



Davis Center Reopens With Art Exhibitions

The Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center (SBDAC) will reopen its doors with two art exhibitions at a reduced capacity and following CDC guidelines on Friday, June 5.

The 12th annual June juried art exhibition titled Rumors or Reality will be on display in the Grand Atrium with an opening reception on June 5 from 6 to 10 p.m.

International artist Monika Bokelmann's exhibition, featuring her works titled ArteMoka Mar y Tierra by Monika Bokelmann, will be displayed in the Capital Gallery during the same hours.

Both exhibitions will be open for viewing through June 25 with hours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"The health and safety of our staff, artists and our supporters are of utmost importance to us. After great deliberation and extensive considerations, the decision has been made to open the Rumors or Reality show to the public at a reduced capacity to ensure the following of CDC reopening guidelines," said Jim



It Came From Planet TV9 by Dale Weber
images provided

Griffith, CEO of Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center. "We are taking a gradual approach allowing us to prioritize health and safety while taking progressive steps to restore regular operations."

The juried art exhibition challenged artists to create works dealing with rumors versus reality, examine entities of folklore, creatures of legend as well as alternate realities in artwork that can be created from any media. Sixty-five works of art from 50 artists were selected.

Artwork in this exhibition will be judged according to presentation, artistic merit,



Sea Horses by Jenna Lefevre

creativity, excellence and correlation to the theme.

Prizes include \$500 for Best in Show (winner will be announced at 7:30 p.m.); \$250 for SBDAC Staff Pick; and \$250 for People's Choice, which will be chosen based on audience votes for their favorite piece and announced during the Sounds of Summer Concert on Friday, June 19. Vote in person or call in at 333-1933.

Wear your most creative face mask and enter for a chance to win the Hidden Smile Award. Take a photo wearing your most creative mask at the selfie station on reopening night. Visit www.fb.com/



Liberty Turning Her Back by Sue Dunham

[sbdavisartcenter](https://www.facebook.com/sbdavisartcenter) and post your photo using the hashtag #smilesbdac. The photo with the most likes wins the award.

As for safety protocol due the effects of COVID-19, SBDAC officials are asking

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Botanical Gardens Now Open To Visitors

Edison and Ford Winter Estates recently reopened the botanical gardens and the riverside of the property. On May 29, the gardens as well as the area that features the historic winter homes of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, the guest home, study, swimming pool complex



Lemon Drop frangipani

and the award-winning Moonlight Garden opened for business.

Come see what's blooming and walk through more than 20 acres of gardens in a park-like setting with large shade trees and a scenic river view. Participants can also stroll under the porches of the historic homes and view into the interior lifestyle of Edison and Ford.

The site contains more than 1,700 plants representing more than 400 species from six continents. To ensure social distancing, guided tours are not being



Mina Edison statue in the garden

offered at this time.

The riverside will be open Friday through Monday each week through June. The museum and laboratory will remain closed at this time. No coupons or other discounts will be accepted. Members are admitted at no charge.

Discounted admission tickets include: adults \$15; teens (age 13 to 19) \$10; children (age 6 to 12) \$5; and children ages 5 and under no charge.

Purchase tickets in advance online at www.edisonford.org.

The outdoor Garden Shoppe and Museum Store are also open. The number of visitors entering the indoor retail areas will be monitored to ensure enough space for social distancing. Garden staff will be on site to answer gardening questions. Members receive a 10 percent discount on all garden and gift items (excluding tickets).

Following guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Edison and Ford Winter Estates staff will be wearing protective masks, and surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized.*

Historic Downtown
Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Bird's-Eye Tour Looking Southwest



by Gerri Reaves,
PhD

Looking at a familiar landscape from an unfamiliar perspective can be pleasantly disorienting – pleasantly because trying to make sense of it is akin

to solving a visual puzzle. The first step is establishing a reference point and then filling in the other spaces accordingly.

This photo taken in September 1925 presents just such a challenge. The southwestward view is from the Franklin Arms Hotel at First and Lee – the city's first "skyscraper."

Main Street crosses the center of the image left to right on a slight diagonal, beginning at Jackson (marked by the star) and continuing westward to the Lee County Courthouse down at Monroe. However, the courthouse area is difficult to see clearly without zooming in.

On the southwest corner of Jackson and Main is the 1922 Grand Central Hotel, with retail and offices at street level. Today, a city parking garage is located there.

Farther right at the Hendry corner stands the two-story balconied Roberts Building, constructed in the 1890s. In 1925, the Groceteria was located on the first floor and apartments above. Today, a one-story law office occupies the corner.

Across Main from the Grand Central hotel is a residence dating from pioneer days, the Frank Carson home (center), with what appears to be a multi-angled metal roof, where the one-story Jackson-Main Building is now.

That two-story balconied building was next door to the Carson's housed offices and shops in 1925.

