce – Noted expert on fishing artificial lures within the waters of Charlotte Harbor down through Estero Bay, with Pierce Backcountry Adventures

Captain Aron Blaisdell – Premier authority on fishing Southwest Florida’s inshore and near shore waters

Captain Phil Pica – Legendary Fort Myers-based offshore fishing specialist for cobia, permit, groupers and snappers. Pica is equally skilled at catching tarpon and snook, with Pica Charters.

Captain Debbie Hanson – Noted Estero-based light tackle inshore fishing



George Poveromo with a yellowfin grouper photo provided

specialist and award-winning outdoor writer

Captain Steve Sewell – Renowned Fish Tale Marina-based pro specializing in fishing the far offshore wrecks and natural bottom structures, including night fishing for snapper with Hawg Wild Charters

Captain Mike Goodwine – Renowned Florida-based guide specializing in catching trophy redfish, sea trout, flounder and tripletail with Blackneck Adventures Fishing Charters

Harry Vernon III – Premier South Florida-based offshore trolling, live-baiting and bottom fishing authority

Captain David Wicker – Noted king mackerel tournament pro and specialist at using marine electronics to locate and catch more fish

Captain Alan Wenzel - South Florida-based authority on offshore live-baiting and trolling as well as conventional and deep-drop bottom-fishing

Topics for the Fort Myers seminar will focus on inshore, near shore and offshore fishing, all saltwater and all related to the region. Featured species to include snook, trout, flounder, redfish, tarpon, permit, cobia, groupers, snappers, dolphin, wahoo and tunas.

Cost for a ticket is \$55, and includes five hours of instruction from the best pros in the business, a course textbook, a one-year subscription or extension to *Salt Water Sportsman*, one Roffer’s Ocean Fishing Forecast Analysis, bottle of OrPine Wash & Wax, bottle of Star tron fuel treatment, bottle of Star brite Extreme Clean, bottle of Corrosion Block, a \$10 discount card off any purchase of \$75 or more from Bass Pro Shops, and chances

to win thousands of dollars’ worth of door prizes.

The grand prize at the conclusion of the Fort Myers seminar is a Florida Keys fishing trip with one of several premier guides. The super grand prize, to be awarded two weeks after the conclusion of the 2020 series, is a new Mako Pro Skiff 17.

As an added bonus, attendees of the Fort Myers seminar are invited to the After Seminar Party at Bass Pro Shops in Fort Myers. A special area will be set aside for the 4 to 6:30 p.m. party. Guests must show their seminar series name tag to gain entry and are entitled to bring one guest. Food, drink and music will be provided. George Poveromo and several other faculty members will be present.

For more information or tickets, call 1-800-448-7360, or register online at [www.nationalseminarseries.com](http://www.nationalseminarseries.com).

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the last pitcher before Arizona’s Zack Greinke in 2018 to have a hit, an RBI and a stolen base in at least two games in a season?
2. Name either of the major-league pitchers who led his respective league in shutouts a record seven times.
3. When was the last time before 2018 that Army’s football team was ranked in The Associated Press Top 25 poll?
4. Dwane Casey holds the record for most career regular-season victories (320) as coach of the Toronto Raptors. Who is second?
5. When was the last time the Boston Bruins won 50 or more games in consecutive NHL seasons?
6. The U.S. women’s soccer team set a Women’s World Cup group stage scoring record in 2019 with 18 goals in three games. What country had held the record with 17 goals?
7. How many fights did former heavyweight boxing champion Joe Frazier have after losing to Muhammad Ali in the Philippines in 1975?

## ANSWERS

1. Bob Gibson, in 1969. 2. Walter Johnson (A.L.) and Grover Cleveland Alexander (N.L.). 3. It was 1996. 4. Sam Mitchell, with 156 victories (2004-09). 5. The Bruins did it from the 1970-71 season through the 1973-74 season. 6. Norway (1995). 7. Two fights.



Beautifulife:

## Greener Pastures

by Kay Casperson



Most of you have heard the term “greener pastures,” but what does that mean? I happen to think that there are many ways to look at this term, and they don’t always end up to be greener, or better. As a matter of fact, in many cases, when people think the grass is greener on the other side, they find out that it is not, and where they were was not so bad after all.

You might love what you do as a career but feel like you need a change. You then find something that looks and feels a bit better, and it might just be the next best thing. Then, one day, you look around to realize that you were much happier and in a better situation before.

What do you do now?

You may feel that you want to move away to experience new adventures in a completely different environment. You make a move, and then you look around and realize that this was not what you envisioned, or were hoping for your future. Now what?

Relationships can get trying at times and whether it is a long relationship or a short one, the challenges most definitely

will arise. Regardless of the amount of time spent with someone, there will probably be a moment or two that you think about, “what if?” or “how can I be happier, more content, more fulfilled?”

There are always examples in life where a greener pasture is completely necessary to move to a better situation for your health, happiness, peace of mind and overall beautiful life. But, the point is, regardless of whether you change your career path, start a new relationship or move to a new location, you will still encounter challenges along the way.

Sometimes the need to find greener pastures lies within us. Making just a slight adjustment in our attitude, gratitude and appreciation for the here and now will help you make the right decisions before looking to a new, plushier and greener pasture. You may find that the grass is pretty green right where you are, and if you listen to your heart, you may find a brand new love for all that you had yesterday, all that you have today, and all that tomorrow will bring.

My affirmation for you this week is: “I appreciate all that I have and will continue to follow my heart to live my beautiful life every day.”

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## Hospital In Top 50 For Heart Care

Lee Health’s HealthPark Medical Center is among the 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals again, joining some of the most elite hospitals in the country for top heart care, including the Mayo Clinic.

IBM Watson Health’s 50 top-performing cardiovascular hospitals represent the very best heart care in the United States. HealthPark Medical Center is one of only three hospitals in Florida to earn the designation and the only one south of Daytona Beach. It’s also the only hospital in the state to make the list three years in a row.

