



## Projection Installation Ignites Alliance

The Alliance for the Arts has begun a Light Projection Mural Rotating Exhibit with an inaugural lineup of participating artists outside its facility. Projection of artwork began on Memorial Day, May 25, at dusk.

As a newly developed installation space and concept, this project is an unconventional outdoor exhibition using projection artworks visible to pedestrian and vehicle traffic along McGregor Boulevard. Artists were asked to produce an 8.5-inch by 11-inch hand-cut stencil depicting various themes such as messages of hope, beauty, the power of the arts in healing, healthcare workers and community. Each artist's work will be projected for approximately one week from dusk until midnight. This project will continue as part of the Alliance exhibition schedule for June.

The first phase of the project features artists Pat Collins, Shirley Hales, Sharon Isern, Kelsey Lang, Carolyn Sommers,



**Butterfly by Alyssa Stoff**

Alyssa Stoff, Africa Valdez and Lorraine Weiss.

"It is our hope that by bringing messages of compassion, creativity and

images provided

hope that we may empower and uplift our community through the arts," said Alliance Gallery Director Ehren Gerhard. For more information, call 939-2787



**Coronavirus Ninja by Sharon Isern**

or visit [www.artinlee.org/stencil](http://www.artinlee.org/stencil).

The inaugural works include:

Pat Collins, *Heroes Behind the Mask*, spray paint on Dura-Lar acetate, 2020

Shirley Hales, *Tree of Love*, cut

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**Students learn how to make a movie at a previous summer camp at the estates**

photos courtesy [www.edisonfordwinterestates.org](http://www.edisonfordwinterestates.org)

## Estates Takes Safety Steps For Summer Campers

Edison and Ford Winter Estates is moving forward with summer camps for students ages 6 to 12 with several important modifications for the safety of campers and staff.

Campers will explore the "living laboratory" of the Edison and Ford Winter Estates while Wild Wizards teach topics in

STEAM (science technology, engineering, art and math), history and the natural world.

All camps will run at less than 50 percent capacity. Camp sign-in will take place in a car line rather than inside the museum. Each camper will receive a brief symptom and temperature check before exiting their vehicle. No campers experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 will be allowed to enter camp.

Per CDC recommendations, camp sign-in times will be staggered: ages 6 to 8 from 8:45 to 9 a.m. and ages 9 to 12



**Mad Chemistry setup**

from 9 to 9:15 a.m. Likewise, sign-out times will be staggered: ages 6 to 8 from 3:45 to 4 p.m. and ages 9 to 12 from 4 to 4:15 p.m.

Early drop off and late pick up will not be available. Social distancing measures will be implemented throughout the camp experience.

Games such as tag will be replaced with no-touch alternatives. Group projects will be altered to avoid close proximity and frequent touch surfaces. Daily cleaning protocols have been greatly enhanced. Rigorous hand washing and sanitation

routines for campers and staff will be in place.

Time spent outdoors will be increased substantially (as weather allows). Edison Ford staff will wear masks at all times.

The traditional Friday afternoon end of camp celebrations will no longer take place, while staff is exploring other possibilities to capture the excitement of these important events.

Camp options include: Gear Up from June 8 to 12; Mad Chemistry from June 15 to 19; Creative Coders from June 22

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Saturday Night At Dusk



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

This historic photo captures First Street at dusk on a Saturday night in October 1950. Fort Myers was in the midst of the post-World War II period of growth, and the decade would be a thriving one. People who grew up here still remember the “traditional downtown” that existed in the 1940s and 1950s before the age of malls and sprawl. On Saturdays, people came from miles around to shop and go to restaurants in the “big city.” The stores stayed open into the evening, and it was entertaining just to sit on one of the famous green benches and watch people go by. In fact, one man in the far right of the photo seem to be settling in to do just that.

This westward view shows the Earnhardt (left) and Bradford (right) buildings festooned with neon lights and ready for the evening’s business. On the left glows the prominent Western Union sign from its storefront in the Earnhardt Building. Other businesses in that building at the time were McCrory, the Hotel Barber Shop and Royal Palm Pharmacy. The sign for that pharmacy and popular soda fountain are visible a little beyond Western Union’s. The Arcade Theatre (right), one of several downtown movie theaters, specialized in first-run movies and, on October 28, it was showing Lana Turner and Ray Milland in *A Life of Her Own*.

Two well-remembered and long-lived stores are located in the lighted storefronts at the arcade entrance. On the left is the Sidney Davis Men’s Shop and to the right is M. Flossie Hill Co. women’s shop.



On a Saturday night at dusk in 1950, First Street is aglow with neon lights  
photo courtesy Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library System



Today, the Arcade Theatre marquee reminds us of the traditional downtown of the mid-20th century  
photo by Gerri Reaves

The men’s shop’s oval sign is visible above the awning and midway between the Arcade and Bradford Hotel signs. Just beyond the hotel sign on the northwest corner at Hendry is the vertical sign for Belk Lindsey Department Store, a relative newcomer to First Street. Its close-out sale on men’s dress shoes was underway on that Saturday long ago. In the 1950s, major national and regional stores existed downtown. Two on this block but out of frame at the Jackson Street corners were JC Penney and Sears Roebuck, to the left and right of the photographer, respectively. As for what seem to be Christmas lights crisscrossing the street, they frequently appear in photos from the period, no matter the season. Today, all these 1950 businesses are gone, but downtown still hums along – in its 21st century way. Walk down to the Earnhardt and Bradford blocks at dusk. Imagine it is 1950 and downtown is revving up for Saturday night. Then visit the following research centers to learn more about the businesses of that era. 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 and *The Fort Myers Press*.✱

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## IMAG Reopens With Special Offer To Heroes

The IMAG History and Science Center has reopened and will have a special offer of appreciation for active-duty military, first responders, healthcare professionals and their families with free admission during the weekend. The offer to police, fire, rescue, doctors, nurses and healthcare workers in Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties is available from Friday, May 29 to Monday, June 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In accordance with CDC recommendations, the number of guests visiting the IMAG are limited. As such, active-duty military, first responders, healthcare workers and their families must obtain tickets in advance online at [www.theimag.org](http://www.theimag.org) and present valid identification upon arrival.

"We are thankful for our active-duty military, first responders and healthcare professionals," said Matt Johnson, executive director of the IMAG History & Science Center. "By providing free admission to the IMAG, we are hoping this not only shows our appreciation but, more importantly, provides a time when they can get away from their day-to-day duties to enjoy and be with their families."

The IMAG History and Science Center is taking extensive steps to help ensure a safe, educational and entertaining experience for all its guests in a clean environment with best practices for promoting good health during the COVID-19 pandemic. All IMAG staff wear face masks for the safety and protection of visitors. Proper hand washing and good hygiene practices are promoted and convenient sanitation stations are provided throughout the premises. While public safety tips and reminders are also posted throughout the premises, safe social distancing is encouraged with guides and routes clearly marked. In addition, enhanced hourly cleaning and disinfecting protocols are in practice plus additional deep cleanings are scheduled twice daily to thoroughly address all touch points, surfaces, spaces and exhibits.

IMAG will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the next few weekends, Fridays to Mondays, until Sunday June 7th. IMAG will then adopt a summer schedule beginning Tuesday, June 9 by opening from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays to Sundays. Scheduled group visits and field trip visits are available from 10 to 11:30 a.m. with advance reservations. These visits are limited to 10 people per group in accordance with CDC recommendations.

The IMAG is located in Fort Myers at 2000 Cranford Avenue. For more information and ticket sales, visit [www.theimag.org](http://www.theimag.org) or call 243-0043.✱

## Local Arts Group To Release Next Publication

Love Your Rebellion (LYR) will release its latest publication, *Issue 13: Rude Awakening*, on Friday, May 29. The issue features works by artists and writers from marginalized groups and therapeutic arts activities following the theme Rude Awakening.

The issue is part literary arts journal and part therapeutic arts workbook. Five art and writing submissions that best fit the issue's theme were selected for publication. *Issue 13* includes nonfiction by LeeAnna Campbell, poetry by Sajada Parker, and art by Olivia DelGaudio, Melissa DeAmaral and Alexandria K. La Fontaine.

Art and writing are coupled with activities developed by the LYR staff: artists Michelle Caraway and Annie Pritchard, writer and musician Angela Page, and licensed marriage and family therapist Rebecca Martinez-Thomas. *Issue 13* asks readers to work with a rude awakening of their own throughout four activities. Each activity helps the reader explore a rude awakening through color, sound and language. One activity even includes a guided meditation created exclusively for the issue.

Page started making Love Your Rebellion issues featuring art and writing submissions in 2011. She put out four issues alone until 2015, when Caraway joined. In 2016, Pritchard started working with them. *Issue 13* marks their first project with Rebecca

Martinez-Thomas. Love Your Rebellion releases issues biannually in the spring and fall.

To order Love Your Rebellion *Issue 13: Rude Awakening*, [www.loveyourrebellion.org](http://www.loveyourrebellion.org).✱

## FSW Virtual Commencement Ceremonies

Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) will honor 3,000 graduates in the Class of 2020 during virtual commencement ceremonies on Friday, June 5 at 5 p.m.

In a first-of-its-kind event for FSW, the college will host three virtual commencement ceremonies on YouTube. The School of Education, the School of Business and Technology, and the School of Health Professions' graduates will be honored in one ceremony while the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, and the School of Pure and Applied Sciences' graduates will share two ceremonies split alphabetically by graduates' last names. The ceremonies will launch on YouTube simultaneously.

Recorded speeches by three student speakers, nominated by FSW faculty, will be included in all three ceremonies. Graduates will have the opportunity to record their own video and submit a photo, which will be shown during the ceremony. A special Snapchat FSW cap and gown filter will also be available to virtually create their own special graduation picture.

For more information, visit [www.fsw.edu](http://www.fsw.edu).✱

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Fort Myers Art:

# Check Out City Website Listings Of Outdoor Art



by Tom Hall  
The City of Fort Myers' website now contains a table listing for each of the outdoor artworks that comprise the city's public art collection, together with the artist who made the piece,

the date it was installed and its location. Links are provided for some of the pieces that will take visitors to pages that furnish photographs and stories about their history, what they represent and the artists who created them.

"With the first official piece of Fort Myers public art dating back to August 17, 1913, we are fortunate to enjoy a long history of supporting the acquisition of additional installations," states the intro to the table.

City officials, through their public art committee, have placed text, photos and audios for 19 individual artworks on its free mobile phone app known as Otocast. They are:

- Fire Dance by David Black (5:44 minutes);
- Naiad by Albert Paley (1:07 minutes);
- Caloosahatchee Manuscripts by Jim



The Florida Panther by DJ Wilkins is a 50-foot long installation that occupies the median on Monroe Street in Fort Myers  
photo courtesy www.cityftmyers.com

- Sanborn (7:50 minutes);
- The Tootie McGregor Fountain (5:55 minutes);
- Buckingham & Page Army Air Fields Monument (6:08 minutes);
- The Spirit of Fort Myers by Helmut von Zengen (6:57 minutes);
- Lorelei by Emma Elisabeth Phinney (8:23 minutes);
- Uncommon Friends by DJ Wilkins (3:44 minutes);
- Marks & Brands by Peter Mitten (7:30 minutes);
- What Dreams We Have by Cheryl Foster;
- 82nd Airborne Monument by Andrew

- McGowan (4:31 minutes);
- Sun Gate by Robert Sindorf (3:48 minutes);
- Fort Myers: An Alternative History by Barbara Jo Revelle (12:23 minutes);
- American Bald Eagle by Marlin Miller (3:20 minutes);
- Wes Nott Memorial by DJ Wilkins (2:15 minutes);
- USCT 2nd Regiment Monument by DJ Wilkins (4:31 minutes);
- The Great Turtle Chase by DJ Wilkins (1:32 minutes);
- The Florida Panther by DJ Wilkins (5:05 minutes); and
- Territorias by Edgardo Carmona (2:00 minutes).

The other 22 Carmona/Allure sculptures will be added to Otocast once the committee and city council decide on where they are to be located.

I recorded eight of the audios in my capacity as the city's public art consultant. The other 11 were recorded either by the artists themselves (e.g. Albert Paley for Naiad, Barbara Jo Revelle for the federal courthouse mural and Peter Mitten for Marks & Brands) or people in the know such as Gerri Reaves (Spirit of Fort Myers), Jared Beck (Tootie McGregor Fountain), Matt Johnson (Buckingham & Page Army Air Fields Monument), Glenn Miller (Wes Nott Memorial), Kay Holloway of the Fort Myers Lee County Garden Council (Lorelei), civil rights activist Reginald Billups (USCT 2nd Regiment Monument) and EFWE Vice President

Mike Cosden (Uncommon Friends). I hope you are impressed by the quality and content of the recordings. While Otocast is designed to let residents know more about the artworks they see throughout the city, the app is also accessible to vacationers, conventioners, business travelers, cultural/heritage tourists and people planning trips to the area whether they're located in New York, Boston or Chicago, or as far away as London or Singapore.

I should also mention that the city is in the process of updating its website and has dedicated a page to public art that contains photos, narrative and hyperlinks about all 43 of our outdoor artworks, 30 interior artworks and eight exterior decorative items. This has been a massive undertaking and our super-staffer Lillian Baker is still uploading content. But the project will undoubtedly be completed by the end of our current fiscal year. So this is another tool that the Alliance for the Arts and its members, residents, visitors and those planning trips can use to familiarize themselves with the city's cultural assets.