Down at the northeast corner of Hendry is the 1905 former Reynolds



In September 1925, a photographer perched at the top of the Franklin Arms Hotel at First and Lee and pointed the camera to the southwest. The star (left center) marks Jackson and Main, and the white triangle (upper center) marks the north side of the Richards Building on Hendry Street.
photo courtesy Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library System

Store, which was located approximately where the Edison Theatre building is today. In 1925, it was Royal Palm Market. Note the large open parking lot to the right of the store, where businesses now stand.

The three-story hotel across from the parking lot is the Graystone, which borders the Hendry Street entrance to the Patio de Leon (just out of right frame).

The tallest structures in the photo are two four-story brick ones upper left-center, also two of the newest: the 1923 Richards Building, at that time called the Pythian Building (marked by the white triangle), and the 1925 Robb & Stucky Building.

Another familiar structure still with us today is the 1911 Andrew D. Gwynne Institute at Second and Jackson (upper left corner). Note the small private residences that still existed along Jackson in 1925.

Now to the imposing flat rooftop just below the photographer... that

three-story building housed the Inter County Telegraph & Telegram Co. After decades of the usual corporate evolution of buyouts, expansions and renaming, the company's descendent, the enormous CenturyLink, occupies not only that space but the entire block through to Lee Street.

Next to the communications building is the *Fort Myers Press* printing operations, and next to it (under the star) is a large garage. It was originally the famed Ben King Garage, built circa 1910 on Lee Street.

Bird's-eye views enable us see downtown anew, the crooks and crevices, the unsightly roofs, but also the connectivity that existed in earlier times.

Walk down the routes laid out in this photo and imagine how the streetscape looked and felt 95 years ago.

Then visit the following research centers to see more bird's-eye photos of historic downtown.

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.

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

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District Honors New Teacher Of The Year

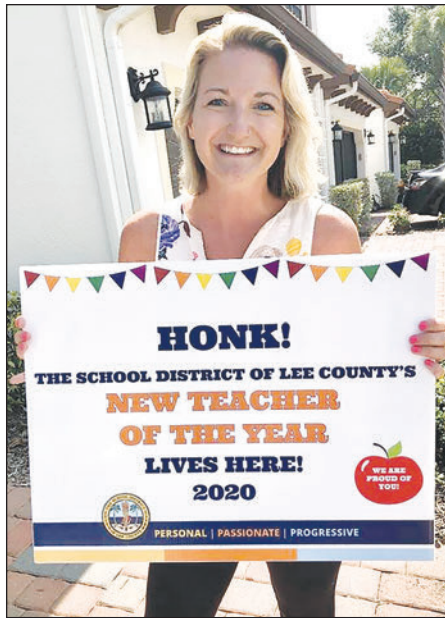
Fifth grade teacher Valerie Donovan was surprised by Superintendent Dr. Greg Adkins last week with the 2020 New Teacher of the Year Award. Donovan teaches language arts at Rayma C. Page Elementary School.

"I am honored to be part of a team who supports each other immensely and takes the time to recognize first-year teachers," Donovan said. "I am so grateful and proud to be part of Lee County Schools."

After interning for a year at Rayma C. Page, Donovan made her mark this year as a full-time teacher. She created ELA Escape Rooms that allow her students to journey through the standards in a fun, yet meaningful way. She exposed all of her students to quarterly novel studies and differentiated the lessons and tasks to meet the needs of all learners. The fifth grade Lunch Bunch Reading Club was her most popular innovation.

"While other teachers look forward to lunch away from the students, she invites students to bring their lunch to her classroom to quietly read while eating their lunch," said Theresa Bulanda, assistant principal. "Fifth grade students rarely want to give up their social time at lunch, but it became so popular that she had to create a schedule in order to accommodate all interested students."

The Lee County New Teacher of the Year program recognizes newly certified personnel for the significant contributions they make to their school and the School District of Lee County. First year teachers were nominated by their administrators, a selection committee picked six finalists and then interviewed them to choose the second annual award winner.



Valerie Donovan

photo provided

"The division of human resources wants to positively highlight the teaching profession," said Dr. Angela Pruitt, chief human resource officer. "Since it is a critically important time to hire great teachers for our children, we want to shine a light on a deserving beginning teacher to assist with recruitment and retention into the field of education."

Donovan was surprised during a staff meeting with the teachers and principal at her school. Her colleagues immediately cheered and congratulated her.

"Valerie was a strong student while at Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW), and she brought an enthusiasm for teaching, a love for student engagement and a passion for inspiring students that made her a joy for all of us at FSW to have in class," said Joyce Rollins, interim dean at FSW's School of Education. "We are so proud of Valerie and grateful to the school district for recognizing her efforts."☆☆

Limited Spaces For Lee Parks Summer Camp

Lee County Parks & Recreation has a limited number of spaces available at various sites for summer camp. Registration for these spots opened on June 1.

All Lee County Parks & Recreation summer camp programs will be following Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. Each camp will operate under a ratio of nine campers to one staff member for each group and adhere to six-foot social distancing. Campers will remain on-site for the duration of each day. Each site will be disinfected and cleaned frequently and routinely throughout the day.

Summer camp runs for seven weeks – June 15 through July 31. Camp is offered on a weekly basis. Cost each week is \$75 per participant.