“We’re humbled to be again included among the top 50 hospitals in the country for cardiovascular care,” said Larry Antonucci, MD, MBA, Lee Health president and CEO. “This recognition demonstrates the commitment our cardiovascular teams bring to caring for their patients every day and is further proof the Southwest Florida community doesn’t need to leave home to receive leading-edge, high-quality, patient-centered care.”

This year’s study included 989 U.S. hospitals with cardiovascular service lines utilizing independent and objective research to analyze hospital and health system performance in key clinical and operational areas for selected cardiovascular procedures and medical care. The winners delivered better outcomes while operating more efficiently and at a lower cost, based on comparisons between the study winners and a peer

group of similar hospitals in the study.

“Cardiovascular care is a complex, yet essential service, so to earn a spot among the 50 best hospitals in the country for three straight years is really an honor and a testament to the excellence our team delivers every day. We thrive on providing compassionate, world-class care for our patients, and we couldn’t be more proud to receive this award,” said Richard Chazal, MD, medical director of the Lee Health Heart and Vascular Institute and Past-President of the American College of Cardiology.

The rankings are divided by category, including teaching hospitals with cardiovascular residency programs, teaching hospitals without cardiovascular residency programs and community hospitals. HealthPark Medical Center – and Lee Memorial Hospital – are included on the teaching hospitals without cardiovascular residency program.

The annual study identifies top U.S. hospitals for inpatient cardiovascular services based on a balanced national scorecard of hospital performance metrics, including outcomes, clinical processes and efficiency measures.

The IBM Watson Health 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals study (formerly the Truven Health Analytics study) is an annual, quantitative, objective study that recognizes the nation’s best providers of cardiovascular care, based on publicly available data and a balanced look at operational, clinical and financial performance metrics. The study is part of the Watson Top 100 Hospitals program. For more information about the 100 Top Hospitals program, go to [www.100tophospitals.com](http://www.100tophospitals.com).✪



CAC board members Candis Loving and Anita Duenas

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## Thanksgiving Meal Served To Area Residents

The Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC) recently served the residents of Pine Manor their 17th annual Thanksgiving dinner. The entire event is a group effort between the CAC Board, staff and Pine Manor parents, with a lot of help from the Pine Manor Improvement Association and its teen group. Parents and teens help set up and take down; teens bus tables and handle trash; staff, interns and parents cook and make centerpieces; and the board serves until everyone is full.

Thanks go to all our board members and community supporters who served the meal, to Charles Idelson for underwriting the event, to Lee County Tax Collector for taking video, to Lee County Sheriff’s Office for attending and, most of all, to Community Cooperative for preparing the turkeys and gravy.

Since 1981, the Children’s Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, Inc. (CAC), a United Way partner agency, has worked to improve the lives of children and their families through a coordinated response to child abuse and



CAC Board president Cole Peacock with board member Larry Hart

neglect, offering them a safe and friendly environment in which to heal. CAC provides abuse determination services as well as therapeutic counseling, parenting education and prevention programs in Lee, Hendry, Glades and Charlotte counties. All services are provided free of charge. For more information, call 939-2808 or visit [www.cac-swfl.org](http://www.cac-swfl.org).✪



CAC board members on the serving line



dearRPharmacist

## Toxic Holiday Plants That Affect Children And Pets



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**D**ear Readers: So you know how I love to use plants as 'medicine' and frequently recommend herbs to you?

Well, there are certain plants that are dangerous, especially

at this time of the year. *Not all plants are medicine!*

Holiday plants are sometimes poisonous. Many poisonings happen during travel because some people don't realize that holiday plants are dangerous, and they decorate with them. Then you show up with your baby, or your pet and something happens. Here are tips to stay safe:

**Christmas trees** – If you love the scent of a beautiful living Christmas tree, I recommend you feed it with plain water. Commercial preservatives are not necessary. Most brands induce stomach upset and vomiting to children and pets who crawl around the floor and take a sip of the water in the Christmas tree stand. Some commercial tree preservatives (or home-made versions) contain anything from harmless ingredients like corn syrup or soda to more dangerous ingredients such as bleach, whiskey or aspirin.

**Holly Berries** – Branches of the holly tree (often called "boughs" of holly) are beautiful holiday decorations and are frequently used to add color to mantles, table settings and even food. Be careful with this one because the berries are poisonous to both humans and animals. If you accidentally ingest the berries, it can cause local irritation in your mouth as well as severe diarrhea, vomiting, dehydration and weakness. There have been fatalities.

Keep holly boughs up and away from children and beloved pets or, alternatively, buy silk or plastic versions of holly for your home decor. If you insist on fresh holly boughs, you should remove the red berries before placing the bough if you have little visitors coming, or pets. Here's why that's a smart move: *When the holly dries out in your home, which is pretty quickly, the berries fall off the plant and become a danger to children and pets.*

**Poinsettia** – The poinsettia plant blooms with those stunning big red flowers. It also has varieties that bloom in white and cream. This plant is often considered deadly but it's not usually fatal if eaten. The poinsettia sap in the leaves and flowers can be irritating if children and pets chew on it, especially because it causes a painful mouth, lip or skin rash. If swallowed, it will also cause cramps and stomach upset. But it doesn't kill.

**Mistletoe** – The kissing sprig. If you pass beneath the mistletoe, you can get one planted on you. It's a well-known

holiday tradition and symbol of love. American mistletoe (*Phoradendron serotinum*) is different and safer, compared to its European cousin known botanically as *Viscum album*.

In a study examining 1,754 American mistletoe poisonings, almost all the cases were children (92 percent of exposures), and they were all cases from chewing and swallowing the plant. There were no fatalities. So again, American mistletoe is not toxic like European mistletoe, but here in the states, it's come down to guilt by association. I do not recommend eating or consuming any part of the plant... however smooches are perfectly fine!