To view the city's exterior artworks, visit [www.cityftmyers.com/1859/](http://www.cityftmyers.com/1859/) exterior-artworks.

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.\*

## Film Screening For World Oceans Day

Keep Lee County Beautiful, Inc. (KLCB) is hosting a virtual screening and discussion of *The Story of Plastic* movie on Monday, June 8 in honor of World Oceans Day. A post-screening conversation will take place at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom with special guest expert Dr. Maia McGuire from the Florida Microplastics Awareness Project.

*The Story of Plastic* takes a sweeping look at the man-made crisis of plastic pollution and the worldwide effect it has on the health of our planet and the people who inhabit it. Spanning three continents, the film illustrates the ongoing catastrophe: fields full of garbage,

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## Lab Theater Virtual Ghost Watch Evening

The Laboratory Theater of Florida will hold an evening of live virtual ghost “hunting” with world-renowned Ghost Pro Lee Ehrlich on Saturday, May 30 starting at 10 p.m. and continuing until 3 a.m.

Lee will set up his equipment and allow you to virtually tag along to witness the process of conducting a full investigation of paranormal activity of several spaces at The Laboratory Theater of Florida campus. Your digital ticket will allow you access for up to five hours of live-streamed investigation and a question-and-answer with the Ghost Pro himself.

Visitors to the theater, as well as actors and staff, have reported seeing and feeling paranormal activity for years at the historic building in the Fort Myers River District, from a female entity on the stairs to floating orbs in the mezzanine, and more. Guests to this Ghost Watch may be lucky enough to hear, with the help of Ehrlich’s equipment, the ghosts or even see them in one of the most actively haunted buildings in our area.

Ehrlich is an adventurer/explorer who is most notably recognized as the world authority on Underwater Paranormal Phenomena. He is a paranormal investigator with over three decades of experience who heads a nation-wide investigative team specializing in hostile



Lee Ehrlich

photo provided

and dangerous environments. He has even spent time investigating The Lab’s own nearly 100-year-old building.

His investigative exploits have earned him critical acclaim, which has resulted in numerous radio and television appearances, including a starring role in The Travel Channel’s *Legends Of*. On the conference tour, he is a well-known lecturer who brings a unique perspective to the paranormal realm.

Tickets for digital access to the investigation are \$25 per person and available at [www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com](http://www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com) or by calling 823-4613.✱

## Summit Focuses On Alzheimer’s Research

In celebration of Alzheimer’s & Brain Awareness Month in June, the Florida chapters of the Alzheimer’s Association will host a virtual educational event for people with early-stage dementia, caregivers, professionals and the community.

The Dementia Research and Policy Summit: Diversity an Important Frontier in Alzheimer’s Research will be held on Friday, June 12 at 1 p.m. The free interactive event will feature keynote speaker Carl V. Hill PhD, MPH.

As vice president of scientific engagement at the Alzheimer’s Association, Hill oversees strategic efforts to create global awareness of the association’s international research program. Hill also leads outreach to a network of staff, volunteers and donors at more than 75 association chapters in order to grow understanding of the association’s role in accelerating Alzheimer’s research and share scientific updates. Prior to joining the association, Hill served as director, office of special populations at the National Institutes on Aging (NIA). In his six years at the NIA, he led the development of the Health Disparities Research Framework, which stimulates studies focused on health disparities related to aging.

Topics discussed during the event will include health equity in Alzheimer’s and dementia research, early detection and diagnosis, the latest advances in clinical trials and lifestyle interventions. Hill will also discuss how policy intersects and drives necessary change in Alzheimer’s and dementia health care.

“Diversity and Alzheimer’s research is fundamental to protecting the public health of a nation when all people are living longer,” said Hill. “A lack of diverse participation and perspective reduces our chances to understand how this devastating disease develops in all U.S. groups – a double jeopardy for health disparities research and equity in the United States.”

In addition to Hill, the summit will feature Secretary Richard Prudom of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and program manager Amy Schenk, RN, BSN, MEd, CDP, a certified dementia practitioner.

“As we continue to advocate for more research, programs, services and funding, we want to be sure that everyone we serve has access to all the information they need to feel empowered and confident in facing the many challenges that this disease presents,” said Angela McAuley, regional leader for the Alzheimer’s Association.

Participants will be able to ask questions during a question-and-answer portion. There is no cost to attend but registration is required. Register online at [www.alz.org/crf](http://www.alz.org/crf) or call 800-272-3900.✱

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RONALD J. DOWNEY

Ronald James Downey, a longtime resident of Sanibel Island, Florida, passed away peacefully at Gull Point Memory Care in Estero, Florida on May 20. He was 85 years old. Ronn was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on April 3, 1935. The son of James and Sarah Downey, Ronn was raised in Harrisburg and graduated from Gettysburg College. Ronn worked as a plant engineer at ABL in Cumberland, Maryland until

1968. He was transferred to Terre Haute, Indiana and continued his career at Hercules Corporation.

Ronn is survived by his wife of 50 years, Joan; four daughters, Kathleen Downey of Granada Hills, California, Kristin McConnell of Amarillo, Texas, Mary Downey (Mimi) of Fort Myers, Florida and Constance Clancy of Sanibel Island and Snowmass, Colorado; and nine grandchildren.

Joan and Ronn spent much of Ronn's career living in Montreal, Canada, Brazil, South America and Kennett Square, Pennsylvania before retiring and settling on Sanibel Island where Ronn was active in the Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society and Sanibel-Captiva Sail and Power Squadron.

A celebration of life is scheduled for the fall at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church on Sanibel.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be sent to the Alzheimer's Foundation and Hope Hospice.\*

**Alliance Online Youth Class Series**

The Alliance for the Arts will offer a new, online youth class series for the month of June, which includes a diverse collection of visual arts, theatre, magic and dance. Class descriptions, instructor bios and registration are online at [www.artinlee.org/classes](http://www.artinlee.org/classes).

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Sunday 10:30 a.m., 5916 Winkler Road, 437-4330.

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**KINGDOM LIFE**  
Sunday 10:30 a.m., 2154 McGregor

Classes will be hosted through Zoom at 10 a.m. throughout the month of June. The line-up includes:

Acting Fun for the Young Online Class (Grades 3 to 6) – Mondays, June 1 to 22: With Alliance youth theatre director and local drama teacher Carmen Crussard. Each week, actors will learn, practice and play with a new theatre technique or skill, play theatre games, and explore in the world of theatre. Cost: \$40 for Alliance members; \$50 for nonmembers.

STEAM Up Your Summer Online Workshops (Grades 1 to 6): Sign up for one or all Tuesday workshops led by Alliance summer camp director Vania Garcia. All supplies provided and delivered to your door in Fort Myers or Cape Coral. Cost: \$17 for Alliance members or \$22 for nonmembers.

June 2 – Summer flower designs using geometric patterns. Explore math and art with a bit of engineering as you make beautiful flowers.

June 9 – The world of robotics. Project involves engineering and creative thinking skills in fun, hands-on way.

June 16 – Play with a zoetrope, simple devices that pre-date film animation. Viewer looks through the slits in a spinning cylinder and sees an animated image. Build your animation combining science, engineering and art.

June 23 – Make a three-dimensional display to commemorate the creativity of Wassily Kandinsky.

Life is a Circus Online Workshop Series (Grades 1 to 6): Sign up for one

or all Wednesday workshops led by instructors Brittany and George. Cost: \$12 for Alliance members or \$15 for nonmembers.

June 3 – Start with a stretching warm-up and then learn to juggle and spin using everyday items from your home.

June 10 – Learn an easy, yet impressive magic trick using spoons.

June 10 – Discover card magic tricks and circus skills to wow your friends.

June 24 – Get ready for some quickly moving fun. If you have been in the previous workshops, now is the time to perfect and show off those circus skills.

Youth Art Works Online Visual Arts Class (Grades 1 to 6) – Thursdays, June 4 to 25: Foster an appreciation of art for students with a different lesson and focus each week. Students will advance their skills of observation and cover concepts such as form, value, light and shadow, color and proportions – and, how to utilize these concepts to convey their personal vision. Professional artists Krista and Leo Johnson will teach students in a fun, relaxed virtual environment; express own creativity and gain self-confidence.

Hula Dance Online Class (Grades 1 to 6) – Fridays, June 5 to 26: Fun with Hawaiian, Tahitian, Maori and Samoan movements with teacher and dancer Marliss. Dancers will learn new moves and music, culminating in a virtual dance extravaganza on the final Friday of the month.

For more information, visit [www.artinlee.org/classes](http://www.artinlee.org/classes).\*

**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.

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## Manatee Watch During Summer Boating Time

While there have been reports of manatees and other wildlife thriving in areas they are not normally seen due to stay-at-home orders, Save the Manatee Club urges boaters to follow manatee-safe boating tips as they return to their favorite pastime.

During the summer, manatees can be found in fresh, brackish and salt water throughout Florida and their seasonal range in Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and other coastal states. They may have entered areas that are new to them as boat traffic lessened during recent restrictions. With this in mind, boaters must keep a watchful eye.

Unfortunately, last year a new record was set for watercraft-related manatee mortalities. At least 136 individual manatee deaths were confirmed as a result of watercraft impact, crushing, propeller wounds, or any combination of these. Those that do survive strikes may require rescue by wildlife officials and several months of rehabilitation. In addition, some injured manatees may never be reported and must live with painful injuries.

Because manatees are herbivores and have no natural predators, they are generally slow-moving, having never developed hunting or defensive skills. They also need to surface to breathe air and prefer shallow water where they feed on aquatic vegetation. "Research shows that manatees have been documented in particular areas to feed, rest, or travel," said Patrick Rose, aquatic biologist and executive director of Save the Manatee Club. "This is why it is imperative to boat slowly in these designated manatee protection areas, and to obey all posted speed zones. Sadly, due to high-speed boating, most living manatees bear the scars from past boating encounters, reminding us that they have been within just an inch of losing their lives."

Report injured, dead, orphaned, beached, entangled or sick manatees, or manatees being harassed, to the FWC by calling 1-888-404-FWCC (3922), emailing or texting tip@myfwc.com, or using VHF Channel 16. For more information, or to report manatees outside of Florida, go to [www.savethemanatee.org/rescue](http://www.savethemanatee.org/rescue).

Wear polarized sunglasses to help see below the water's surface, and look for

manatees' snouts, backs, tails, flippers, and "footprints," or circles on the surface created when the manatee swims.

If you encounter a manatee, cut your motor, maintain a safe distance and do not feed it or give it water from a hose, as this can alter manatees' natural behavior and put them in danger.

Read more tips and watch the video *Boat Safely With Manatees* at [www.savethemanatee.org/boatsafely](http://www.savethemanatee.org/boatsafely).

"Boaters can be the greatest stewards for manatees, and we appreciate their watchfulness," said Rose. "Reducing the risk of boat-related injuries or deaths helps protect imperiled manatees now and for future generations."

For more information about manatees and the club's efforts, visit [www.savethemanatee.org](http://www.savethemanatee.org) or call 800-432-5646.✱

## Theater To Benefit As Recipient Of Fundraiser

The Del Shores Foundation presents an all-star live stream benefit reading of Del Shores' play *Sordid Lives* on Sunday, May 31 at 8 p.m. It will be streaming on YouTube and Facebook.

Produced and hosted by Emerson Collins and Del Shores, the reading will involve the cast from the play, film, TV series and the sequel: Newell Alexander, Rosemary Alexander, Bonnie Bedelia, Beau Bridges, Emerson Collins, David Cowgill, Dale Dickey, Beth Grant, Debby Holiday, Leslie Jordan, Caroline Rhea, Del Shores and Ann Walker. It also includes appearances by Carson Kressley, Georgette Jones, Alex Mapa, Aleks Paunovic, David Steen, a performance by Tony-winner Levi Kreis and a message from Olivia Newton-John.

The Laboratory Theater of Florida was chosen as one of 23 non-profit theaters to benefit from this fundraiser. The theater has been honored to partner with Del Shores to produce his work, as well as support The Del Shores Foundation.

Additional resources, including the Del Shores Foundation fundraiser press release and photos, may be found here: [www.drive.google.com/drive/folders/19RLMmQhPeIFZnaUEc7xSHDsExAR9AOes](http://www.drive.google.com/drive/folders/19RLMmQhPeIFZnaUEc7xSHDsExAR9AOes)

The Facebook link is available online. The other platform for viewing is here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSMsK3gSutY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSMsK3gSutY).✱



Tampa mock vervain is endemic to Florida and listed as an endangered species

photo by Gerri Reaves

### Plant Smart

## Tampa Mock Veravain

by Gerri Reaves

Tampa mock vervain (*Glandularia tampensis*) is in a particular category of native species, endemic, which means it grows naturally no other place on earth.

The wildflower is also listed as an endangered species by the state. Reasons for that dire status are loss of habitat to development and agriculture.

Native to the state's coastal areas, this member of the verbena family grows in hammocks where live oaks and cabbage palm predominate and in pine flatwoods, coastal dunes and disturbed areas.

A short-lived perennial, it takes a sprawling form, growing to only about two feet high.

Include it in a wildflower garden, where it will attract butterflies, or use it as a groundcover or border.

Purple-blue tubular flowers appear in flat clusters about an inch to an inch and a half wide. The five petals are notched

at the tips

Flowers bloom throughout the year but mainly in spring.