To register for camp, visit www.leeparks.org or call 533-7275.

Available spots vary for each week at each location. The eight locations are:

Boca Grande Traditional Camp (131 First Street West, Boca Grande)

– kindergarten through fifth grade; 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Estero Traditional and Middle School Camp (9200 Corkscrew Palms Boulevard, Estero) – kindergarten through eighth grade; 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Karl J. Drews Special Needs Camp (18412 Lee Road, Fort Myers) – ages 6 to 21; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Lakes Park Exploration Camp (7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers) – ages 8 to 13; 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Matlacha Traditional Camp (4577 Pine Island Road, Matlacha) – kindergarten through fifth grade; 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

North Traditional and Middle School Camp (2000 North Recreation Park Way, North Fort Myers) – kindergarten through eighth grade; 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Olga Traditional Camp (2325 South Olga Road, Olga) – kindergarten through fifth grade; 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Veterans Park Traditional and Middle School Camp (55 Homestead Road South, Lehigh Acres) – kindergarten through eighth grade; 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Fort Myers Art:

Acting Is A Blood Sport For Bernard



by Tom Hall

It was a boring Saturday, and Lemec Bernard was looking for something to do. An ad caught his eye. It was for a free acting class; the teacher, Marcus Colón. On a lark, Bernard attended.

He had no idea what to expect. Nothing in his background predisposed him toward acting. In college and high school, he was the inveterate jock. Both as a letterman running back and full-ride scholarship outside linebacker at UCF, he was more accustomed to lowering his head, hitting hard, exacting pain. And so when Colón opened the class with the words, "Acting is a blood sport," Bernard was all in.

"It didn't make sense at first. It took me forever to really understand what he meant, but I do now," Bernard reflects. "Now, I can't think of acting in any other way."

Bernard couches his explanation in competitive terms.

"We're all vying for something on stage. Either the person has what you want or they're in your way. And so because that was my first imprint about what acting is, that's how I've gone about learning the craft."

The key for Bernard is transporting



Lemec Bernard, left, in a scene with Derek Lively

photo courtesy www.artswfl.com

himself into the life, mindset and psyche of the character rather than portraying someone else.

"You're never acting like somebody or something," he amplifies. "You're being yourself in that situation. So, whatever the character is doing or experiencing, pretend that is you doing or experiencing it, and then go from there. I literally act as if I grew up with whatever trials, tribulations and joys that character might have had. And then I think, 'How would I internalize that?' That's how I approach each character, each role."

Bernard met his muse and work-wife, Cantrella Canady, in that class and in the show that Colón was directing, *The*

Storms at Home gospel stage play.

In addition to *The Storms at Home*, Bernard and Canady have shared the boards in *Mr. Burns: A Post Electric Play* (he was Homer and she was Bart), *Joe Turner's Come and Gone* (where they were spouses separated when he was enslaved for seven years by Joe Turner) and *Engagement Rules* (in which they're engaged and grappling with the decision over whether to keep or abort the baby she just learned that she's unexpectedly carrying).

"What I like about acting is the competition, all day, every day and twice on Sunday," said Bernard, returning to the blood sport theme. "It is a competition between me and whoever's on stage. If we're really going to bring our characters to life, then we need to feed off each other's emotions."

He cites Derek Lively as an example of a competition partner.

"He'll surprise me by saying his lines in a different way and I have to react appropriately. If he's getting amped up, I have to get amped up. If he's acting quietly, I have to dial it back too. 'You gotta leave the money in the pot' (he says at one point in *Hedley*). He says it so tenderly that it makes me feel like he's my friend and so I'm happy to acquiesce to that. But another night, he might couch it as a demand, so I gotta stand up for myself and not give in to that."

What Bernard is describing clearly supercedes memorizing lines, blocking and intent. It demands the same quantum and quality of focus and concentration as playing on the gridiron during the final two minutes of a tight game.

"There are nuances every night and I have to be on my toes and alert to that," he underscores.

Bernard expects to continue to do theater for the foreseeable future, although he does cop to being curious about whether his newfound and developing skill set as a stage actor translates to film.

"But either way, I'm nowhere near where I want to be or what I'd like to be. I'm still working to get better." And for that to happen, he needs to "go against better actors than me and rise to that level of competition."

In the final analysis, acting is a blood sport.

"Even when I watch other actors on stage or in film, I can see how that's true."

And for Lemec Bernard, everything flows from that starting point.

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.✧

Library System Virtual Summer Reading Program

The Lee County Library System will present the 2020 Summer Reading Program for all ages, with a completely online program that encourages participants to explore their imagination through reading and learning adventures.

The program incorporates a variety of educational activities and reading challenges, many of which can be completed offline and screen-free, with participants logging activity either through the website or the READsquared mobile app.

Age-appropriate weekly missions built into the program encourage creativity, imagination, activity and exploration themed on a variety of interests. A bingo-style challenge for adults encourages the use of library resources and rewards participants' love of reading and learning. Participants earn points and unlock games and badges as they progress through the program, with numerous chances to earn great prizes along the way. The last day to log books and activities and to be eligible for the prize drawings is August 1.