*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](http://www.SuzyCohen.com).✴*

## The Lodge At Cypress Cove Earns Top Rating

**T**he Lodge at Cypress Cove, one of Southwest Florida's premier skilled nursing and rehabilitation facilities, has earned the prestigious Five-Star Overall Quality Rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

"We are extremely proud that the hard work and quality care provided by The Lodge's dedicated staff has been recognized," said Health Services Director David Gray of the rating for the 64-private apartment skilled-living community. "Each member of this team is to be commended for their continuous efforts to make The Lodge a special place."

A Five-Star rating by CMS also was awarded to The Lodge in 2017 and has been continuously granted since then. The facility, part of the 48-acre life plan Cypress Cove community, reaches across all spectrums of nursing care – from private long-term care to skilled rehabilitation.

In 2016, The Lodge enhanced its service abilities with the addition of the 3,500-square-foot Mead Therapy Center. The state-of-the-art rehabilitation center also serves as an outpatient service facility.

CMS established the five-star rating program to help consumers, their families and caregivers more easily compare the quality of care and services within nursing facilities. Ratings are based on five categories of criteria including health inspections, quality measures (measurement that judge the quality of care given to residents) and staffing.

Last year, The Lodge completed a multi-million renovation and facility upgrade. The community's 64-private resident suites and two restaurants were renovated and fitted with new modern conveniences and furnishing. The Lodge's goal, explains Gray, is to ensure and maintain the highest quality of lifestyle for our residents while providing peace of mind to their loved ones.✴

Doctor and Dietician

## MSG Migraines



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

**I**got my first migraine in graduate school. After the structural cause of the migraines was addressed with prolotherapy, I would still occasionally experience migraines after having eaten a food. The culprit: MSG.

MSG, a flavor enhancer most known in Chinese food, is widely used, often hidden on the ingredient list, typically found in highly processed foods. MSG or glutamic acid act as nerve stimulants and will change how taste buds perceive food, so even a bad-tasting food will taste good. MSG is also linked to high insulin, cholesterol and blood pressure, liver issues, as well as neurological, brain and gut issues. Glutamate in excess can cause nerves to fire excessively becoming neurotoxic.

The FDA does not require labeling as MSG unless that food contains 99 percent pure MSG. Unfortunately, MSG is produced as a result of protein

hydrolysis or as a byproduct of protein processing in the form of free glutamic acid. While this may happen when consuming protein foods like meats, dairy and even vegetables, the glutamic acid is released with other amino acids rather than just in high concentrations on its own. Thus, non-processed whole foods do not cause a toxic MSG reaction.

Bottom line: MSG or its by-products are found in nearly every highly processed food. Even vegetable proteins are hydrolyzed to make veggie burgers, as well as other so-called "healthy" or "vegan" frozen foods.

Look for these common ingredients with MSG: hydrolyzed vegetable protein (or hydrolyzed anything), textured vegetable protein, yeast extract, glutamic acid, glutamate, monopotassium glutamate, calcium glutamate, gelatin, soy protein isolate to name a few.

Avoid carrageenan, bouillon, broth, stock, flavorings, maltodextrin, citric acid, anything pasteurized, enzymes or protein-fortified, seasonings, soy sauce, pectin, to name a few.

What to eat? Fresh. Fish, meat, vegetables, dairy, fruits and grains. Dump the junk!

*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](mailto:info@caringmedical.com).✴*

## Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

**Q:** What are some codependent behaviors?

**A:** Codependent behaviors include trying to control others, perfectionism, approval seeking behaviors, the

inability to express anger (ie, being passive-aggressive) and other feelings out of fear of being disapproved of, and overreacting.

If you or someone you know has these behaviors, often the person is unaware because they are so ingrained they become second nature. When a behavior is brought to our attention, perhaps we see ourselves as others see us. In order to change the codependent behavior, the first step is awareness.

In relationship, someone who is codependent may think to say, "I'll do anything, just don't leave me."

It's helpful to think of a more desirable behavior to shift to, for example, if someone is prone to eating unhealthy foods, he/she first becomes aware of this or it's brought to one's attention. A

more desirable behavior can be put in place, such as eating healthy fruits and vegetables. Bring about awareness of this desirable shift, evaluate the outcome of how you feel and renew this healthy behavior with a commitment.

It can also be helpful to write the steps down to remember what you want to change and how to go about making and embracing the change. First, ask yourself what behaviors you want to change or modify, and ask what your options are. Write them down and follow through. You will be on your way to positive behavioral change.

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## Overeaters Anonymous

**I**f 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](http://www.southwestfla.org).

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way.✴



# PETS OF THE WEEK

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Lee County Domestic Animal Services

## Mimi And Charlie



MiMi ID# A800451

**H**ello, my name is Mimi. I am a 3-year-old female domestic shorthair who is a beautiful calico cat that is very affectionate. I love to give head bumps and snuggle. Wherever you are in the room, that is where you will find me. I will follow you wherever you go. I get along well with my feline companions, so if you adopt me you can take advantage of the adopt one get a feline friend at no additional charge.

My adoption fee is \$50 with the BOGO special.

Hi, I'm Charlie. I am a 1-year-old male chow/golden retriever mix who is a playful pup that is at the beginning stages of training. I know how to sit, and I walk great on the leash. In fact, my leash manners are impeccable. My breed combination makes my fur super-soft. LCDAS is currently taking applications on me as I need an owner that is familiar with the chow breed. This handsome fellow needs to be set up for success, so if you are interested in meeting me, call 533-9233.



Charlie ID# A801723

My adoption fee is \$50.

Lee County Domestic Animal Services will celebrate the upcoming holiday season with a Gift Giving Tree. The tree in the adoption lobby at Animal Services is decorated with ornaments with a wish list of gifts for the shelter pets. Visitors may pick one up and return them to Animal Services by December 21 to help make the animals' holiday a little brighter. The ornament is yours to keep for your tree. Visit [www.leelostpets.com](http://www.leelostpets.com) to view all pets currently available and adoption fees.