The lance-shaped leaves are up to three inches long and opposite on the four-sided branching stems.

The edges are coarsely toothed and the tip broadly pointed. The leaf bases narrow to form wings on the leaf stalk.

Papery in texture, they have dark green surfaces and lighter undersides.

Give it full sun to partial shade in sandy well-drained soil. It is somewhat drought tolerant once established and is moderately to highly salt tolerant.

Propagate it with seeds or cuttings or by clump division. It sometimes self-sows, and it grows well in pots.

Sources: *Gardening for Florida's Butterflies* by Pamela F. Traas, *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio, *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell, *Wildflowers of Florida Field Guide* by Jaret C. Daniels and Stan Tekiela, [www.fnai.org](http://www.fnai.org), [www.fnps.org](http://www.fnps.org), <https://grec.ifas.ufl.edu>, and [www.usbg.gov](http://www.usbg.gov).

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# Fun Family Shark Fishing



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

After a great week of fishing, Memorial Day weekend ended up being close to a washout. Conditions right up until the weekend gave anglers some of the most consistent tarpon action we have seen in weeks. Snook, redfish and trout action in and around the passes has also been going off with the annual snook spawn in full swing. One of the less talked about and under appreciated fish we like to target are

sharks. Sharks come in a variety of sizes and species and can be caught almost all year long. From right off the beaches to the back water channels, sharks are abundant and just fun to catch. Deeper natural channels inside the passes and through the flats with currents are great places to get started.

When targeting sharks, my bait of choice is fresh mullet. I use medium heavy 30- to 50-pound spinning tackle that can hold a few hundred yards of line. Rig up with a 200-pound mono leader with crimps to attach a swivel at one end and a cut bait 12/0 circle hook at the other. When anchoring the boat for sharks, I use a float buoy on my anchor. If we hook into a large one, it's easy to give chase before they dump the spool.

For bait, large chunks or half a fresh mullet is my go-to. I cast these baits down current and simply put the rod in the holder. The key to catching these fish on a circle hook is to leave the rod in the holder until the fish swims off and the drag screams. Any fresh cut bait will work, though mullet is easy to get from my local commercial fishermen.

All summer, we do a lot of family fishing trips and kids just love to catch sharks. Many anglers have never done battle with any five- to six-foot long fish that fights so hard. Unlike tarpon fishing, catching multiple big fish on a trip is the norm. We catch a large variety of species including blacktips, lemons, bulls and spinners just to name a few.

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).✱



Blacktip sharks are very common and one of the more sporty varieties to catch

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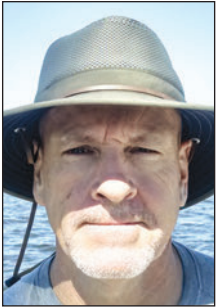
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## CROW Case Of The Week:

# Nine-Banded Armadillo Pups



by Bob Petcher

A nine-banded armadillo (*Dasypus novemcinctus*), the most common of armadillos, has nine armor-like plates covering its body. It may have more bands, but they are not as visible.

At CROW, four infant, male nine-banded armadillos were observed without their mother in North Fort Myers over a few days in early May. On May 5, three of the siblings were admitted to CROW. The following day, the fourth was captured and reunited with his brothers at the clinic. All four babies were dehydrated and emaciated, but did not have any injuries. They were provided with fluids and started on a re-feeding plan.

"Most of the infants we admit are too young to survive on their own. They usually come in alone or with one sibling, but this group got lucky and ended up all together," said CROW Rehabilitation Manager Breanna Frankel. "(Armadillo babies should be admitted) if they look thin, are acting lethargic, or if there's an obvious injury and they require further assistance. The majority of infants we admit aren't injured at all, just struggling to survive at such a young age. By calling our



Patients #20-1946, 20-1947, 20-1948 and 20-1967

photo by Breanna Frankel

hospital when you find any young animals, we can have them send us pictures and we will determine age, development and health status. This helps eliminates bringing patients to the hospital that don't require assistance."

Due to the patients' young age, their diet consisted of milk that was fed using tube feeds three times a day. As they began to grow, rehab staff transitioned them to a slurry of insectivore and gradually onto whole insects. Since admission, the armadillos have gained almost 200 grams of weight and have become active.

"As with all wild animals, we use a milk formula specific for each animal's need. There are various formulas and combinations of formulas used among wildlife rehabbers to ensure the

appropriate success," said Frankel. "There is more to feeding infant wildlife than offering a cup of warm milk. Wildlife should not be offered milk that wasn't meant for them such as goat's milk, cow's milk, or human milk, as they can't digest it appropriately, and it actually leads to further issues. We encourage finders to not feed a baby animal themselves, but to bring it to a local wildlife hospital to prevent further illness or injury.

"After five days in care, we started to offer them a slurry diet in a dish with soaked insectivore chow, but they didn't start eating it for about two days. At that point, they weren't eating enough to gain weight off it so they continued with milk feeds. We would put them in a dry bathtub on a mat a few times a day and offer the slurry and soaked chow so they could

mash it and lick it up. At this point, we also started offering soft insects with their food a couple times a day. After nine days in care, they were fully weaned off milk and eating enough slurry, chow and insects to successfully gain weight on their own."

On May 21, the four brothers were able to begin outdoor recess in which they were monitored by a staff member in an outdoor pen to practice digging and foraging skills. They will continue to receive supportive care until they are old enough for release back to the wild.

"Once they reach a certain size, they will be ready for release," said Frankel. "While their digging skills solidify very early on in life, we keep them until a certain size to ensure they have a higher chance for successful release. Being a little bigger means they are less likely to become prey for another animal and will have mastered other skills at the clinic."

The young armadillos will be returned to the area in which they were found.

"Regardless of what happened to the mother, these quadruplets were without her for a long enough time that they almost didn't make it themselves, so we are very pleased to see how much they have improved," said Frankel. "The release will likely not reunite them with their mother, but at that point they will be self-sufficient and have no need for her care."

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).

## ABC Young Professionals Change Focus

Following the success and growing interest of the Young Professionals group in Tampa, several requests were made to form an Associated Builders and Contractor (ABC) Young Professionals group in Southwest Florida.

The ABC Young Professionals committee was formed earlier this year, just prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Initially, the committee's primary goal for the start of this group was to increase membership and awareness. While this is still one of the main goals for the group, the young professionals committee has shifted focus to finding ways they can help their community during this time of need.

Recently, members of the young professionals committee have been busy. They delivered more than 40 boxes of produce that was generously donated by Jamerson Farms in Lehigh Acres to Community Cooperative.

With the funds donated by Adams Group, B&I Contractors, Chris-Tel Construction, Meisner Electric, RD Johnson Construction, Skanska and Wall Systems, the ABC Southwest Florida Young Professionals group was able to make a monetary donation to the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida, donate bags of cat and dog food to the Animal Welfare Society of Charlotte County, donate time and money to No

Hungry Little Bellies in Collier County, and donate bags of baby clothes, diapers and baby wipes to RCMA Immokalee.

After the immediate need for the Southwest Florida community is addressed, as it relates to the COVID-19 virus, the young professionals group is confident in the success of the group.

With the development of construction industry education here in Southwest Florida, like the creation of the construction management program at Florida Gulf Coast University, the Young Professionals group believes that with involvement from other construction professionals, this group will prove extremely beneficial to the industry as a whole.

The ABC Young Professionals program was established to develop the next generation of ABC leaders and to encourage networking among the "best and brightest" up-and-comers in construction. Young professionals include ABC member company employees who are under the age of 40.

The group's mission is to promote and encourage the participation and involvement of young, industry professionals by creating a platform to build relationships with peers, for professional development, volunteering and community involvement opportunities, and share best practices. That means offering networking, education and resources to help the next generation of leaders excel in the construction industry.

For more information, visit [www.youngprofessionals.abc.org](http://www.youngprofessionals.abc.org) or call Lisa Swinto at 241-1997.

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## FGCU Pledges To Help Restart Southwest Florida

Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) is launching RESTART SWFL, an initiative dedicated to helping businesses respond to the impact of COVID-19 on their operations, work force, vendors and customers.



Chris Westley

"We know that good health makes good business, so it makes sense for FGCU's Lutgert College of Business and Marieb College of Health & Human Services to unite to mobilize expertise and resources, along with those of our local partners, to help businesses," said Christopher Westley, dean of FGCU's Lutgert College of Business. "Our intention is to create an environment in which consumers will feel more comfortable to re-enter the marketplace."

Joined by his colleague, Ann Cary, dean of FGCU's Marieb College of Health & Human Services, Westley unveiled the RESTART SWFL Seal of Confidence recently at Lutgert Hall.

"We believe the path to recovery is anchored in consumer confidence, so that's why we're introducing the RESTART SWFL Seal of Confidence: a campaign to bring a renewed sense of confidence and prosperity to the region in which business owners pledge to adhere to a set of standards involving health, business and ethical practices," Westley said.

Along with the pledge, FGCU will launch a series of free web-based discussions led by experts from Lutgert and Marieb, as well as community leaders. These will assist businesses in complying with new standards in hygiene and best practices for business. The goal is to assure customers that establishments have sound systems in place to ensure their well-being and are providing fair value and service.

"If business owners take two of these

classes and take the pledge, they will earn this seal," Westley said.

While the primary goal of the RESTART SWFL initiative is restoring consumer confidence, the efforts are broader. The initiative soft-launched in March with the creation of the Coronavirus Economic Impact Survey. These ongoing surveys of nearly 1,000 Southwest Florida business executives help FGCU see how the region is recovering over time, trends in consumer demand and the workforce, and business concerns moving forward.

Additionally, RESTART SWFL features an expanded FGCU Small Business Development Center (SBDC). At least two-fifths of businesses forced to close because of a disaster never reopen, according to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). To help businesses regain their footing and thrive, the SBDC offers a range of services that include recovery plan assistance, cybersecurity training, risk assessment and other invaluable tools at little to no cost. The SBDC recently added staff members in anticipation of greater need.

"Our two colleges have partnered to double down on our strength – education – which benefits the public we serve," said Cary. "We know that businesses are more likely to open safely by instituting health measures that can protect customers and employees. And with the efforts Dean Westley has outlined, we believe this is just one small part we can play to educate the public on these important issues, support business owners, grow consumer confidence and RESTART SWFL."

Like Cary, Westley is looking toward the future with hope.

"Over the last two months, we've watched as society changed, drastically," Westley said. "I speak for everyone at FGCU when I say we look forward to mobilizing our expertise and resources, along with those of our local partners, to help businesses respond to the impact of COVID-19 on their livelihoods. Things will get better, and we're here to help this process along."

For more information about RESTART SWFL, panel discussion schedules, RESTART SWFL Seal of Confidence registration and other COVID-19 resources, visit [www.fgcu.edu/restart](http://www.fgcu.edu/restart).

Once a response is received, no in-person visit from a Census worker is needed.

So far, approximately 54 percent of the Lee County population has responded, lagging behind both the national rate of 59 percent and the Florida rate of 57 percent.

Vital federal funding is based on local population. Throughout the next 10 years, important quality-of-life necessities – emergency response, public safety, healthcare, schools, roads and public transit, housing, parks and many more county-wide programs – require an accurate count of the local population.

National Census field offices are reopening and deliveries of 2020 Census forms and instructions to households lacking addresses are set to resume in June. By mid-August, field workers will be deployed to locate anyone who has not sent in forms.

## Teaching Online For 25 Years

submitted by  
Dr. John Meyer



One of the basic things that all organizations should have is a preparedness plan. A thoughtful guide serves as a reference in case of an emergency. In Southwest Florida, those plans likely address instances like hurricanes, fires, technology failures/infiltration and leadership changes. Typically, instances like the aforementioned are local or regional in nature. It is fair to say that this pandemic is in a category all its own because its impact is worldwide.

In the realm of education, technology plays a large role in an institution's ability to continue delivering classes to its students. At Hodges University, we have been teaching classes and programs online for 25 years. As a matter of fact, about 80 percent of our degrees are available 100 percent online. I'm proud that our professors have the experience to effectively teach in a virtual format, provide the knowledge our students need, and deliver it in an engaging way. Since my days as a college student at this very institution, I was required to take online classes when the idea was in its infancy. Back then, online education wasn't nearly as sophisticated or engaging or rich as it is now.

For us, the transition to completely online, both for our classes, and faculty and staff working remotely, required little adjustment. Our students have continued learning and working toward their educational goals. The exceptions are our bachelor of science in nursing and our physical therapist assistant programs. We had to rearrange classroom and lab schedules to put the classes that could go online first. That gives us the extra time needed to continue monitoring the CDC and state guidelines, and to thoughtfully plan and schedule on-campus and clinical time for these programs in the future.

Regarding the future, how will this pandemic impact higher education and online learning? The answer is not clear at this time. There are advantages and disadvantages to online learning. The success of a student starts with that person's self-discipline. In a survey completed by Learning House in 2016, the average age of online undergraduate students is 29 and online graduate students is 33. Hodges University focuses on adult learners, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. What we have found is that our students do feel engaged and part of a learning community, whether they are geographically a few blocks or thousands of miles apart. The key is the professor's engagement and how he or she carries that excitement to the rest of the class. Ours make themselves readily available to our students.