Free activity books are also available for families that wish to unplug for the summer or would like an additional reading challenge. Downloadable copies of the activity booklet can be printed from the library website, or patrons can pick up a free, printed copy at any library branch using the Contactless Curbside Pickup service, while supplies last.

Patrons are also encouraged to watch weekly online storytimes provided on the Library's YouTube channel and to register for free, online programs for kids offered each week throughout the summer. Other programming is planned, so check back with the library's social media and website for the most current information.

Reading over the summer break can help prevent summer learning loss and keep kids on track for the upcoming school year. Early literacy activities for babies and preschoolers develop critical pre-reading skills for younger children, and adults are encouraged to model positive reading behavior for their kids while getting in on the fun as well. The summer reading program's purpose is to spark curiosity in even the most reluctant reader by offering activities and reading challenges that are fun and engaging.

To find out more about the Lee County Library System's Imagine Your Story Summer Reading Program, visit www.leelibrary.net/summer. For more Lee County updates related to library reopenings and other services, visit www.leegov.com/covid-19.✧

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Outdoor Artwork Installations At The Alliance

The Alliance for the Arts is inviting the community to explore its 10-acre campus and experience a series of outdoor site-specific artwork installations by local artists. All the artwork can be viewed from the safety and comfort of your own vehicle by driving through the Alliance for the Arts parking lot. Visitors can also get out of their cars and explore the artwork more



Vibrancy Mural by Nick Masiello

closely on foot. The artists featured in this project are James Futral, Nick Masiello and Rosealine Young.

"We wanted to create a safe place for people to enjoy the visual arts. Visitors can take the opportunity to get outside, out from behind a screen or device and interact with artwork in an outdoor setting," said Alliance Gallery Director Ehren Gerhard.

Futral is a sculptor, working in a variety of materials including metal, wood and ceramics. Three sculptures from his animal series are on display – *Panda*, *Panther* and *Elephant* – and each is made from primarily recycled materials. Some of the pieces used to assemble the creatures of Futral's works are recognizable as old dryer drums, car parts and old furniture. His skill and sensitivity to the anatomy of each creature is fun and inviting.



Currents of Destruction by Rosealine Young

Masiello is a mixed media artist who specializes in abstract expressionist works in aerosol acrylic. For this project, he created a large-scale custom mural on a storage trailer located on the Alliance campus. He used words of inspiration from the Alliance for the Arts mission statement and painted them on the surface of the trailer in various handstyle techniques. Masiello took the mission statement's core ideas of community, compassion, guidance, exploration, trust, friendship, self-expression, connection, inspiration, imagination, performance, individuality and equality. He placed those words directly onto the surface of the building. Interestingly, the text is unrecognizable which allows all of the words to blend together as one. The colors are bright, cheery and tropical with a welcoming Floridian flare.

Young is a fiber artist who works

in hand weaving, art quilting, fabric dyeing and painting. She is exhibiting two collaborative installations from her Art Speaks for the Earth project, which engages viewers by their beauty and powerful environmental statements. Young collaborates with various groups of artists to fight for Mother Earth and the growing problems of climate change and water quality. *Currents of Destruction* involved the fiber art community in the creation of crochet rings to represent cyano-bacteria, green algae and red tide clogging the Caloosahatchee, canals and beaches. *River of Decay* was created at Art Fest Fort Myers and the Stars Community Center with help from children calling attention to pollution in the Caloosahatchee that drains into the Gulf of Mexico.

For more information, call 939-2787 or visit www.ArtInLee.org/PopUp.✧

Parent Input Needed For School Year Plan

The School District of Lee County is preparing for the 2020-21 school year by seeking parent and community input on ways to safely reopen. The School Reintroduction Survey will take only a few minutes to answer the questions and provide feedback for the start of school in August.

"We are committed to keep our students and staff safe when we resume in-person learning," said Adam Molloy, community engagement coordinator.

"This survey is an easy way for our

families to let us know what will make them feel confident in sending their children back into the classroom."

While district staff continues to work with the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Department of Health, at this time, it is not known what school in the fall will look like. District officials will use the feedback provided through the parent and community survey to develop contingency plans for reopening that will be in line with CDC guidelines to ensure the safety of students and staff.