*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](http://www.leegov.com/animalservices) or call 533-7387.\**

Haven on Earth Animal League

## Baby Grey And Peloton



Baby Grey

**H**i There! We are Baby Grey (grey and white) and Peloton (black and white tuxedo). While we aren't biological siblings, we've spent our entire lives together so we would really like to get adopted together. Baby Grey is a 6-month-old male, and Peloton is a 5-month-old female. We've been neutered and spayed and have all of our vaccinations. We are very playful and sweet.

Baby Grey likes to give kisses, and will cuddle

and sleep with you – just like a human child. Baby Grey needs a lot of attention and really needs to have another kitty around to help keep him company and play with him. Peloton is very easy going. They both get along great with other cats and would do well in a multi-cat household. Baby Grey has extremely soft fur and feels like a marshmallow, while little Peloton is sleek and shiny. Peloton has a white tip at the end of her tail.

Come see us at the PetSmart on Six Mile Cypress Parkway in Fort Myers.

*We are being cared for by Haven on Earth Animal League. For more information, call Diane at 860-833-4472 or email [haveneearthanimalleague@yahoo.com](mailto:haveneearthanimalleague@yahoo.com).\**



Peloton



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

### ARTS

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

### CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

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

### AREA ATTRACTIONS

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

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PUZZLES

Answers on page 28

Super Crossword

WOMEN WITH A CONNECTION

- ACROSS**

1 Emanates (from)

6 Get — on (ace)

9 Diner fave

12 False show

15 Girl coming out in society

18 Plain to see

19 Its capital is Minsk

21 Lion-headed monster

23 ANNE

25 Department in eastern France

26 Munic. statute

27 Juan's emphatic assent

28 1,501, to Caesar

29 Grad's "with honor"

30 Begin a PC session

32 DIANA

34 Monastery garments

35 French fauvist Dufy

37 Favorable vote

38 Vegas stake

39 "Ooh" or "tra"

40 Actor MacLeod
- 41 — -Z (completely)

42 Actress Henner

45 AMY

49 Recycling holder

50 Stimp's cartoon pal

51 Exclude

52 — Aviv

53 Small songbird

54 Cordon — (veal dish)

55 Stuck in

57 Ill-bred fellow

59 "Rambo" site, in brief

61 Tiny biting midge

63 EMMA

67 Sun block?

70 Mel whose "4" was retired

71 Make a face

72 Sternward

76 De-wrinkle

77 Suffix with Motor

79 Huge bird of legend

81 One + two, in German

83 No, in Ayr

84 Amer. soldiers

85 JANE

89 Walk showily

91 Feast on
- 92 It may be stainless

93 Soothe

94 Tiny charged bit

95 Oktoberfest "Oh!"

96 Driver's 180

97 Gillis in an old sitcom

98 KATE

102 Amaze the audience

103 NATO, e.g.

104 Sleep

105 Bric-a- —

107 Ignited, as a match

109 Would have, given the chance

110 GRACE

113 Stable troughs

114 Sidestepped

115 Information tech mag

116 What "+" may mean

117 Grain staple

118 Rainy

119 Mag workers

120 Pee Wee whose "1" was retired
- 3 Lea

4 Make a goof

5 Balanced condition

6 Simple skills

7 Old brand of grape soda

8 Stein filler

9 Wedding-related

10 Clearheaded

11 Chinese philosopher

Lao- —

12 Charge with an offense

13 Munch (on)

14 Area at the top of a PC window

15 Amount the insured must first pay

16 Abrade

17 Less adorned

20 Military division

22 More spiteful

24 — Tin Tin (TV dog)

29 Shout

31 Queen's onetime rock genre

32 Crime film genre

33 Inauguration Day

34 Actress Bow
- 35 How an extremist acts

36 Online user's self-image

40 Emerald, e.g.

41 Happy as —

42 "So am I"

43 In — of (rather than)

44 "One" on a U.S. penny

46 Ice cream drinks

47 One with a six-year term

48 Color related to emerald or pistachio

54 Telly network, with "the"

56 Oomph

58 Indigo Girls, e.g.

60 "So tasty!"

62 Sluggish type

64 Actress Deschanel

65 Parade walk

66 Soap opera, informally

67 Boars, e.g.

68 Opera highlight

69 Locale of Mount Erebus

73 Title girl of a Poe poem
- 74 Exact copies

75 Little laugh

78 Comic actor Don

80 Client

82 Pipe fitter's elbow

85 City in west California

86 Locale of Waikiki

87 Flabbergast

88 "That hurts!"

90 Swindling, slangily

95 For neither profit nor loss

96 System of online newsgroups

97 Stevedore

98 — mia!"

99 Brand of fat substitute

100 Prefix with cellular

101 Was behind the wheel

102 Female WWII server

105 Needed suturing, say

106 Frees oneself (of)

108 Little fella

110 Mandible or maxilla

111 Honored Fr. woman

112 Female with a fleece

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King Crossword

- ACROSS**

1 Temperate

5 Owns

8 Lovers' quarrel

12 Sandwich treat

13 Final (Abbr.)

14 Small combo

15 "Desperate Housewives" actress Eva

17 Cincinnati team

18 Ingratiate

19 Warehouse pile

21 Pigpen

22 Deck for a 10-count

23 Wife of Saturn

26 Embrace

28 Become one

31 Addict

33 Shell game

35 "My Heart Will Go On" singer

36 Ringworm

38 Egypt's boy king

40 Toss in

41 Transmit

43 Afternoon party

45 "Jane Eyre" author

47 Do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti, do

51 Mongolian
- tent

52 Great bliss

54 Mideastern potentate

55 Fields or Butterworth

56 Villain's look

57 Fix, in a way

58 Crafty

59 Young woman
- 5 "Get a move on!"

6 Foreman foe

7 Pile

8 Wandered off

9 Transvaal city

10 Staffer

11 Pitch

16 Inauguration recitation

20 Ewe's mate

23 No longer stylish

24 Omega pre-ceder

25 Brain's stimulus receptors

27 Understand
- 29 Deity

30 Conclude

32 Space flight conclusion

34 Job for a medical examiner

37 Pismire

39 Georgia —

42 Considers

44 Coral circle

45 Tourney situations

46 Derriere

48 Vicinity

49 Competes

50 Corn spikes

53 Web address
- DOWN**

1 Double agent

2 Press

3 Give for a time

4 Venetian magistrates

MAGIC MAZE ● — CHARGE

G O E V I T I S O P L J H E C  
A X V T R T E P E C N A N I F  
N C A V A L R Y L R J N H F P  
D B Y K K X A V R E V O C T U  
E L E C T R O S T A T I C R D  
P O I M T K I G E D B S C Z E  
X R W X U T R N I N O S R E P  
T Q E O N L C A R R Y I N G M  
F O E E R F J I G F D M C A U  
N Y X W V T S H T P E D R P R  
O N L K J G N I L D N A H I T