Will online learning replace classroom teaching? I don't think so. There are specific programs and degrees that cannot be effective without the hands-on

experience of lab work, simulation exercises and clinicals. For the most part, the in-classroom experiences are critical for healthcare programs like nursing, dental and physical therapy. It's one thing to learn a theory about a procedure, but it is another when applying that theory into practice. I know I would not want a healthcare professional's first experience at drawing blood, for example, to be on my veins. And there are those students who simply prefer the traditional classroom environment.

Slowly but surely, there will be a return to some semblance of normalcy, though I do believe that higher ed has been changed forever. We will adjust and adapt to what the new normal becomes, if for no other reason, than that's what we'd expect of our graduates. There is space in the educational realm for both online and classroom learning and whatever else gets developed.

*Dr. John Meyer is president of Hodges University. This year the university is celebrating its 30th Anniversary of providing higher education for adult learners and English as a Second Language learners, and the 25th Anniversary of teaching online. More information is available at [Pathways.Hodges.edu](http://Pathways.Hodges.edu).*

## County Continues As Transportation Coordinator

The Lee Board of County Commissioners recently approved the extension of an agreement with the State of Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged to allow Lee County to serve as the community transportation coordinator (CTC) for an additional 12 months.

The board's action ensures coordinated services continue to be provided to individuals who are transportation disadvantaged through June 2021.

The Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) conducts a competitive procurement process for a CTC every five years. The contract was awarded to Good Wheels Inc. for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023. In February, Good Wheels Inc. informed the MPO that they were terminating their contract as the CTC. As a result, LeeTran was designated as the emergency CTC for Lee County.

Total expenditures to continue services are estimated to be \$112,611.60 per month for a total of \$1,351,339.20 from July 2020 through June 30, 2021, which will be fully funded through the State of Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Trip & Equipment grant.

LeeTran is the public transit provider for Lee County, providing more than three million rides per year. LeeTran operates 27 bus routes, ADA paratransit service called Passport and an employer vanpool program.

To learn more about services offered by LeeTran, or for schedule and fare information, call 533-8726 or visit [www.rideletran.com](http://www.rideletran.com).

## Critical Federal Funding Tied To Census

The importance of completing the 2020 Census is especially clear today as the community responds to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

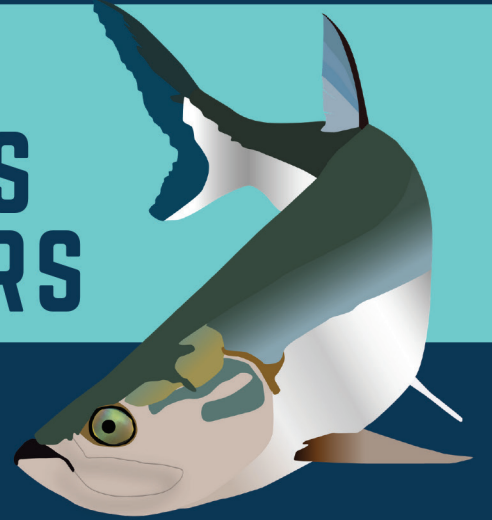
Participating in the Census now ensures that Lee County receives its share of federal funding, like the \$134 million targeted for Lee County COVID-19 relief through the CARES Act.

For the first time, the Census is available to complete online at [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov) or by phone at 844-330-2020. It's easy and secure. Residents also may participate by mail, as usual.



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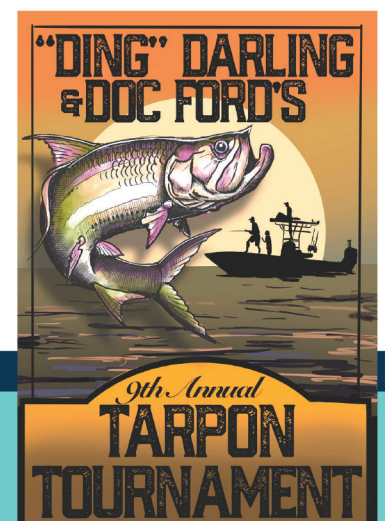
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## Book Review

# The Yellow Bird Sings



by Di Saggau

**T**he Yellow Bird Sings by Jennifer Rosner takes place in Poland, as World War II rages. A mother hides in a neighbor's barn, with her 5-year-old daughter, a musical prodigy whose slightest sound may cost them their lives. On the first page we read, "The girl is forbidden from making a sound, so the yellow bird sings. He sings whatever the girl composes in her head: high-pitched trills of piccolo; low-throated growls of contrabassoon. The bird chirps all the musical parts save percussion, because the barn rabbits obligingly thump their back feet like bass drums, like snares. The lines for violin and cello are the most elaborately composed. Rich and liquid-smooth, except when fear turns the notes gruff and choppy."

Shira and her mother, Roza, are Jews hiding in Henryk and Krystyna's barn. They were once patrons of Roza's family bakery, a family that has been slaughtered by the Nazis. Roza manages to keep Shira quiet by telling her stories of a young girl and a yellow bird that

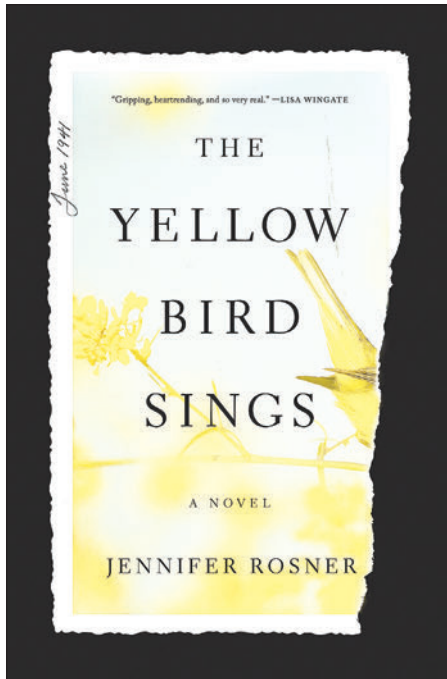


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can voice all the musical passages in her head. It's a moving story about a mother and daughter's struggles to survive the Holocaust in 1941, when Poland is in the throes of war. Both are hidden under mounds of hay, hiding from the soldiers carousing nearby. They must stay silent and have only scraps of food for sustenance.

The day comes when their haven is no longer safe, and Roza must make an impossible choice: whether to keep Shira by her side or give her the chance

to survive apart. Roza makes the decision to hide Shira in an orphanage in order to keep her safe. It's the hardest decision she has ever made, but she vows to come get her as soon as the Nazi's leave. This is when the tension begins, because we follow both Roza and Shira as the years progress, and we feel their emotions. Rosner also has an understanding of how art plays a role in our lives, even during terrible times. It's impressive.

*The Yellow Bird Sings* is a

brehtaking novel about the unbreakable bond between a mother and daughter. It's inspired by the true stories of Jewish children hidden during World War II. I've been telling everyone I know to read it and hope you will too. Here's what author Lisa Wingate says about the book, "A beautiful book in so many ways. Like Shira's imaginary bird, Jennifer Rosner's prose is lilting and musical, yet her tale of war's grave personal reality is gripping, heartrending, and so very real."✱

## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

**D**ear Readers, Here we are, at last, the end of another school year. The last day of school, is always a special day. It's typically fun filled with class parties and picnics, pizza and cupcake lunches, tearful and not so tearful goodbyes and that final report card. Your children (and you) have made it through another school year, with this one being particularly difficult. It's a time to celebrate! It's time to take a break at least for a few days and applaud your child's achievements and passage to a new grade.

This year, however, with the closure of schools due to COVID-19, there will not be an actual school room for that final day, but there still will be the last day of school. Here are some great ideas from Katy Mann, a family activity blogger, to help you mark this occasion.

Make sure to take that last day of school photo – It's even more important this year. Take a picture of your child with some of the more inspired projects and/or activities you've worked on since you've been home. It will make for good memories later on.

Kick off summer vacation right now with an epic water fight – Use water squirt guns, baby pools, the slip n' slide or even the garden hose. If you are really brave, add in some cans of inexpensive shaving cream for added action.

Create a special evening celebration – Set up your tents and sleeping bags and spend the night in your backyard. Have a barbeque and make some s'mores. Your kids will love camping in the backyard.

Don't forget to write a Summer Bucket List – Let each child identify 10 things they want to do over the summer and make a master list of all of the things your family wants to do. Figure out how and when you might do these things and put them on the calendar.

Celebrate with an outdoor movie night – Bring the TV or computer outside and watch one of the classic movies about summer camp, summer vacation and the last day of school.

Make it an extra special event by setting up an ice cream bar with several ice cream flavors, and little bowls filled with favorite toppings like crushed Oreos, M&Ms, fudge sauce, gummy bears and whipped cream.

Celebrate your child's achievement with a success poster, a sign, a PowerPoint or even a video – Highlight your child's accomplishments from their year at school and at home. It might include things like joined the computer club, met goals in speech therapy, improved grades in math and reading, made new friends, was on time for home-school at least once a week, no detention, learned how to pack your own lunch and a few other fun ones. Kids will have fun looking back and remembering what they have achieved in just one school year.

And finally, make sure to have your child write a thank you note or email to the teacher. If permitted, it would also be nice to drop off a small gift like some yummy jam or cookies to their home. E-learning has been difficult for teachers too. Before you decide on a gift, send an email to the teacher and ask if it would be alright to do so.

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## Film Screening

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With engaging original animation, archival industry footage beginning in the 1930s, and first-person accounts of the unfolding emergency, the film distills a complex problem that is increasingly affecting the planet's and its residents' well-being.

The public is invited to attend the viewing and conversation by registering at [www.bit.ly/35QW0cK](http://www.bit.ly/35QW0cK). Registered attendees will receive a link to stream the film from Keep Lee County Beautiful 48 to 72 hours before the event start time.✱

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## County Minimum Standards For Vacation Rentals

The State of Florida has approved an amended version of Lee County's minimum standards regarding out-of-state reservations.

Pursuant to Executive Order 20-123 signed by Gov. Ron DeSantis on May 15, and effective immediately, the following amended measures are required as minimum standards for vacation rentals throughout Lee County that are accepting reservations and guests for any length of stay:

Vacation rentals reservations and stays will be allowed from all U.S. states with COVID-19 case rates less than 700 cases per 100,000 residents. COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population by state can be found at [www.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/index.html) then hover your cursor over the vacationer's state of residence. A box will open with information including cases per 100,000 population.

Shall prohibit rentals to persons traveling internationally.

Shall allow adequate time between the conclusion of a guest stay and the check-in of the next guest stay for appropriate cleaning and sanitation.

Shall clean and disinfect all frequently-touched surfaces in the property between each guest stay.

Shall wash all linens, dishware and other service items available for use by guests between each guest rental.

Shall provide sufficient soap and surface sanitation supplies for guests to utilize in the vacation rental property during the guest's rental period.

Shall ensure adequate safety protocols are in place and publicly displayed, in line with CDC guidance, regarding shared or multi-residence amenities such as pools, gyms and other communal spaces.

Shall follow CDC guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting their facility, per the CDC site [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html).

The Lee Board of County Commissioners had approved the measures. Secretary Halsey Beshears of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) notified the county Wednesday of the approval of the county's originally submitted plan for vacation rentals.

When the county sent Florida Department of Business and

Professional Regulation (DBPR) its original plan for review, it did so quickly in an effort to allow vacation rental property owners to reopen as soon as possible. The county now has had the opportunity to review Vacation Rental Safety Plans that have been approved for several other counties.

"Some of them use language that does a much better job of capturing the spirit of the statements made by Gov. DeSantis during his press conference on Friday, May 15, regarding out-of-state reservations," County Manager Roger Desjarlais said.

The county received word from Secretary Breshears on May 21, that Lee County's plan is amended.

Enforcement and regulation falls under DBPR, which has an Emergency Information Page at [www.myfloridalicense.com/emergency](http://www.myfloridalicense.com/emergency).

Lee County updates, information and documents can be viewed at [www.leegov.com/covid-19](http://www.leegov.com/covid-19).

## New Leader For National Restaurant Group

Tom Bené was recently announced as the new president and CEO of the National Restaurant Association (NRA), the largest food service trade association in the world representing more than 500,000 restaurant businesses. He will also serve as CEO of NRA's Educational Foundation, which works to attract, empower and advance today's and tomorrow's restaurant and food service workforce.

Bené most recently served as chairman, president and CEO of Sysco Corporation and was previously president of PepsiCo Foodservices.

"On behalf of more than 57,000 public food service establishments across Florida, I want to extend congratulations to Tom Bené for his appointment as president and CEO of the National Restaurant Association," said Carol Dover, president and CEO of the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association. "Tom is known for his extraordinary leadership, character and determination, and he is the right person to lead us through recovery. We look forward to continuing our great relationship with the NRA as we work to rebuild from the devastating impacts that COVID-19 has had on our industry."✱✱

## Everglades Group Co-Chair Earns Second Term

Marisa Carrozzo, Everglades and water policy manager at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, has been selected to serve a second term as co-chair for the Everglades Coalition.



Marisa Carrozzo

The Everglades Coalition is an alliance of over 60 local, state and national environmental organizations focused on restoring the Greater Everglades Ecosystem, an area that stretches from Central Florida through the Florida Keys. The coalition's primary areas of focus include advocating for protection of the Everglades, hosting the annual conference and coordinating communication and education efforts

among coalition members and the public.

Carrozzo has worked at the Conservancy since 2011 and is responsible for developing and implementing policy initiatives for water resources and environmental issues impacting the western Everglades. Shortly after graduating from Miami University in Ohio, Carrozzo held a position as a conservation associate in the Conservancy's policy department. Carrozzo has over nine years of experience in natural resource policy at the local, state and federal levels.