Parents are encouraged to take the School Reintroduction Survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/bz6m8np to provide their concerns and suggestions in preparation of the 2020-21 school year. The survey is available in English, Spanish and Haitian-Creole.✧

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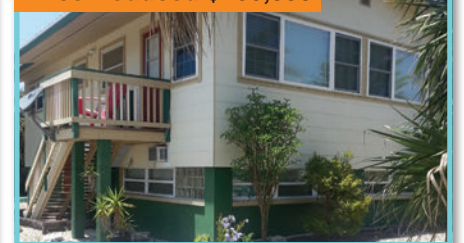
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JOAN ANN RINALDI
Joan Ann Rinaldi, 74, of Fort Myers Florida, (formerly of Cortland, New York) became a beautiful Angel on March 26, 2020. She was born on November 20, 1945 in Cortland, the daughter of the late Samuel and Rose Ann Rinaldi.
Joan was a longtime resident of Cortland until moving to Fort Myers

in 1982. While living in Cortland, she worked at Wilson Sporting Goods for almost 20 years. After relocating to Florida, she worked for several restaurants. She found her home away from home at West Wind Inn on Sanibel Island, Florida. An employee for almost 20 years, she became well known to many as “Momma Joan” and “Joanie.” She had a vivacious personality, making those around her laugh, smile and feel loved. Her favorite saying was, “See an old friend, make a new friend.” Joan had a special gift of making everyone feel welcome with her comforting and loving nature.
Joan is survived by her partner of 36 years, Gordon Byrd, her daughter Rhonda Hodgson, both of Fort Myers, her son Eric (Jill) Bush of Colorado, her grandchildren Danielle (Curtis) McAdam, Rache l(Cole) Smith, Michael Kapuscinski and Lexi Hodgson, great grandchildren Dylan and Kylie McAdam, Spencer, Loren and Aubree Bush, Adeline Smith and Kai Hodgson, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family whom she cherished.
In addition to her parents, Joan was predeceased by her son Jeffrey Leo Bush, her sister Nancy Grinnell and her brother Michael Rinaldi.
A celebration of her life will be held on Sanibel Island at a date to be determined, along with services in her hometown of Cortland, with burial on the family plot in Scott Union

Cemetery. The Wright-Beard Funeral home is serving the family; online condolences may be left at www.wright-beard.com.
Contributions may be made to either St. Mary’s Church or St. Mary’s School, 59 N. Main St., Cortland, NY 13045.
“Let it go, life is short, embrace the day.” – Joan✧

Beach Cancels
Fireworks, Parade
For July 4 Holiday

by Bob Petcher
The Fort Myers Beach Town Council has decided its annual parade and fireworks display on Independence Day will not be moving forward. A later date for fireworks in 2020 will be discussed in the future.
Beach officials unanimously approved to deny the authorization of staff to proceed and obtain outside agency approvals for a special event permit for the July 4 holiday. Councilmember Dan Allers, who made the motion, was a proponent of the festivities until speaking to beach business officials.
“It’s been widely known that I tried to get us to this point to at least keep the fireworks discussion afloat until we had more information,” he said. “Over

the last two weeks, I have spoken to several different businesses to get some input. I was quite shocked to find out that all but one said the same thing... that as much as they would like the business, they don’t feel that it’s the right time to do it.”
Beach Mayor Ray Murphy pointed out that many other municipalities in Lee County have canceled their fireworks shows and that current social unrest throughout the country should be factored in.
On May 18, beach officials approved a revised contract with Garden State Fireworks in the amount of \$27,000 for the 20-minute choreographed display between July 4 and December 31. A nonrefundable deposit of \$13,500 is included in a revised contract, which can be extended to the end of the year if needed.
The fireworks show may be postponed to coincide with a popular music festival in September or New Year’s Eve.
“The Island Hopper (Songwriter Fest) is currently still scheduled to go on September 18 to 27,” said Councilmember Bill Veach. “September is historically a very slow month. I would think that might be an ideal time to try to reschedule events like this and maybe work them into this Island Hopper and make this a bigger event at a time when our businesses just don’t have the business.”✧

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Juniper and SCCF Sea Turtle Team

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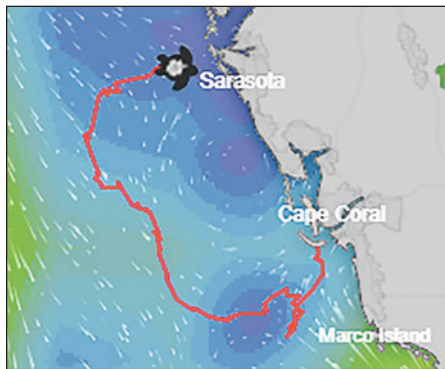
First Leatherback To Be Tracked In The Gulf

Juniper, a rare leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*) that is nesting along Sanibel and Captiva, can now be tracked in real-time as she travels Florida's gulf coast.

Named by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) sea turtle team, Juniper may look huge, but she is actually an average-sized leatherback, which is the largest sea turtle species.

Leatherbacks rarely nest on Florida's gulf coast as they prefer southeast Florida beaches along the Atlantic Ocean. SCCF Coastal Wildlife Director Kelly Sloan saw an opportunity to learn more about this turtle and reached out to biologists with Florida Leatherbacks Inc. (FLI).

FLI is a nonprofit dedicated to researching leatherback turtles that nest on the east coast of Florida. Sloan coordinated with Chris Johnson and



Juniper's track

Kelly Martin with FLI who traveled to Sanibel and Captiva and placed a satellite tracking device on Juniper on May 19. "This was an amazing opportunity to track a leatherback from a location never before tracked and gain valuable research data about her behavior and movements in the Gulf of Mexico," said Martin.