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

- Admission

Carrying

Cavalry

Cover
- Depth

Electrostatic

Finance

Free of
- Handling

No extra

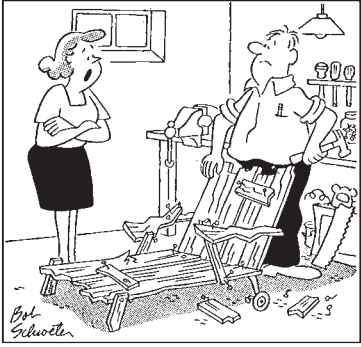
Person in

Service
- Take

Trickle

Trumped-up





"If that's for the patio, I hope  
\_\_\_\_\_ never comes."

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!

Peace  
**CLENISE**

Degree  
**AMUESER**

Blush  
**MICRONS**

Edge  
**ARMING**

**TODAY'S WORD**

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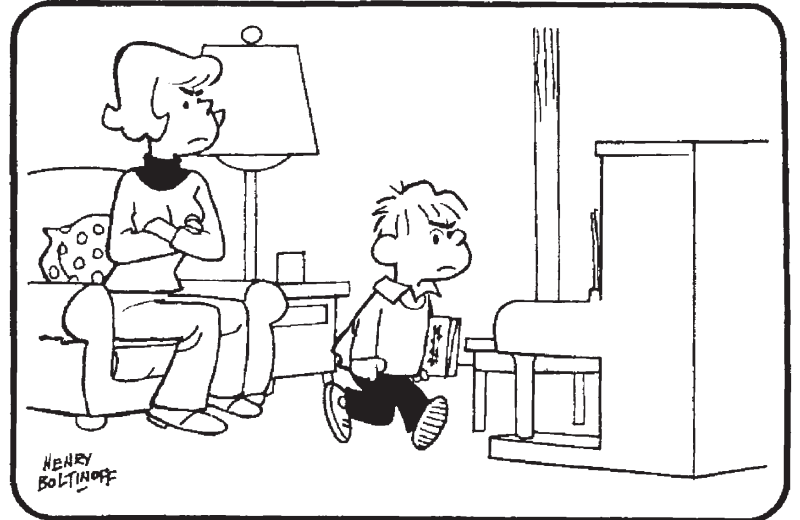
## SUDOKU

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

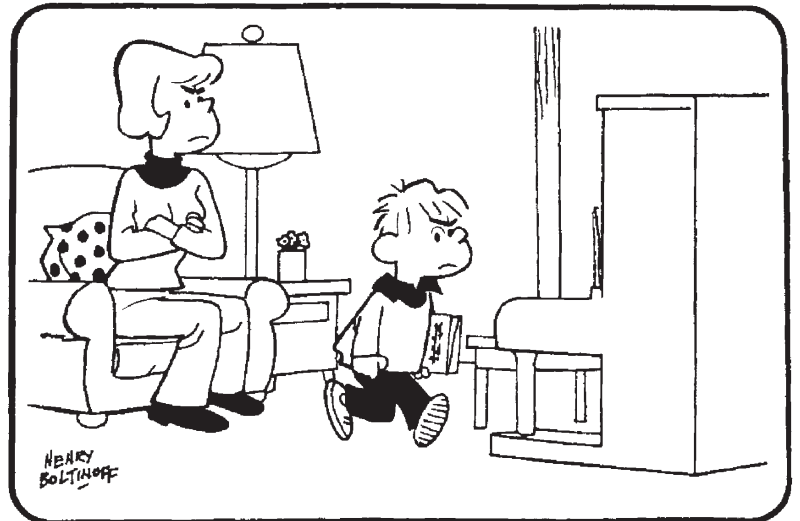
Answer on page 28

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Pillow pattern is different. 2. Boy's shirt is black. 3. Mom's shoes are black. 4. Flowers are added to vase. 5. Piano is taller. 6. Mom's hairstyle is different.



### Shrimp Succotash and Spicy Corn Cakes

#### Shrimp Succotash

- 1 pound peeled shrimp
- 1 large tomato, diced
- 1 ear sweet corn, cut off the cob
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped garlic
- 1 tablespoon seafood seasoning
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 cup scallions, chopped
- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste

Heat the olive oil in a heavy skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Saute corn for 5 minutes, then add tomatoes, garlic, shrimp, and seafood seasoning and continue to cook for 2 to 3 more minutes. Stir in 1/2 the scallions and cook for 1 minute. Remove from pan and spoon over flatbread, sprinkle with remaining scallions.