"Being selected to serve as the Everglades Coalition co-chair is a great honor," said Rob Moher, Conservancy president and CEO. "Marisa is incredibly knowledgeable about environmental policy and shares the Conservancy's deep commitment to Everglades restoration."

As co-chair, Carrozzo's duties include oversight and coordination of coalition activities and events, representing the coalition at public events and meetings, supervising the coalition coordinator, setting meeting agendas and budgets, securing sponsorships and facilitating meetings.✱

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## Will Power

# How The Crusades Created Estate Planning



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

We take for granted that the tool of a revocable living trust is available to us. We can create a legal document where we usually name ourselves but may instead name a third party trustee to take care of our assets and possessions, yet the benefits of the trust remain ours, at least until our death.

This concept originated not as a separate area of the law, rather as a blend of English common law through the Court of Chancery, which was a court of equity (fairness) that followed a set of loose rules to avoid the slow pace of change and possible harshness (inequity) of English common law. The Chancery had jurisdiction

over all matters of equity, including the separate legal doctrines of trusts, land law, estate administration and guardianships.

Due to problems that arose, the law of trusts first developed in the 12th century from the time of the crusades under the jurisdiction of the king of England. The English common law developed from ancient Roman law which regarded property as an indivisible entity – whoever owned legal title owned all rights and privileges. Hence, one would simply convey land to another in full fee title.

When a landowner left England to fight in the Crusades, however, he would convey ownership of his lands in his absence to another to manage the estate and pay and receive feudal duties, with the understanding that the ownership would be conveyed back upon the crusader's return. Crusaders, however, often encountered a refusal to hand over the property upon their return.

The disgruntled Crusader would then petition the king, who would refer the matter to his Lord Chancellor. The Lord Chancellor could decide the case according to his conscience, determining what was "equitable" or "fair." Typically, the Lord Chancellor would consider it unconscionable that the legal owner could go back on his word and deny the claims of the Crusader. Therefore, he would find in favor of the returning Crusader.

Over time, it became known that the Lord Chancellor's court (Court of Chancery) would continually recognize the claim of a returning Crusader. The legal owner would hold the land for the benefit of the original owner, and would be compelled to convey it back to him when requested. The Crusader was the "beneficiary" and the named land title holder the "trustee." The term "use of land" was coined, and, in time, developed into what we know now as a "trust."

In modern trust law, we can create both inter-vivos trusts during our lifetime as well as testamentary trusts that determine how property is invested, owned and distributed following our death. A trustee is not to be confused with the owner or the beneficiary, in that the trustee is responsible for carrying out the terms of the trust. He has a fiduciary duty to the beneficiaries of the trust to own, invest and deal with the property prudently. Should the trustee violate those duties, he can be held liable to the beneficiaries.

The "Settlor" or "Grantor" of the trust is the person who creates the terms of the trust, and conveys money, property or assets to the trust. With most modern revocable trusts, the Settlor also serves as trustee as long as he or she is willing and able to serve in that role. Today, typically the Settlor is also usually the only beneficiary of the trust. In these common situations, when the Settlor acts as grantor, trustee and beneficiary, it is indistinguishable to holding outright fee simple title in the assets and property. The reason for the creation of the revocable trust during the grantor's lifetime is to set the stage for an easy transition in the event of the grantor's disability or death.

Disability or death may occur suddenly, in which case a grantor would not have had the opportunity to select the trustee who he or she would want to act, and the terms under which the money, assets and property are to be invested, held and distributed. Hence, today's trusts are an extremely useful tool to ensure that your wishes are carried out.

As Paul Harvey would famously say, "And now you know the rest of the story."

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## Free Tax Filing Assistance Resumes

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) has resumed at United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee with VITA Valet Drive Up-Drop Off Service in Lehigh Acres and Fort Myers. Due to COVID-19, the traditional tax preparation service was suspended on March 16. Appointments will continue on May 26.

Clients can drive up at either VITA site, stay in the car, and a tax preparer will complete an intake interview. The client will leave their tax papers such as W-2s and 1099s with the preparer and come back the following week later to receive their completed tax return.

Appointment must be made before drop off. Appointments can be made by calling 211 or 433-3900.

VITA sites and hours are as follows:  
United Way Headquarters at 7273 Concourse Drive, Fort Myers – Mondays

from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; and Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Lehigh Acres United Way House (Lehigh Community Services) at 201 Plaza Drive, Suite 103, Lehigh Acres – Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m.; and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

The VITA program provides free tax filing services in Lee, Hendry, Okeechobee and Charlotte counties to individuals and families making less than \$66,000 per year. Taxpayers need to bring a social security card for everyone on the return in addition to tax documents, bank account information for direct deposit of refunds, and if the clients had marketplace health insurance, form 1095A.

The tax filing deadline for 2019 tax returns is July 15. Tax preparation is performed by IRS certified volunteers. For more information, contact Mary Meador at [marym@unitedwaylee.org](mailto:marym@unitedwaylee.org) or call 433-7206.

If a taxpayer has access to a computer and would like to file their own taxes free of charge, they can log on to [www.myfreetaxes.com](http://www.myfreetaxes.com). It is simple, fast, and secure while offering online assistance with the process.✴

## Free Legal Services To Frontline Heroes

To thank those working hard during these trying times for their dedication, service and courage, the Lee County Legal Aid Society is offering free legal services to frontline service providers.

The free services focus on helping and improving the lives of children by creating Powers of Attorney for legal, medical and education matters during a time when all first responders have been there for our community because of COVID-19. These essential frontline workers include those who work in medical care and supplies, food services and delivery, farm workers, sanitation services, transportation and law enforcement.

Frontline service providers can visit [www.leecountylegalaid.org](http://www.leecountylegalaid.org) and click on the banner to apply for assistance.

"Lee County Legal Aid Society wanted to demonstrate our appreciation for those members of the community who

are finding ways to do their jobs safely every day to make all the rest of our lives possible," said Andrew Banyai, Esq, executive director of the Lee County Legal Aid Society.

For more information, call Nanci DuBois at 334-6118 or email her at [nanci@leecountylegalaid.org](mailto:nanci@leecountylegalaid.org).✴

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Africa Valdez, *Light at the End of the Tunnel*, cut paper, 2020

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## Superior Interiors

# How Open Floor Plans Create A Livable Space



by Jeanie Tinch

**Y**our home should be a place you can relax, where you can just throw all worries out the window and enjoy your own space. What better way to do so than with an open floor plan – a cozy, fun

approach to setting up your living area. Unsure of the perks that it can bring to your home? Keep reading for some tips and insights into the world of open floor plans.

What is an open floor plan? A common misconception of an open floor plan is that the entire house is free of any walls but, in fact, you can actually make your space as open or as closed off as you'd like. Maybe you want to integrate your kitchen and your dining room, and maybe you're feeling extra social and want to throw the living room into the mix. With endless possible combinations, an open floor plan allows you to open up your space as much or as little as you'd like.

Okay, so what are the benefits of having an open space? The reasons here are plentiful. Having fewer walls and more combined rooms helps lead to a greater sense of community within the home, even if it's just amongst family members. It'll also make it much easier to keep an eye on any young kids or pets you might have running around the house, without confining them to one room.

How popular are open floor plans

right now? Open floor plans have become much more common as of late, with their modern twist on home setup and abundance of benefits. The elimination of walls adds to a feeling of openness, allowing for more social interaction. Not to mention the fact that a small space can be made to feel much larger when the walls are taken out, giving you the opportunity to take advantage of all of your space.

What about furniture and decor? If you want your open floor plan to really work, you need to have a good strategy in terms of your furniture setup and your decor composition. Begin by tying your rooms together through color. Keeping one constant color scheme throughout your home will really help to bring your connected (but separate) rooms together. Try to incorporate some substantial furniture arrangements. By adding more furniture in a strategic way, you'll be able to bring your rooms together while still providing some substance. With this, keep your layout sensible by bringing in pieces that will add to overall functionality. Think about what you want to see from room to room. Do you want to be able to see your stove from your couch? Is the television visible from the kitchen table? These are questions you should be sure to answer, as they'll keep your home practical and transitional.

What is it that makes an open floor plan so cozy? Open floor plans are especially cozy because of the way that they tie together so many crucial areas of your home. This brings in more of a conversational environment, especially as the kitchen tends to be involved in every open floor plan setup. Since the kitchen tends to be the focal point of socialization in a home, combining it with a living or dining room (or both) helps to keep relaxation and comfort levels high.

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## Nursing Facilities Earn Five Stars

**T**he Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released their 2020 Five-Star Quality Ratings, awarding Gulf Coast Medical Center Skilled Nursing, HealthPark Care & Rehabilitation Center and Lee Memorial Hospital Skilled Nursing with five stars. The scores reflect recent improvements undertaken by the Lee Health system to continue improving its quality of care for the Southwest Florida community.

"With nursing homes under scrutiny during the coronavirus pandemic, it's good to have this recognition from CMS. Their star rankings are a gold standard of nursing home quality and safety, and we are honored to be recognized for the level of care we provide patients throughout Southwest Florida," said Larry Antonucci, MD, MBA, Lee Health president and CEO. "Thank you to all of the doctors, advanced providers, nurses and support staff for their commitment to providing compassionate, high quality and safe care in our nursing facilities."

CMS created the Five-Star Quality Rating System to help consumers, their

families and caregivers compare nursing homes more easily. The scores are based on previously reported quality and safety data points including patient satisfaction, value and outcomes, among others.

"The five-star rating program has been a catalyst to further strengthen the quality of care offered at Lee Health. We are committed to being a national leader in the advancement of health and healing and will continue to use the CMS report to identify opportunities to build on our success," said David Cato, chief administrative officer of outpatient services for Lee Health. "We are grateful for the tireless work of our team and the exceptional care they provide patients every day."

The updated CMS rankings follow recent recognitions Lee Health has received for quality and safety. Last month, all four Lee Health adult acute care hospitals earned "A" ratings for safety from the Leapfrog Group for the third straight reporting period. The nonprofit Leapfrog Group releases its hospital safety grades twice a year, rating hospitals on 27 measures of safety data. Only 33 percent of the approximately 2,600 acute care hospitals Leapfrog graded received an "A."

Visit [www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare/About/Hospital-Info.html](http://www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare/About/Hospital-Info.html) to learn more about CMS' star ratings.✱

## Senator Named Vice President Of Hope Healthcare

**F**lorida State Sen. Lizbeth Benacquisto has been named executive vice president of Hope Healthcare.

With a distinguished career in public service that spans two decades, Benacquisto was first elected to the Florida Senate to represent Southwest Florida in 2010 and was subsequently reelected 2012, 2014 and 2016. She served as the majority leader from 2012 to 2014 and the deputy majority leader from 2011 to 2012. Previously, she served as councilwoman for the Village of Wellington, Florida, from 2002 to 2010.

Benacquisto has supported Hope services for several years, serving as co-chair of the annual Yachts of Hope and Shine events that benefited those in need of Hope Hospice. She has been recognized with numerous honors and awards and served in volunteer positions with a broad variety of political, civic and human service organizations.

"Lizbeth's knowledge and skills will be an incredible asset to Hope,"



Lizbeth Benacquisto

said Beckwith. "She brings a unique understanding about healthcare and services that matter most to Southwest Floridians. The board and I are confident Lizbeth will help support Hope's mission of improving the quality of life for those experiencing serious illness and frailty."

Hope Healthcare is a not-for-profit health care organization dedicated to providing care and comfort to more than 4,000 people a day as they fulfill life's journey. For more information, call 482-4673 or visit [www.hopehcs.org](http://www.hopehcs.org).✱

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On March 18, the Lee Board of County Commissioners suspended cash payments on toll bridges in Lee County for the health and safety of the

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# Frankly Speaking

by Howard Prager



Open and shut. On and off. Start and finish. Before COVID-19, these seemed so simple, or were they? In one case, I'm talking about the sports documentary *The*

*Last Dance*, Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls' quest for a record sixth championship, a three-peat repeat, before breaking up of the team. In another sense, I'm talking about the opening up of sports.

A few thoughts about the documentary *The Last Dance* and what it takes to be a superstar. It doesn't look like being caring, compassionate and nice go along with drive, determination and passion to be the best. No question about Jordan being the greatest of all time (GOAT). Reliving his spectacular moves and efforts reminded me of how he kept going deeper even with the flu or ailments; his desire was so great to compete and win at the highest levels. This was especially true at playoff time when play is at a higher level, something superstars like Jordan live for and where he truly shined. Along the way, he didn't make many friends, especially with his teammates whom he pushed, insulted and trash-talked to.

On the public stage, it was a different image – lots of global adulation, fame, respect and people wanting to “be like Mike.” At least be like Mike's persona, be the GOAT, do the impossible, and make it to the top as he repeatedly did with the Bulls, with North Carolina and with the Dream Teams in the Olympics.

The documentary leaves us wondering what if they had stayed together, could there have been a seventh ring? Why break up a team at its height? Hard to say. Were they done? Could they all have come back, or enough of them to four-pete? It's all conjecture. In life we often don't know when to stop and when to start or continue. For Michael Jordan and the Bulls, it was a storybook ending to finish on top. If the team or a core of them came back and didn't make it for a seventh ring, would that tarnish their image? If they did make it, would that add to the “legend” or make it even greater? We'll never know. Coaches and teams with long winning streaks – John Wooden at UCLA, the Boston Celtics, the New York Yankees, the New England Patriots – stand the test of time, even if they had a year or two in between winning. They aren't talked about as has-beens or could-haves, it's just the start and end of an era. What do you think?