As of May 27, as you can see on the screenshot of her tracking map, Juniper was north of Sarasota.

To track Juniper in real-time, visit www.trackturtles.com/juniper.✧

Plant Smart

Tough Bully



Native tough bully is a wildlife-friendly native shrub or small tree that lives up to the word "tough"

photo by Gerri Reaves

by Gerri Reaves

Tough bully (*Sideroxylon tenax*) is a native shrub or tree of the sapodilla, or sapote, family.

Long-lived but slow-growing, this perennial is an evergreen in South Florida.

In the wild, it grows in sandhills, scrub, coastal hammocks and sandy pinelands. High salt tolerance suits it for coastal areas.

It reaches 12 to 30 feet in height and can be as broad as tall, with an open irregular crown.

The common name refers to the tough but flexible branches and stems. Other names include tough bumelia, tough buckthorn and ironwood. Indeed, the Latin word *tenax* mean holding tight, gripping, or clinging.

The alternate narrowly oval leaves are about two inches long and have a coat of dense silvery to rusty brown hairs on the undersides.

Those hairs slow moisture loss during transpiration, thus helping to make this plant very drought tolerant once established.

The reddish brown bark is thick and

fissured.

Small white tubular flowers appear in bunches in the leaf axils and attract various pollinators. They bloom throughout the year but most profusely in spring and summer.

The black-purple olive-sized fruit is eaten by birds and other wildlife.

Dense foliage and thorns make it useful as a hedge or even a security plant, as well as a cover and nesting sites for birds.

Plant it in full to partial sun. It can grow in nutrient-poor soil but must have organic content and good drainage.

Propagate it with cuttings or the single seeds in the berries.

Sources: *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio, *National Audubon Society Field Guide to Florida* by Peter Alden et al., *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell, *The Shrubs and Woody Vines of Florida* by Gil Nelson, www.fnps.org, www.regionalconservation.org, www.rufino-osorio.blogspot.com, and www.wildflower.org.

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Beat The Heat



by Capt.
Matt Mitchell

As we move into June, it's hard to believe that it's not officially summer yet. Crazy hot humid days and afternoon thunderstorms have made it

feel more like August. If you plan on fishing or even just boating, it's much more bearable to get out early not only avoiding the mid-day oppressive heat but also the afternoon thunderstorms. These almost daily thunderstorms are fast-moving and often very unpredictable. They not only bring dangerous lightening but strong winds and rain. Getting chased off the water will become more and more common.

By mid morning, we sat sweating while fishing many days this week. Make sun block part of your daily routine. Applying several coats before you leave the house is much more effective than trying to apply it while you are on the water. Staying covered up to avoid sun burn is just part of living in the tropics. Long sleeves, large brimmed hats and sun gaiters help to keep the sun off, though some days it just gets so hot you have to pick up anchor and run just to cool off.

Fish are more active too during the cooler periods. During the heat of the day, the bite often grinds to a halt. Night fishing can be a great option to avoid the heat also. Temperatures are much more



Pictured are double rainbows as an afternoon thunderstorm approaches

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pleasant when heading out after the daily thunderstorms. On many nights, you will have the most popular fishing spots all to yourself.

Some of my favorite night fishing spots are in and around the passes. Many docks in the passes have lights, and you can see all the fish stacked up. Another favorite option at night is soaking cut baits for sharks. If you pick the right night around the full moon, it's often very light out. Stay close to home or in the areas you feel comfortable running your boat in the dark. Fishing off piers, beaches and bridges is also

another option for night fishing.

Both snook and sea trout made for some great action while fishing the passes in the mornings this week. We've been seeing so many trout in the passes after a drop in numbers since the red tide of two years ago. It is an awesome thing and really a testament to the FWC closure on these species. Another nonstop bite this week was Spanish mackerel fishing between St. James City and Sanibel. Big schools of mackerel could be sight-fished as they chased small bait fish up the surface. Mixed in with the mackerel were lots of smaller blacktip

sharks and even a few bigger spinner sharks.

Don't let the heat keep you home as our fishing is hot too. Start your day early and get back to the comfort of the A/C before the hottest part of the day. Summer heat just makes everything move at a slower pace.

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

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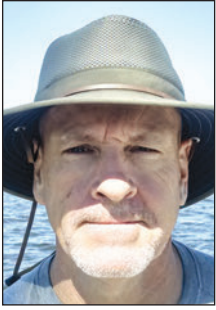
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CROW Case Of The Week:

Barn Owls



by Bob Petcher

The barn owl (*Tyto alba*) is known for its white, heart-shaped face and its raspy call, not an ordinary owl hoot. The most widespread of all owl species, the barn owl is a medium-sized raptor

that nests in tree cavities, caves and in buildings, such as barns.

At CROW, a juvenile barn owl and its sibling were rescued from a barn that was being demolished on Buckingham Road in Fort Myers. Both owls were thin and dehydrated, were provided fluids and started on re-feeding plans for their underweight condition.