#### Spicy Corn Cakes

- 1 large bell pepper, diced fine
- 2 cups self-rising cornmeal
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 cups milk



Shrimp Succotash and Spicy Corn Cakes


- 2 large eggs
- 1/3 cup jalapeño, seeded and chopped
- 1/4 cup scallions, chopped
- Butter or corn oil for frying
- In a large bowl mix together cornmeal,

sugar and salt. Add in bell peppers, scallions, jalapeños, eggs, and milk and mix until well blended. Let the batter rest for 10 or 15 minutes. Add oil to just cover bottom of skillet and heat over


medium-high heat. Spoon even amount of mixture into skillet and cook 3 or 4 minutes (you will see air holes). Flip and cook until golden brown. Serve warm with the succotash.✱

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FRIDAY  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 74 Low: 69




SATURDAY  
Sunny  
High: 77 Low: 71




SUNDAY  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 74 Low: 69




MONDAY  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 76 Low: 71



TUESDAY  
Sunny  
High: 74 Low: 69



WEDNESDAY  
Sunny  
High: 72 Low: 62



THURSDAY  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 74 Low: 67

Redfish Pass Tides				
Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	9:07 am	3:02 am	9:21 pm	2:31 pm
Sat	10:23 am	3:52 am	9:44 pm	3:09 pm
Sun	11:26 am	4:35 am	10:06 pm	3:42 pm
Mon	12:21 pm	5:14 am	10:30 pm	4:11 pm
Tue	1:12 pm	5:52 am	10:57 pm	4:36 pm
Wed	1:59 pm	6:30 am	11:28 pm	5:01 pm
Thu	2:46 pm	7:09 am	None	5:26 pm

Point Ybel Tides				
Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	8:12 am	3:04 am	8:26 pm	2:33 pm
Sat	9:28 am	3:54 am	8:49 pm	3:11 pm
Sun	10:31 am	4:37 am	9:11 pm	3:44 pm
Mon	11:26 am	5:16 am	9:35 pm	4:13 pm
Tue	12:17 pm	5:54 am	10:02 pm	4:38 pm
Wed	1:04 pm	6:32 am	10:33 pm	5:03 pm
Thu	1:51 pm	7:11 am	11:09 pm	5:28 pm

Punta Rassa Tides				
Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	8:24 am	2:55 am	9:04 pm	2:46 pm
Sat	9:37 am	3:47 am	9:46 pm	3:26 pm
Sun	10:44 am	4:35 am	10:25 pm	4:06 pm
Mon	11:32 am	5:19 am	10:57 pm	4:45 pm
Tue	12:12 pm	6:00 am	11:22 pm	5:23 pm
Wed	12:51 pm	6:39 am	11:42 pm	5:57 pm
Thu	1:33 pm	7:20 am	None	6:31 pm

Cape Coral Bridge Tides				
Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	11:17 am	6:18 am	11:31 pm	5:47 pm
Sat	12:33 pm	7:08 am	11:54 pm	6:25 pm
Sun	1:36 pm	7:51 am	None	6:58 pm
Mon	12:16 am	8:30 am	2:31 pm	7:27 pm
Tue	12:40 am	9:08 am	3:22 pm	7:52 pm
Wed	1:07 am	9:46 am	4:09 pm	8:17 pm
Thu	1:38 am	10:25 am	4:56 pm	8:42 pm

PUZZLE ANSWERS

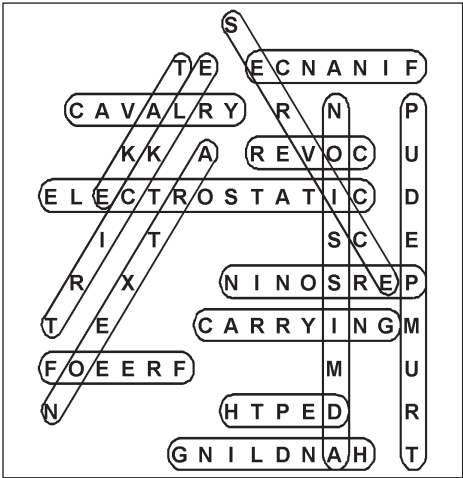
SUPER CROSSWORD

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KING CROSSWORD

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MAGIC MAZE



SUDOKU

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TRIVIA TEST

- Anatomy:** What is a common name for the “digitus annularis”?
- Movies:** Which 1980s movie featured the song *Up Where We Belong*?
- General Knowledge:** In which year did Harper’s print its first magazine?
- U.S. President:** Which president invented the swivel chair?
- Games:** What is the name of the male mascot in the “Monopoly” board game?
- History:** Which Revolutionary War figure led the Boston Tea Party?
- Television:** What was the name of Lily and Herman’s son in *The Munsters*?
- U.S. States:** What is the capital of Idaho?
- Bible:** What was Abel’s occupation, compared with Cain’s?
- Animal Kingdom:** What is a group of frogs called?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Ring finger 2. An Officer and a Gentleman 3. 1850 4. Thomas Jefferson 5. Rich Uncle Pennybags 6. Samuel Adams 7. Eddie 8. Boise 9. Abel was a shepherd, and Cain was a farmer. 10. An army.

My Stars ★★★★★

**FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 9, 2019**  
**Aries** (March 21 to April 19) There could be an unexpected change in plans for your upcoming holiday travels. But keep in mind that a little flexibility goes a long way in resolving any disappointments.  
**Taurus** (April 20 to May 20) A new relationship might not be responding quite as quickly as you’d hoped. Could you be expecting too much too soon? Try to ease up and let things happen at their own pace.  
**Gemini** (May 21 to June 20) As we approach the frenetic pace of pre-holiday planning, take time out now to reconnect with the wonderful people who share your life, especially the one who also shares your dreams.  
**Cancer** (June 21 to July 22) A misunderstanding should be resolved before you get caught up in the flurry of holiday preparations. Set your pride aside and deal with it, regardless of who might have hurt whom first.  
**Leo** (July 23 to August 22) Being told that a colleague might have been trying to undercut your effectiveness might or might not be true. Get all the facts before you even think about acting on this so-called information.  
**Virgo** (August 23 to September 22) It’s a good idea to start your holiday preparation plans early in order to avoid a time crunch if an unresolved workplace situation causes a problem. That old friend might have some welcome news.  
**Libra** (September 23 to October 22)

A family member’s actions continue to surprise you, but this time with positive results. Could be your wise counsel finally got through. It’s like having an early holiday gift, isn’t it?  
**Scorpio** (October 23 to November 21) Your reluctance to act in a current situation could be traced to your inner self advising you to take more time to study its complexities before you attempt to deal with it. Good luck.  
**Sagittarius** (November 22 to December 21) Soothing hurt feelings before they can ignite an angry outburst is the wise thing to do. And, of course, when it comes to doing the “wisdom thing,” you do it so well.  
**Capricorn** (December 22 to January 19) Budget your time so that you can handle both your workplace duties and your personal holiday planning -- including travel arrangements -- without burning out on either end.  
**Aquarius** (January 20 to February 18) You might find that you still need to firm up one or two of those still-outstanding decisions so that you finally can move forward as you had planned. Weigh the facts, then act.  
**Pisces** (February 19 to March 20) You usually don’t carry grudges, but you might feel this is one time when you’re justified in doing so. But aren’t you spending too much energy holding onto it? Let it go and move on.  
**Born This Week:** You have a way of using your quiet strength to persuade people to follow their better instincts and do the right thing.