What to do about professional and college sports? Do we open? How? What are the new rules for players, for practice, for teams and, for us, the fans? Is it the same for all? That's a good question as SEC teams get ready

to begin practice in June. What does that mean now and what does that mean this fall? NBA at Disney – what does that mean and what will it look like?

We're starting to see games and competitions without fans, with new rules for the players to keep them safe as I wrote last week. Korean baseball, NASCAR, golf. We're living in a time when short-term is tomorrow and long-term is next week. SEC schools say now they will open with students in the fall. Notre Dame announced they are opening two weeks early, cancelling Fall Break and ending the semester before Thanksgiving. Not all campuses will open in the fall. California State universities will only be online.

University of Illinois President Timothy Killeen wonders what will happen for them, as do many schools. “I think it's undoubtedly true that the sports events in the fall will not resume as normal, but we hope and are planning that they will resume at some point.” USA Today estimated Power Five conference schools would lose an average of \$78 million, or more than 60 percent of their operating revenue if football is not played. But isn't that better than a loss of lives? How do you keep the players, the officials, the staff and the fans safe? The governors of some of our largest states, California, Texas, New York and Illinois said if sports opens up, they must do so without fans. Dr. Anthony Fauci said that, “Safety, for the players and for the fans trumps everything. If you can't guarantee safety, then unfortunately you're going to have to bite the bullet and say, ‘We may have to go without this sport for this season.’” He cited the ability to have broad access to testing that gets quick results as being one of the factors that must be in place. And Dr. Fauci added in his Senate testimony that sending students back to college campuses when there is no vaccine would be a “bridge too far.”

The good news story of the day is about good news, and do we need it! Clint Hurdle, former MLB manager,

started sending notes of inspiration to his staff 10 years ago when he managed the Rockies. After being fired from the Rockies in 2009, he stopped writing. A request from a Rockies staffer pleaded with him to restart them. After some thought, he continued and now has over 5,000 people he inspires on a daily basis from his home on Anna Maria Island near Bradenton. You can sign up at [www.clinthurdle.com](http://www.clinthurdle.com).

The Bulls stopping their dynasty. Schools, teams and athletes trying to decide when to start. A baseball manager continuing to inspire thousands. Stay safe readers and let there be a way for us to safely enjoy some of our favorite sports before too long.

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## Estates

to 26; Assembly Required from June 29 to July 3; Caloosahatchee Conservation from July 6 to 10; Discovering Dinosaurs (ages 6 through 8) from July 13 to 17; Fantastic Film Makers (ages 9 through 12) from July 13 to 24; Fantastic Film Makers (ages 6 through 8) from July 20 to 24; 3-D Art and Design from July 27 to 31; and Lift Off from August 3 to 7.

Cost for most camps is \$220 for Edison Ford members and \$250 for non-members. For the Fantastic Film Makers class for ages 9 through 12, cost is \$440 for Edison Ford members and \$495 for non-members.

Edison and Ford Winter Estates is located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For registration and more information on each class, visit [www.edisonfordwinterstates.org/education/camps](http://www.edisonfordwinterstates.org/education/camps).✱

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## SPORTS QUIZ

1. The 1963 San Francisco Giants had three outfielders who were brothers. Name them.
2. The Chicago Blackhawks' Bill Mosienko scored the fastest hat trick in NHL history during a 1952 game vs. the New York Rangers. How many seconds did it take him?
3. Baseball legend Sadaharu Oh spent his entire professional playing career (1959-80) with what Nippon Professional Baseball team?
4. This oceanic bird is often used as a symbol of frustration and guilt, but it's also the name of a very good 3-under-par hole score in golf. What is it?
5. What Winston-Salem State University basketball standout was selected by the Baltimore Bullets at No. 2 overall in the 1967 NBA Draft?
6. Quarterback Joe Montana won four Super Bowls during his career with the San Francisco 49ers (1979-92), but he played his final two NFL seasons with what team?
7. What California university's athletic teams are known as the Banana Slugs and have Sammy the Slug as their mascot?

## ANSWERS

1. Felipe, Jesus and Matty Alou. 2. 21 seconds. Mosienko scored goals at 6:09, 6:20 and 6:30 into the 3rd period. 3. The Yomuri Giants. 4. An albatross (aka “double eagle” in the U.S.). 5. Earl “The Pearl” Monroe. 6. The Kansas City Chiefs. 7. The University of California, Santa Cruz.



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## How To Make Immune Cubes



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**Dear Readers:**

As the weather warms, I find myself craving ice cubes in my water. I make what you might call “weird” ice cubes, sometimes they’re green. Sometimes they are the normal

whitish color, but they’ve been laced with astragalus or echinacea.

When my children were young, they didn’t notice what was going on, but they got immune cubes at times (usually in their smoothies). All soups were simmered with a piece of astragalus bark in the broth, along with the expected bay leaf. I’d take the astragalus bark out before serving them. I made some of their drinks and smoothies using coconut water, or bilberry-infused water. I’d put a dash of matcha powder in their cookie dough. Today, my adult children are tickled about my antics! They tease me that they knew what was going on... which is possible because they were always in the kitchen licking spoons and helping me pour flour out onto the floor, lol.

At this time, with COVID-19 still circulating, it’s important to protect your immune function as best you can. I also think it might be a fun afternoon project with your kids. Use the ice cubes daily and put them in your individual glass, or in a pretty water dispenser for your counter. You can also use these ice cubes in your smoothies.

Green Tea Ice Cubes – This has caffeine. There are green tea bags available everywhere, as well as matcha

powder. I usually use matcha because it’s stronger. You’re drinking crushed up leaves, not an extraction.

The antioxidants in green tea and matcha, especially epigallocatechin gallate (EGCG), chase down free radicals and help balance your cytokines so they are in healthier ratios. The FDA requires me to say that neither green tea or matcha powder (or supplements containing these ingredients) do not prevent, cure, or treat COVID-19, or any disease for that matter. This herb simply provides antioxidants which go after oxidants.

How to do it: Steep four green bags into four cups of hot water for about 5 minutes. Strain the infusion into your ice cube tray and freeze. You won’t even taste the green tea (which is a tad bitter if you over-steep it) in your glass of water. But it will provide powerful immune benefits. If you are using matcha, you can use a bamboo whisker or a metal whisker and stir two teaspoonfuls of matcha powder into four cups of hot water. Make sure it has all dissolved well or put it through a stainless steel strainer before pouring into your ice cube tray. Freeze it. It will probably stay good for about a month.

This confers powerful immune protection. In between the years of 1998 and 2009, a group of women were studied and those who drank green tea showed a 30 percent reduced risk of getting breast cancer. And in another study of 49,000 men, they found that prostate cancer risk was cut virtually in half! I have a longer version of this article with other recipes using licorice root, astragalus, oranges and more. It’s available via email after you sign up for my newsletter at [www.suzycohen.com](http://www.suzycohen.com).

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everything from critical resources such as additional medical equipment and supplies, to employee relief and increased technology including iPads to keep employees and patients connected with family.

In making the significant contribution, Suncoast recognizes the need for a community effort, with everyone doing their part to combat the pandemic as well as safely rebuild to a new normal. For some, the call is for financial support. Suncoast is challenging the Southwest Florida community to join them and show support for the healthcare heroes on the frontline of the crisis.

“While we are focused on supporting our members financially, we feel a moral obligation to support other basic needs during this very challenging time. We admire and are inspired by other charitable organizations who are providing relief through private donations like ours,” said Suncoast Credit Union President and CEO Kevin Johnson. “People are struggling through no fault of their own and, because of the support of our board of directors, Suncoast is committed to doing what we can to address these serious needs.”

Doctor and Dietician

## Gardening Improves Health And Happiness



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

A recent article from BlueZones.com (lifestyles of those who live to be 100), discussed the many health benefits of gardening. Studies reveal that gardening could be the hobby that helps you live to be 100! Numerous studies also show that an outdoor-focused lifestyle, including moderate physical activity, greatly improves your overall health, improves mood and mental function, decreases stress, improves heart rate variability (HRV), and increases happiness. Gardening achieves these same things!

Gardening has been associated with higher levels of happiness like walking and bike riding, which we are also very blessed to be able to do here in Southwest Florida. We now see big cities working to become more sustainable, walk/bike-friendly and plant-focused to achieve what we may take for granted.

As weird as this may sound, gardening gives us something to take care of, to nurture and love. We

are happy when we see our flowers blooming and our vegetables budding. Being able to look out at our yard or lanai to see these beautiful plants is very uplifting, and digging or walking in the dirt helps us feel more grounded.

An Australian research team found that people in their 60s who gardened regularly had a 36 percent lower risk of dementia than those who did not garden. This article stated that those suffering from cognitive issues (such as Alzheimer’s and dementia) report “benefits from garden settings and horticulture therapy. Sunlight and fresh air, for example, help agitated elders feel calmer, while the colors and textures of various plants and vegetables can improve visual and tactile ability.”

Let’s face it. We live in the tropics where plants grow like weeds! The key is to figure out the timing, soil and nutrients for your plants, but it can be done in Southwest Florida. We are still working on that exact balance, but we’ve had a great crop of tomatoes and herbs so far this spring. We also planted citrus, avocado, mango and banana trees, as well as peppers, ginger, onions and, of course, more tomatoes. We love planting succulents and have used the cuttings to grow many more plants, as well as plumeria, palms, olive trees, bougainvillea and a wide array of other tropical plants.

Nothing like digging in the dirt. Get out there and get dirty! It is good for you!

*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).\**

## Gift Match To Lee Health Challenge Supports Heroes

Earlier this month, Suncoast Credit Union announced a \$1 million donation to provide economic relief to those affected by COVID-19 in the communities the credit union serves, while focusing on three primary areas of need: healthcare, hunger and education. Lee Health Foundation has announced it has received \$100,000 from its long-time community partner to aid in ways the funds will be most impactful in the fight against COVID-19.

Lee Health is using donations to the Helping Frontline Heroes fund to work through the continued challenges presented by the pandemic. The needs change on a daily basis, and supportive funding is crucial. While the non-profit healthcare system is on the frontline of the health crisis, facing its own economic challenges, it continues to serve the community, caring for its safety and wellbeing – physically and emotionally. Which is why donations have supported

Suncoast Credit Union has been an essential partner of Lee Health and Golisano Children’s Hospital for many years, working together on initiatives where the values of the organization align with the mission of the healthcare system. Over the past few years, Suncoast has funded a classroom at Golisano Children’s Hospital as well as supported the in-house school teacher so patients may continue to meet their educational goals. Made possible in part by Suncoast Credit Union through Kids’ Minds Matter – the pediatric mental and behavioral health fund at Lee Health, two mental health care navigators were placed in Lee County schools this year. Most recently, Suncoast Credit Union has supported the expansion of pediatric ophthalmology services at Golisano Children’s Services.

“Year after year, when it comes to funding the critical needs of our community to advance healthcare or education, Suncoast Credit Union comes through for Southwest Florida,” said Chris Simoneau, chief foundation and development officer at Lee Health. “We are truly grateful for the long term partnership we have with Suncoast, enabling Lee Health to advance our

region’s healthcare in critical areas like pediatric ophthalmology, mental health and now COVID-19. Their focus on providing solutions makes them an ideal partner.”

To learn more about Lee Health’s efforts as well as opportunities to aid in the local fight against COVID-19, visit [www.leehealthfoundation.org](http://www.leehealthfoundation.org).\*

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## Transponders

community. During this time, motorists without a transponder have been billed for the toll amount only with no administrative fees.

To obtain your free LeeWay sticker transponder and fund your new LeeWay Prepaid account with a minimum of \$30, follow these steps:

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<b>AREA ATTRACTIONS</b>	
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My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF MAY 25, 2020

**Aries** (March 21 to April 19) You might not like some people’s idea of a surprise. But you could be in for a pleasant shock when someone finally sends a reply to a request you made so long ago that you almost forgot about it.

**Taurus** (April 20 to May 20) It’s a time to expect the unexpected. So don’t be surprised if a decision that just recently seemed final suddenly opens up and leaves you with another chance to make an important choice.

**Gemini** (May 21 to June 20) Taking a different tack on a work project might rattle some colleagues. But the positive results of your innovative course soon speak for themselves. Celebrate by doing something fun this weekend.

**Cancer** (June 21 to July 22) Meeting new associates can be awkward, even if you’re in a high positive phase right now. Best advice: Make them feel comfortable, and you’ll soon forget your own discomfort.

**Leo** (July 23 to August 22) It’s a good time for you social Lions to blow-dry your manes, polish your claws and look like the Fabulous Felines you are as you make new friends and influence the influential.

**Virgo** (August 23 to September 22) Expectations run especially high this week, and you should feel confident in your abilities to take advantage of what might be offered. A colleague has some advice you might find helpful.

**Libra** (September 23 to October 22) A recent flurry of activity leaves you in need of a little breathing space, and you’d be wise to take it. Close family members should have an explanation about an emergency situation that just passed.

**Scorpio** (October 23 to November 21) An insensitive act makes a difficult situation more so. But try not to waste either your physical or emotional energies in anger. Move on and let others fill the clod in on the facts of life.