"The owls were taken into captivity the day prior to their presentation to CROW, so they spent a full 24 hours without food or water," said Dr. Mariah Lancaster. "Many of our patients present this way and so are understandably dehydrated upon arrival. We treat this by providing fluids promptly to all our patients during initial triage and treatment."

Unfortunately, one of the owls had another issue – monofilament fishing line wrapped around its leg, back and chest, causing constriction injuries. Through two surgeries, veterinarians were able to remove the line and stitch the wounds shut.



Patient #20-2272 has recovered from two surgeries that involved stitches due to monofilament line entanglement

photos by Breanna Frankel

"The first procedure was upon arrival, where the owl was placed under anesthesia briefly for swift removal of the embedded line and then given time to gain strength prior to a longer wound repair procedure," said Dr. Lancaster. "Two days later, once fully rehydrated and after gaining strength, the owl was taken for a surgical repair of the constriction wounds of the right leg. This was a more intensive surgery which involved the removal of dead tissue and closing the open wounds using stitches the owl's body will dissolve over time as the leg heals."

After a couple weeks, the owls have recovered nicely. In fact, they



were recently moved to an outdoor rehabilitation enclosure and will hopefully be released this weekend.

"The plan for both owls is to release them this Friday (June 5) on conservation land, as their prior habitat was unsafe for release due to human activity," said Dr. Lancaster.

While in this case a rescue was needed, it is not always best to take healthy animals away from their habitat.

"Animals being displaced by human activity cannot be simply relocated to a nearby area," said Dr. Lancaster. "If you have questions about whether it is appropriate or necessary to relocate

an animal, please call CROW or FWC (Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission) to consult on what may be required for that species. In the majority of cases, peaceful coexistence can be achieved and no intervention is necessary."

Remember that fishing line entanglement can affect many different types of animal. Visit www.mindyourline.org to learn more.

"Monofilament line discarded in the environment can impact animals far beyond the shoreline. In this case, the adult barn owls likely found discarded monofilament line and utilized it as inappropriate nesting material. The owlet, unable to break the line once entangled, continued to grow and the line became embedded into its skin as its body fought to heal the wounds caused by the constricted line wrapped around his legs, back and chest," said Dr. Lancaster. "The best solution to this kind of tragedy is to prevent the introduction of line into the environment by exercising responsible stewardship of fishing line, ensuring that one has collected and properly disposed of all pieces of line and leaving none behind to be found. Leave no trace and always mind your line."

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.

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Good News For Critically Endangered Birds

In May 2020, the captive breeding and release program of the Florida grasshopper sparrow achieved an important milestone: researchers have detected captive-reared sparrows breeding in the wild and some of these birds have already successfully fledged young.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and partners released captive-reared sparrows into the wild in an effort to boost the existing population. In the past few years, the population of Florida grasshopper sparrows has declined sharply; without intervention, extinction is a real possibility. Surveys in 2019 indicated that only 30 breeding pairs remained in the wild. The multipartner recovery program's captive breeding and release efforts are part of a broader strategy to avoid extinction of these birds.

Between 2019 and 2020, the FWC and the USFWS released 150 captive-reared Florida grasshopper sparrows, with more releases planned for this year. Field researchers have detected more than 25 captive-reared and released sparrows defending territories, indicating they survived and made the Florida dry prairie their new home. This is just the start of the breeding



Florida grasshopper sparrow

photo provided

season but even at this early stage, the proportion of released sparrows that has survived exceeds that observed in many other captive release efforts of similar birds. In addition, researchers have found nests of eight captive-reared sparrows, and parents at two of these nests have successfully fledged young so far.

"The finding that captive-reared sparrows can breed in the wild is a

game-changer," said Juan Oteyza, lead sparrow research scientist at the FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. "This indicates that individuals bred in captivity can supplement wild populations and therefore reduce the risk of extinction."

"This initial success with captive-reared Florida grasshopper sparrows breeding in the wild is a testament to and confirmation of all the hard work

our partners and individual scientists have put into this groundbreaking recovery effort for more than a decade. But while this is a major, major milestone, now is not the time to pop the cork on Champagne. It's more so a signal that we must redouble our efforts to keep this momentum going," said Larry Williams, state supervisor of Florida ecological services at USFWS.

Since 2012, USFWS, FWC and partners, including White Oak Conservation and the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, have dedicated significant financial resources and personnel to the recovery of the Florida grasshopper sparrow. The team developed a five-year strategic vision to guide management actions, including habitat management, nest protection, research, monitoring, and captive breeding and release. The captive breeding project is funded in part by a grant from the nonprofit Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida via proceeds from the "Conserve Wildlife" license plate. Additional funding is needed to expand captive breeding and to support additional conservation research projects. Citizens who would like to join the effort to save these birds can donate to the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida's sparrow fund at www.wildlifeflorida.org/funding-priorities.