MOMENTS IN TIME

- On Dec. 13, 1577, English

seaman Francis Drake sets out from Plymouth, England, with five ships and 164 men on a mission to raid Spanish holdings on the Pacific coast of the New World. Three years later, Drake’s return to Plymouth marked the first circumnavigation of the earth by a British explorer.  
• On Dec. 10, 1901, the first Nobel Prizes are awarded in Stockholm, Sweden, on the fifth anniversary of the death of Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite and other explosives. It is believed that Nobel created the prizes out of moral regret over the increasingly lethal uses of his inventions in war.  
• On Dec. 14, 1911, Norwegian Roald Amundsen becomes the first explorer to reach the South Pole, beating his British rival, Robert Falcon Scott, by more than a month. Amundsen used sleigh dogs, while Scott employed motor sledges, ponies and dogs.  
• On Dec. 15, 1945, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, as Supreme Commander of Allied Powers in the Pacific, brings an end to Shintoism as Japan’s established religion. The Shinto system included the belief that the emperor, in this case Hirohito, was divine.  
• On Dec. 11, 1961, the ferry carrier USNS Core arrives in Saigon with the first U.S. helicopter unit, including 33 helicopters and 400 air and ground crewmen. Their assignment was to airlift South Vietnamese Army troops into combat.  
• On Dec. 9, 1979, a commission of scientists declares that smallpox has been eradicated. The disease, which



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# Moments In Time

carries a 30 percent chance of death for those who contract it, is the only infectious disease that has officially been eradicated.

• On Dec. 12, 1980, American oil tycoon Armand Hammer pays over \$5 million at auction for an almost 500-year-old notebook containing writings and detailed drawings by artist Leonardo da Vinci, all relating to water and how it moved.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was Lebanese poet Kahlil Gibran who made the following sage observation: “I have learnt silence from the talkative, toleration from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind; yet strange, I am ungrateful to these teachers.”
- Those who study such things have determined that one out of every four alcoholic drinks consumed in the world has vodka in it.
- Famed actor Clark Gable, dubbed the King of Hollywood, was once a hobo.
- At some point you’ve almost certainly heard a coward described as “lily-livered,” but did you ever wonder where that expression came from? It was

once believed that the seat of courage in the human body was the liver; therefore, someone who was timid presumably lacked blood in the liver, causing that organ to become white.

- Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than for the U.S. Treasury.
- There once was a law in Marshalltown, Iowa, stating that it was illegal for a horse to eat a fire hydrant. And in Oregon, it was at one time illegal for a dead person to serve on a jury.
- Would the history of medicine be different if Sigmund Freud had gone into law instead of psychoanalysis? That was his original aspiration in life -- to be a lawyer.
- Karaoke and karate: Other than the fact that they are both from Japan, you wouldn’t think they have much in common. However, they both have the same root word, “kara,” which means empty. “Oke” means “voice” and “te” means “hand;” hence, “karaoke” is “empty voice,” and “karate” is “empty hand.”
- Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of their birthplace.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“He who buys what he does not need steals from himself.” -- Swedish proverb

# Deadlines For Financial Aid

High school seniors should keep track of deadlines for applying for college financial aid. Here are some tips from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible. Check with the financial aid offices of the schools to which you’ve applied to determine if they require any forms other than the FAFSA.

Look for scholarships using a free online scholarship search.

Attend any college fairs and financial aid seminars offered at your high school or in your area. If a company charges a fee for helping with applications, remember that you can do that yourself for free. If you decide to pay for help, make sure the company is reputable by checking with the state attorney general’s office or the Better Business Bureau in your area, as well as the area where the firm is located.

KHEAA is a public, non-profit agency established in 1966 to improve students’ access to college. It provides information about financial aid and financial literacy at no cost to students and parents.

KHEAA also helps colleges manage their student loan default rates and verify information submitted on the FAFSA. For more information about those services, visit [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com).

# Cape Coral Arts & Music Fest

The Cape Coral Arts & Music Festival will return to South Cape Coral for its 35th year on Saturday, January 11 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, January 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hosted annually by the Rotary Club of Cape Coral, the festivities will be held on Cape Coral Parkway between Del Prado Boulevard and SE 10th Place, and north to SE 47th Terrace. For the second time, the largest juried art show in Southwest Florida will showcase live music talent on Saturday from 3 to 9 p.m. Admission and parking are free for festival attendees.

The Cape Coral Arts & Music Festival is Lee County’s largest special event, according to the Lee County Tourist Development Council and the Lee County Visitors and Convention Bureau. Attracting more than 100,000 visitors, this annual festival brings together the works of more than 300 juried artists and artisans from

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across the country. Exhibitors will showcase their fine art, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, photography, metal works and mixed media. Food will be available for purchase from a variety of vendors via Little Joe's Special Events.

New this year, the Rotary Club is partnering with iHeart Music to bring musical acts from every genre to the stage. The Rotary Club of Cape Coral is also offering the opportunity for local businesses to expose their brands via business booths. These booths were added at the 2019 event as an extension to the existing festival vendors. For more information about getting a business booth, visit [www.capecoralfestival.com/marketplace.html](http://www.capecoralfestival.com/marketplace.html).