**Sagittarius** (November 22 to December 21) It’s a good time to look into that training program or college course you’ve been considering. You might have a good place to use those sharpened skills sooner rather than later.

**Capricorn** (December 22 to January 19) Education dominates much of your aspect during this week. You might want to start checking out those summer session courses that could help advance your career plans.

**Aquarius** (January 20 to February 18) Progress often comes in fits and starts. But at least you’re moving straight ahead with no backsliding. You should soon be able to pick up the pace and reach your goals in due time.

**Pisces** (February 19 to March 20) Be wary of a deal that gives confusing answers to your questions. Remember: It’s always risky swimming in unknown waters, so you need all the help you can get to stay on course.

**Born This Week:** You have a way of bringing people together and creating close friendships wherever you go.

MOMENTS IN TIME

• On June 3, 1800, President John Adams becomes the first acting president to take up residence in Washington, DC. Unfortunately the White House was not yet finished, so Adams moved into temporary digs at Tunnicliffe’s City Hotel near the also half-finished Capitol building.

• On June 6, 1833, in Maryland, President Andrew Jackson boards a Baltimore & Ohio Railroad steam train for a pleasure trip to Baltimore, becoming the first president to take a ride on an *Iron Horse*. The B&O Railroad began operation in 1828 with horse-drawn cars.

• On June 1, 1926, Norma Jeane Mortenson

– who would become known as the actress and sex symbol Marilyn Monroe – is born in Los Angeles. During World War II, a photographer “discovered” the photogenic Norma Jeane working in a California munitions factory.

• On June 2, 1935, baseball great Babe Ruth ends his Major League career after 22 seasons, 10 World Series and 714 home runs. The following year, Ruth was one of the first five players inducted into the sport’s hall of fame.

• On June 5, 1949, bestselling thriller writer Ken Follett is born in Wales. After college he wrote a novel just for the \$400 advance, which he needed to fix his car. The book flopped, and after 10 more novels he finally broke through with *The Eye of the Needle* in 1979.

• On June 7, 1962, the banking institution Credit Suisse opens the first drive-through bank in Switzerland in downtown Zurich. After mounting problems with Zurich’s downtown traffic led to fewer and fewer customers, the drive-thru was closed in 1983.

• On June 4, 1986, Jonathan Pollard pleads guilty to espionage for selling top-secret U.S. military intelligence information to Israel. The former Navy intelligence analyst sold enough classified documents to fill a medium-sized room. He was sentenced to life in prison.

TRIVIA TEST

1. **U.S. States:** Which of the 48 contiguous United States has the largest land area?
2. **Television:** What city does SpongeBob SquarePants live in?
3. **General Knowledge:** What color is cyan?
4. **Food & Drink:** In beer styles, what does the designation IPA mean?
5. **Geography:** Which two countries share the longest border?
6. **Animal Kingdom:** What is a group of squirrels called?
7. **Famous Quotations:** Which famous author once wrote, “As full of spirit as the month of May, and as gorgeous as the sun in Midsummer”?
8. **Movies:** In the 2020 movie, what is the real name of the superhero in *Black Widow*?
9. **Business:** Which animal is featured in the Porsche auto logo?
10. **History:** What was the name of the dog who was first to orbit the Earth in a space vehicle?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Texas 2. Bikini Bottom 3. Blue 4. India pale ale 5. The United States and Canada 6. A scurry or dray 7. William Shakespeare 8. Natasha Romanoff 9. A horse 10. Laika.

NOW HERE’S A TIP

• “I found a small waste basket that fits right between the wall and my dryer. There’s a gap that’s about 8 inches wide. The lip of the basket keeps it from sliding down to the floor, so it’s easy to clean out the lint trap and put the waste in the basket. Also, I used a strip of hook-and-loop tape to attach a tissue holder box vertically to the wall. I stick a box of fabric softener sheets in it, and they, too, are right where I need them.” – TK in Nevada

• “To keep the kitchen garbage can from smelling, I put spoiled food items in a bread bag, and then put it in the freezer until it’s time for the garbage collector. I also have a friend with a compost bin, and I am doing the same with vegetables, fruit and peelings. I plan to bring the whole mess when I get to visit. The compost bin won’t care if it’s been defrosted!” – EL in Virginia

• “Place recipes inside of a plastic bag so that they can be handled while cooking, but not dirtied. This is especially necessary with heirloom recipes. For myself, I have made photocopies of recipes

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## PUZZLES

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## Super Crossword

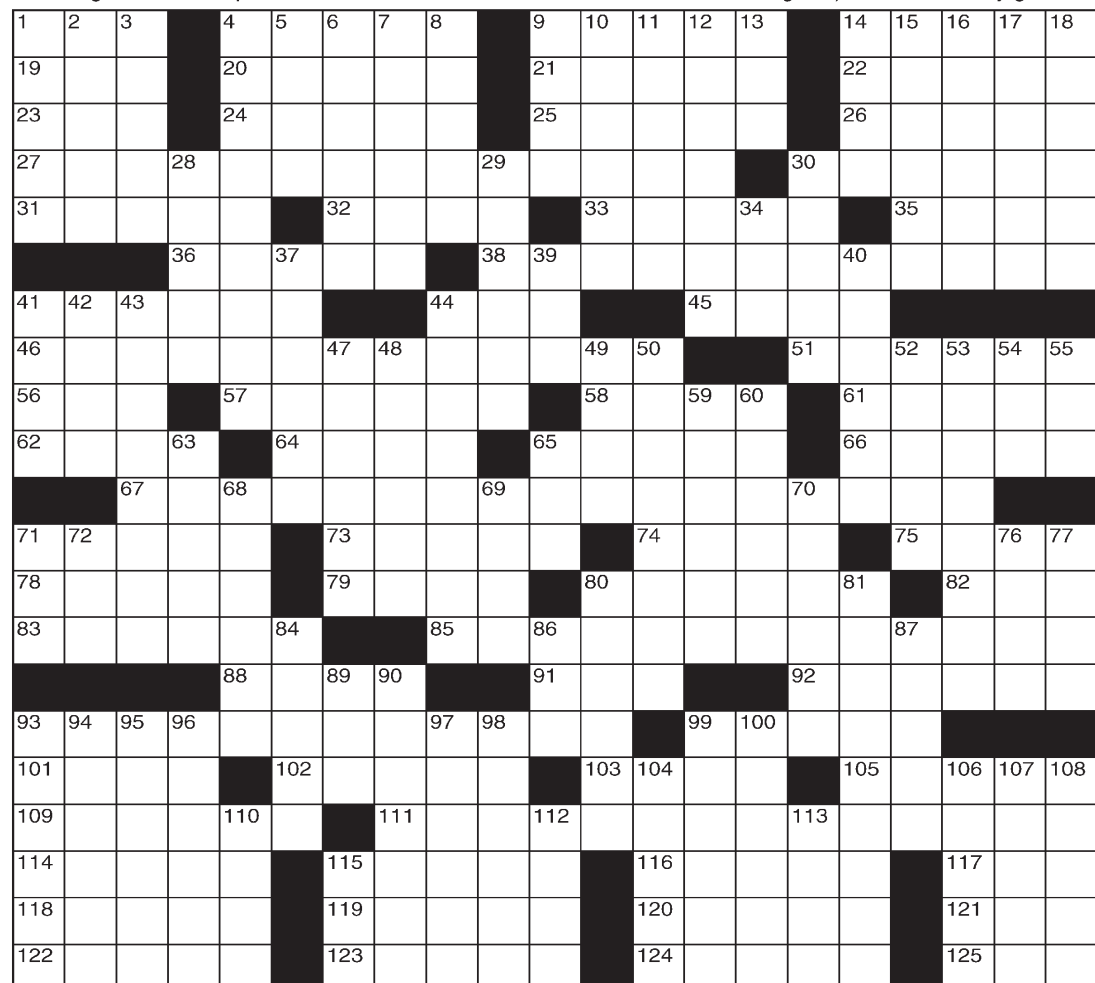
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DESCRIPTIONS

## ACROSS

- 1 Completed  
4 Tea leaf  
9 Title for readers, e.g.  
9 Title for Macbeth  
14 Places to pitch tents  
19 Transgress  
20 Bow go-with  
21 Dignity  
22 Largest city in Nebraska  
23 Arthur of TV  
24 White of TV  
25 Writer Dillard  
26 Prohibited acts  
27 Gougers charge them  
30 Warrants  
31 Sioux division  
32 Just OK  
33 Papa Doc's country  
35 First-aid flora  
36 No-see-ums  
38 Symptom of mumps  
41 Tumult  
44 Air safety gp.  
45 1492, e.g.  
46 Pesto  
ingredient  
51 Portable enplaning bridge
- 56 — Banos, California  
57 All tangled up  
58 Friable soil  
61 — degree or another  
62 Arthur of tennis  
64 Home of Iowa State  
65 Organisms of a region  
66 Chew the scenery  
67 Hand-softened "superfood" dish  
71 "1492" director  
73 Ridley  
73 Pierces  
74 Condé —  
75 Cyberjunk  
78 More ticked  
79 A Great Lake  
80 Turns back to 000  
82 Sci-fi hoverer  
83 Like paradise  
85 Result of dropping a bushel, maybe  
88 Plant "pet"  
91 45s' relatives  
92 Flimsy pancakes
- 93 What a great ad campaign leads to  
99 Plant pest  
101 Grimm nasty  
102 Pan-fry  
103 Lane of song  
105 Gymnast  
Comaneci  
109 Encore-eliciting cries  
111 What many shards are  
114 Handle the party food  
115 Lake — Vista, Florida  
116 George who played Sulu  
117 Suffix with neat  
118 Love to bits  
119 Scourges  
120 Sister of Fred Astaire  
121 Blasting aid  
122 Car rollers, in London  
123 Actor Gable  
124 Jewish ritual meal  
125 Something associated with the first words of this puzzle's seven longest answers

## DOWN

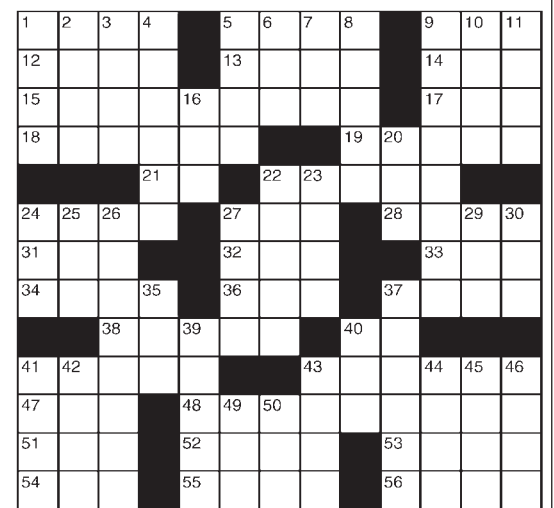
- 1 Credit's opposite  
2 2011 hurricane  
3 Air current  
4 Safari sites  
5 Part of QED  
6 "Marty" star Borgnine  
7 Sonata parts  
8 Exchanges  
9 Hot cuisine  
10 Bigwig  
11 Heat to prevent stress  
12 In a racket-filled way  
13 Prior to, in poems  
14 Pylon shape  
15 Indifferent to ethics  
16 Capital of the Philippines  
17 Light particle  
18 Wised off to  
28 Corporate symbols  
29 Nun's beads  
30 Rapper Nicki  
34 Driving range peg  
37 Concert sites  
39 — -Mart
- 40 Sister of Hansel  
41 Sch. near Beverly Hills  
42 Experts  
43 Mount with presidents' heads  
44 Bone of the lower chest  
47 Bring harm to  
48 Mendel of genetics  
49 Skater Kulik  
50 Fonz's quality  
52 "Traffic" actor Milian  
53 Fiber for newsprint  
54 Wee colonist  
55 "— -haw!"  
59 "Relax, GI!"  
60 Assembled as one body  
63 All gone, as dinner  
65 Bible divs.  
68 Not lax at all  
69 Elk's kin  
70 Fasten  
71 Reno-to-Riverside dir.  
72 Chowder fish  
76 For — (not gratis)
- 77 Peat source  
80 Tries to shred  
81 More elastic  
84 Fischer's skill  
86 Suffix with glob or duct  
87 Apt rhyme for "treadle"  
89 Lupino of film  
90 Like always  
93 Lynx variety  
94 "Hellcats" actress Gail  
95 Expert talker  
96 Intense with an owl  
98 Less fat  
99 Chafe  
100 Snuck a look  
104 Test models  
106 "Purgatorio" poet  
107 "Of Thee —"  
108 Invite to join at  
110 Mined finds  
112 Duty  
113 Editor's strike-out  
115 Telly giant



## King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Comes together  
5 Sail support  
9 Drenched  
12 Met melody  
13 From the beginning  
14 Wall crawler  
15 Voles  
17 Back talk  
18 Man's hat style  
19 Confound  
21 First word of "America"  
22 Gotham City super-villain  
24 Renown  
27 Standard  
28 Linger  
31 Chicken-king link  
32 Recede  
33 Mongrel  
34 Two-wheeler  
36 Ph. bk. listings  
37 Relinquish  
38 Occurrence  
40 Letter after lambda  
41 Discussion group  
43 Insect with pincers  
47 Hawaiian neckpiece  
48 Crockett and Tubbs' show  
51 Tolkien ogre



- 52 Beige alterations  
53 North Sea 9 Grain also called water  
54 Buck's mate oats  
55 Deli loaves 10 Satan's forte  
56 Reps.' rivals 11 Work at the keyboard  
DOWN 16 Parched 41 Walk wearily  
1 Handled hook 20 Society newbie 42 Prefix re planes  
2 Great Lake 22 Frilly blouse accessory flock  
3 Told a whopper 23 Spheres 44 — E. Coyote  
4 Biblical dancer 24 "Great!" 45 Warhead  
5 One of the 25 Clay, today weapon, briefly  
6 Blackbird 26 "Stop fighting" 46 The Bee —  
7 Moment 27 Teller's partner 49 Unfriendly  
8 Make slight 50 Exist

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: PROTECTS A CIRCUIT

Antenna	Diode	Resistor	Thyristor
Capacitor	Heat sink	Rheostat	Transformer
Coil	LED	Switch	Transistor
Crystal	Rectifier	Thermistor	





**Blue Crab Panini**  
1 pound blue crab meat  
1/2 Bell pepper, diced fine  
1 stalk celery, diced fine  
1/4 cup green onions, chopped  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard  
1 teaspoon lemon juice  
1 teaspoon Worcestershire  
2-3 tablespoons softened unsalted butter, for cooking  
Several dashes hot sauce (optional)  
1 tablespoon all-purpose seafood seasoning (your favorite)  
French bread (or your favorite)  
Combine all ingredients except for crab meat. Taste and adjust seasoning as needed. Gently fold in the crab meat, making sure not to break up any large pieces. Add 3/4 cup crab salad to each sandwich and spread the softened butter on both pieces of bread. Using a waffle iron, panini press, or sauté pan, grill until golden brown on both sides. Serve warm.✱



Blue Crab Panini

photo courtesy Fresh From Florida

PUZZLES

Answers on page 23

"What are you looking so happy about? I'm just getting them \_\_\_\_\_."

### 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!

Grain  
**BRIEF**    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Raid  
**DEVAIN**    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Leaf  
**PLATE**    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Relief  
**PRESITE**    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

**TODAY'S WORD**

\_\_\_\_\_

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

**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.

### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Fence slat is missing. 2. Window is added. 3. Book is upside down. 4. Steak is missing. 5. Charcoal bag is different. 6. Grill wheels are different.





**FRIDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 87 Low: 75



**SATURDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 86 Low: 74



**SUNDAY**  
Sunny  
High: 83 Low: 71



**MONDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 86 Low: 74



**TUESDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 89 Low: 77



**WEDNESDAY**  
Cloudy  
High: 86 Low: 74



**THURSDAY**  
Cloudy  
High: 85 Low: 73

**Redfish Pass Tides**

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	9:25 am	1:11 am	6:20 pm	12:00 pm
Sat	9:46 am	2:07 am	7:58 pm	2:04 pm
Sun	10:10 am	2:58 am	9:39 pm	3:36 pm
Mon	10:35 am	3:44 am	11:09 pm	4:46 pm
Tue	11:01 am	4:24 am	None	5:45 pm
Wed	12:29 am	4:58 am	11:29 am	6:38 pm
Thu	1:42 am	5:27 am	12:00 pm	7:27 pm

**Point Ybel Tides**

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	8:30 am	1:13 am	5:25 pm	12:02 pm
Sat	8:51 am	2:09 am	7:03 pm	2:06 pm
Sun	9:15 am	3:00 am	8:44 pm	3:38 pm
Mon	9:40 am	3:46 am	10:14 pm	4:48 pm
Tue	10:06 am	4:26 am	11:34 pm	5:47 pm
Wed	10:34 am	5:00 am	None	6:40 pm
Thu	12:47 am	5:29 am	11:05 am	7:29 pm

**Punta Rassa Tides**

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	8:01 am	1:20 am	6:38 pm	12:16 pm
Sat	8:42 am	2:20 am	8:11 pm	2:21 pm
Sun	9:19 am	3:10 am	9:26 pm	3:28 pm
Mon	9:56 am	3:54 am	10:42 pm	4:28 pm
Tue	10:33 am	4:36 am	11:55 pm	5:27 pm
Wed	11:14 am	5:21 am	None	6:24 pm
Thu	12:52 am	6:06 am	11:55 am	7:17 pm

**Cape Coral Bridge Tides**

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	11:35 am	4:27 am	8:30 pm	3:16 pm
Sat	11:56 am	5:23 am	10:08 pm	5:20 pm
Sun	12:20 pm	6:14 am	11:49 pm	6:52 pm
Mon	12:45 pm	7:00 am	None	8:02 pm
Tue	1:19 am	7:40 am	1:11 pm	9:01 pm
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Thu	3:52 am	8:43 am	2:10 pm	10:43 pm

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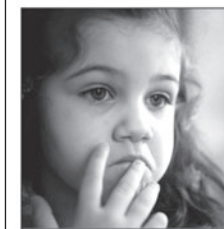
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## Now Here’s A Tip

handed down from my grandmother, so the originals are safe in the cookbook. I like handwritten recipe cards because it’s like the writer is there with you.” – T in Ohio

- Clogged drain? Don’t use chemicals. “If you do encounter a full clog, try hot water and baking soda first. If that doesn’t work, try a mixture of baking soda and vinegar. Avoid plumbing snakes, which can scratch the interior of your pipes, and commercial chemical cleaners, which are caustic and a health hazard, even when used according to instructions.” – Colepepper Plumbing in California

- To keep dirt from sticking to your dustpan, spray it lightly with furniture polish. Buff with a cloth so that it’s not wet. Floor dirt will slide right off.

### STRANGE BUT TRUE

- The first sunglasses were invented in 12th-century China and made from smoked quartz. While providing no protection against harmful UV rays, they did give some relief from the sun’s glare and also served as a valuable tool for Chinese judges, allowing them to seem emotionally detached during interrogations.
- English Romantic poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772-1834) is credited with the first printed use of the words “selfless,” “psychosomatic,” “bipolar” and “bisexual.”
- A study by neurologists showed that

some patients suffering from brain trauma and damage on the right-hand side of their brain have a compulsive obsession to tell jokes they find hilarious, while not finding other peoples’ jokes funny at all.

- The hacker group Anonymous once sent thousands of all-black faxes to the Church of Scientology to deplete all of their ink cartridges.
- May 29 is officially “Put a Pillow on Your Fridge Day.” This curious holiday derives from an old custom of placing a piece of cloth from one’s bedroom in a place where food was kept, helping to ensure a supply of future plenty to the household.

- Sierra Leone is the world’s roundest country and sits not too far from Egypt – the world’s squarest country.
- Nearly three percent of the ice in Antarctic glaciers is composed of penguin urine. Due to the subzero temperature in that area, it can’t evaporate.
- Think you hate going to the dentist? A 12-year-old French boy once faked his own kidnapping to get out of it! After being located in a village 100 miles from his home, the lad lied to police, even describing his kidnapper’s distinctive cheek scar. Only after they had searched for a month and re-questioned him did the boy confess.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“A clever person solves a problem. A wise person avoids it.” – Albert Einstein



Charley ID# A417857  
Lee County Domestic Animal Services

## Charley And Duncan

Lee County Domestic Animal Services adoption center has reopened by appointment only. Visit [www.leelostpets.com](http://www.leelostpets.com) to complete an online adoption application prior to calling 533-7387 to make an appointment. The center is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Duncan ID# A798672

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### Shore Fishing:



**Don't Harm The Fish**  
by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Landing a big fish from the beach can be hard on the fish. Dragging a fish up onto the sand if you're going to release it is not an option as it usually damages or kills the fish. Hold the fish in the water while you unhook it if you're going to release it. The less you can touch a fish before release the better for the fish.

If you want a picture with the fish, support it as you lift it out of the water – and do it quickly.

Before releasing, revive the fish while holding it in the water; moving it slowly back and forth so water goes over its gills. The fish will let you know when it's ready to swim off.

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5/1 ★ TFN

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easy to fall in love with. If you would like to visit me, call 533-7387 to set up a time. My adoption fee is \$10.

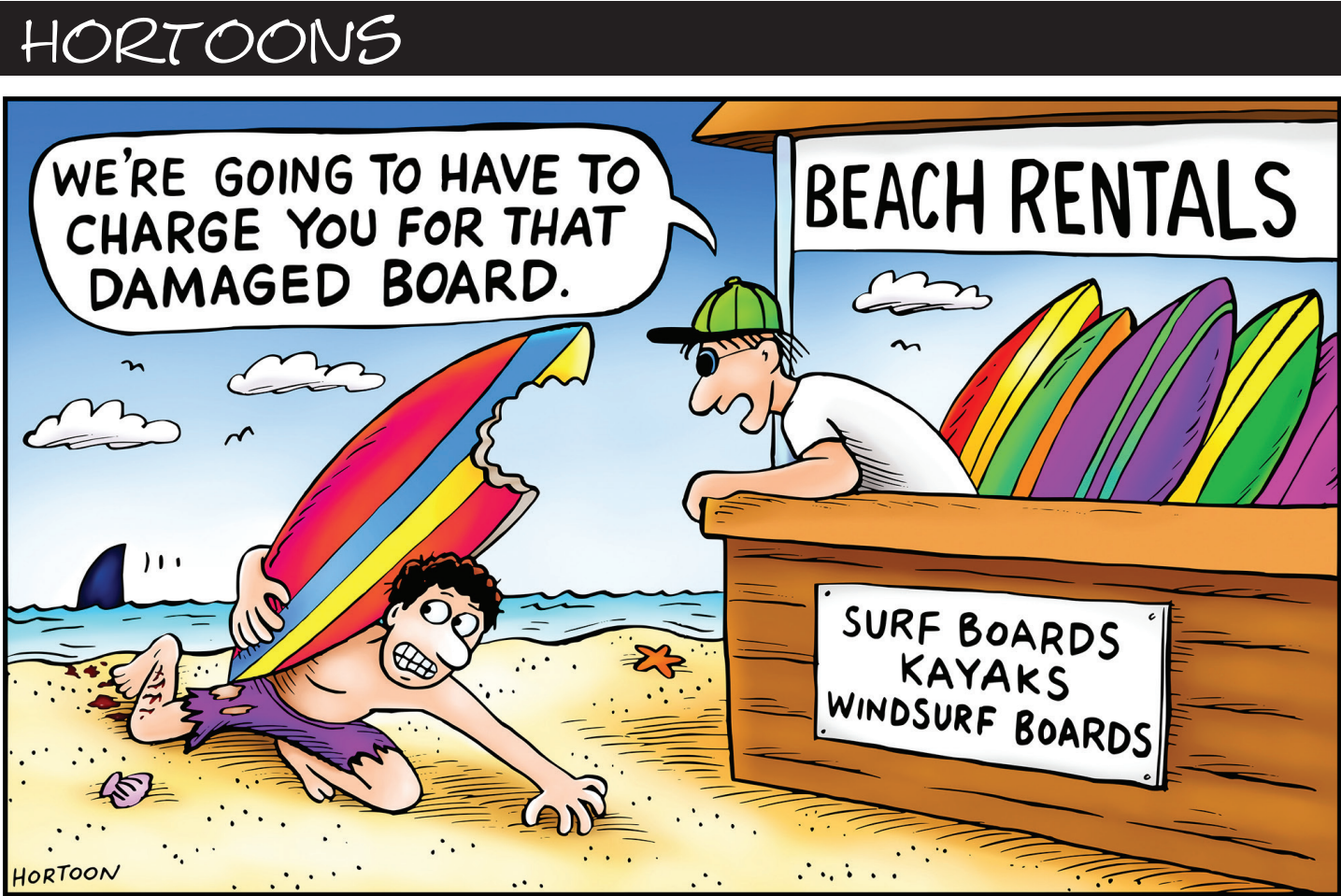
Hi, I'm Duncan. I am a 1-year-old male pit bull mix that is a handsome young pup with eyes that will melt your heart. I am quite inquisitive and will tilt my head and turn my ears (and I have quite the set of ears) whenever I am curious about something. I love to play outside, especially in the kiddie pools. An active family would be great. I am affectionately called the 'unicorn' as I will play with every pup I am placed with, and I seem to love everyone. My adoption fee is \$75.

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

SCRAMBLERS

1. Fiber; 2. Invade;  
3. Petal; 4. Respite

Today's Word  
REPAIRED



PUZZLE ANSWERS

SUPER CROSSWORD

D	I	D	S	E	E	R	S	T	H	A	N	E	C	A	M	P	S		
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S	C	O	T	T	G	O	R	E	S	N	A	S	T	S	P	A	M		
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MAGIC MAZE

SUDOKU

1	9	6	4	7	3	8	5	2
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Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Castelli	Miromar Lakes	2007	6,288	\$3,745,000	\$3,550,000	93
Fort Myers	Fort Myers	2005	5,102	\$2,289,000	\$2,100,000	325
Vittoria	Fort Myers	2007	5,151	\$999,000	\$950,000	239
Castaway Estates	Sanibel	1983	1,508	\$995,000	\$925,000	523
Glenview	Fort Myers Beach	1959	2,229	\$895,000	\$880,000	5
Grande Estates	Estero	2007	3,235	\$887,000	\$840,000	38
Avallone	Bonita Springs	2014	2,774	\$849,000	\$835,000	317
Briarcliff	Fort Myers	1981	2,931	\$830,000	\$830,000	2
San Carlos Estates	Bonita Springs	2015	3,153	\$765,000	\$735,000	36
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1988	3,187	\$749,000	\$700,000	78

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