Volunteers are needed, and sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information about or to participate in the Cape Coral Arts & Music Festival, call Jim Perry at 699-7942 or visit [www.capecoralfestival.com](http://www.capecoralfestival.com).✱

## Event Kicks Off Holiday Season

Come celebrate the start of the holiday season at Babcock Ranch's third annual Tree Lighting Event in Founder's Square on Saturday, December 7 from 6 to 9 p.m.

NBC-2 News anchor Lisa Spooner will emcee the festivities, including the Babcock Ranch tree lighting ceremony. The family-friendly evening will feature electric train rides, face painting, balloon artists and holiday performances by Babcock Neighborhood Schools kindergarten through third grade classes and the Alva School Band and Chorus.

Santa Claus will be making a stop at Babcock Ranch via horse-drawn sleigh and posing for photos. Festive food and drink specials will also be available.

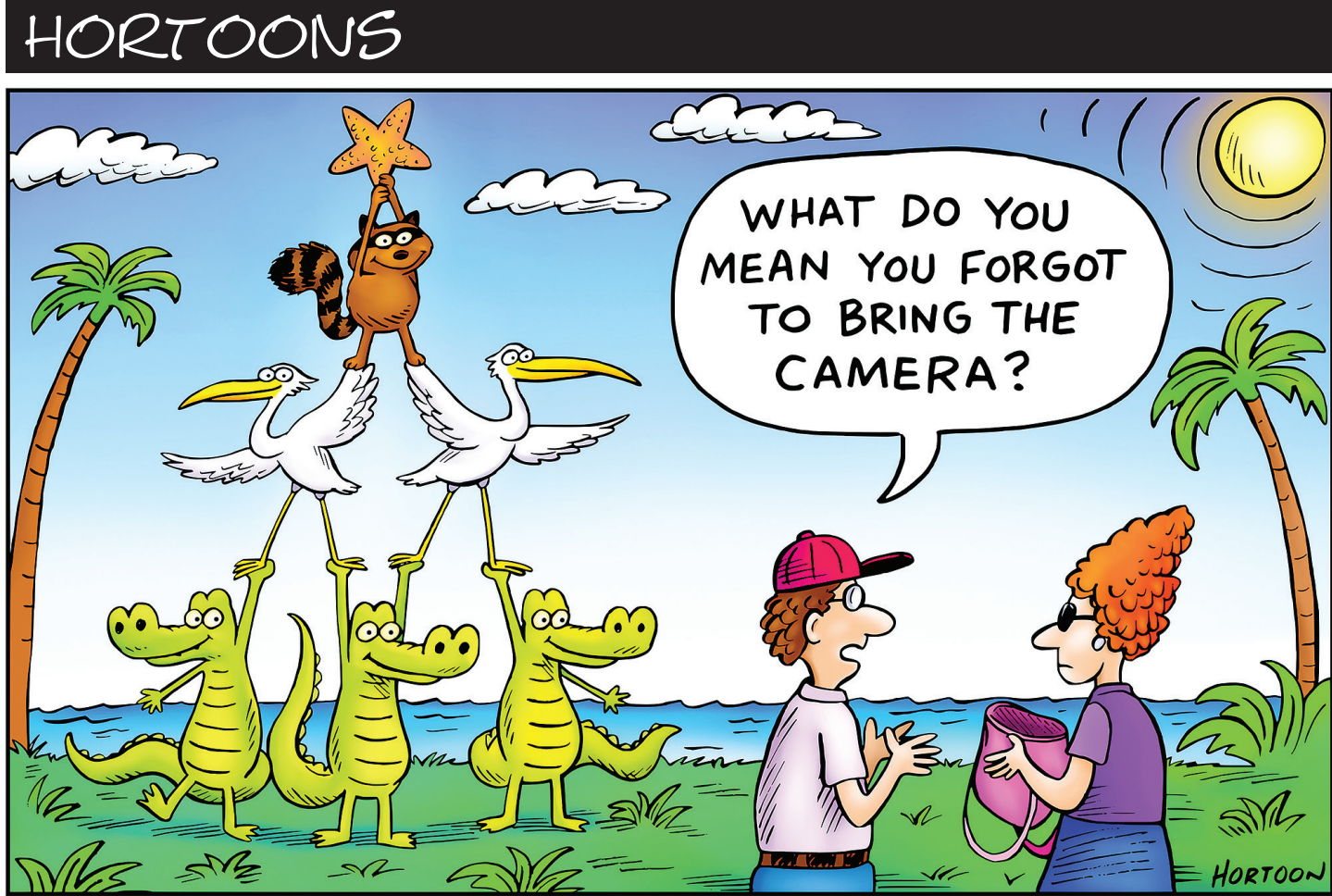
Attendance and parking are free. Wristbands are required for all children riding the holiday train and participating in activities. Proceeds support Babcock Neighborhood School and The Alva School. Visit [www.babcockranch.com/events](http://www.babcockranch.com/events) for more information and to purchase a wristband in advance.

Southwest Florida's unique eco-centric, solar-powered town is located at northeast of Fort Myers at 42850 Crescent Loop in Babcock Ranch. For more information about Babcock Ranch, call 877-709-6620, or visit [www.babcockranch.com](http://www.babcockranch.com).✱



A previous tree lighting ceremony at Babcock Ranch

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## Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Four Mile Cove	Cape Coral	2012	4,262	\$999,999	\$945,000	275
Del Sega	Sanibel	1950	535	\$842,000	\$842,000	0
Winkler Subdivision	Fort Myers Beach	2019	1,540	\$795,000	\$782,000	40
Oaks	Fort Myers	1988	4,801	\$785,000	\$715,000	929
Tidewater Island	Fort Myers	2001	3,299	\$784,900	\$765,000	202
Belle Lago	Estero	2005	4,356	\$700,000	\$620,000	368
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1985	3,248	\$675,000	\$639,000	183
Serengeti	Alva	2018	2,953	\$649,900	\$635,000	186
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2002	1,732	\$620,000	\$612,500	44
Savona	Cape Coral	2018	3,089	\$618,500	\$590,000	127

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