Since its founding, the foundation has raised and given away more than \$45 million for conservation, outdoor recreation and youth programs and camps. Visit www.wildlifeflorida.org or call 813-358-8058.*

Marketing Firm Captures District ADDY Award

The American Advertising Federation (AAF), 4th District, has presented a prestigious silver ADDY Award to Priority Marketing for a compelling public service video that raised awareness and support for SalusCare. Priority Marketing is the only Southwest Florida agency to be honored through AAF's 4th District, which includes Florida and all of the Caribbean.

Additionally, Priority Marketing also won the Best of Show, People's Choice and five other awards through the AAF Southwest Florida competition.

Priority Marketing's 5-minute, documentary-style video for SalusCare features candid, emotional interviews with Southwest Florida residents who have been impacted by mental health and substance use disorders. The video, which is viewable on YouTube, demonstrates the need for philanthropic support for mental and behavioral health care in Southwest Florida. Priority Marketing produced the video pro bono.

The American Advertising Awards, or ADDY Awards, is the advertising industry's largest and most representative competition that recognizes and rewards the creative spirit of excellence in the art of advertising. The three-phase awards program includes local, district and national competitions. Priority Marketing's SalusCare video has been advanced for consideration in AAF's national

competition this summer.

At the local level, Priority Marketing earned seven ADDY Awards for a variety of client projects including logo design, special event management, packaging design and video production.

"This year's competition featured some outstanding advertising campaigns across all media, so being recognized is truly gratifying for our team at Priority Marketing," said President and Creative Director Teri Hansen. "The fact that we won awards in such a wide variety of mediums – video, print collateral, product packaging and logo design – demonstrates the advanced capabilities and talents of our team to help deliver full-service results for our clients."

The firm's seven Southwest Florida ADDY Awards include:

Best of Show Award and Gold Award – Promotional video for Captiva Cruises showcasing destinations and cruises.

People's Choice Award and Silver Award – Special event campaign for the 2019 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, the signature fundraising event for SWFL Children's Charities.

Gold Award – Testimonial video for SalusCare demonstrating the need for philanthropic support of mental and behavioral health care in Southwest Florida.

Gold Award – Packaging design for Cypress Lake Country Club's commemorative 60th anniversary "1959 Pilsner" craft beer can.

Silver Award – Logo design for the Pine Manor Improvement Association's Food Forest.*

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Book Review

The Night Watchman



by Di Saggau

Award-winning author Louise Erdrich, in her latest book *The Night Watchman*, weaves together a lovely story of generations, past and future. It's based on the extraordinary life of

her grandfather, Patrick Gournneau, who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington, DC. In the book, Thomas Wazhashk is the night watchman at the jewel-bearing plant, the first factory located near the Turtle Mountain Reservation. He is a Chippewa council member who is trying to understand the consequences of a new "emancipation" bill on its way to the floor of the United States Congress. It's 1953, and he and the other council members know the bill isn't about freedom, it's a "termination" that threatens the rights of Native Americans to their land and their identity.

Erdrich's elegant prose and humor, along with her depth of feeling, explore themes of love and death as she describes the desires and ambitions of her characters. One girl on the reservation, Pixie Parenteau, tells everyone to call

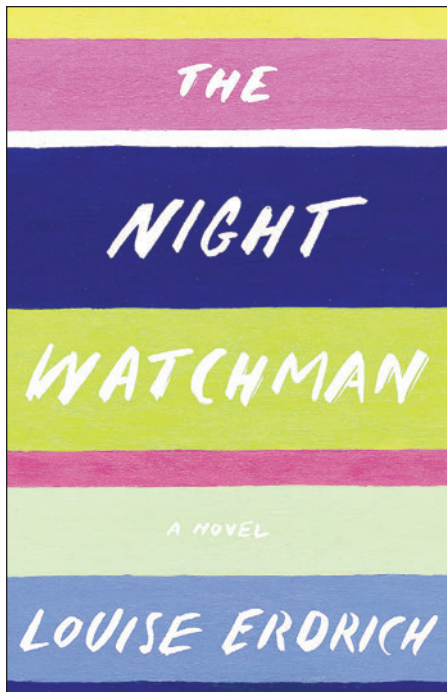


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her Patrice. She has no desire to burden herself with a husband and kids. She works at the jewel-bearing plant earning barely enough to support her mother and brother. Her shameful alcoholic father comes home just often enough to terrorize his family and ask for money. Patrice is determined to find her beloved older sister, Vera, and her baby. A trip to Minnesota introduces her to unexpected forms of exploitation and violence.

Patrice and Thomas live in the impoverished reservation community

along with a young Chippewa boxer, Wood Mountain and his mother, Juggie Blue, her niece and Patrice's best friend Valentine. Then there's the white high school math teacher and boxing coach, Stack Barnes, who is in love with Patrice.

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSF

Dear Shelley, My daughter is supposed to go away to college in August, but I have some concerns, not only about COVID-19 which is paramount

but about her emotional stability. How can I tell if she's emotionally ready to leave home?

Alicia P, Fort Myers

Alicia,

This is a great question, and I'm so glad you asked. So much of what determines whether students are successful at college has nothing to do with academics but instead involves the skills of coping, self-care, self-advocating, independent living and self-control.

Here are some key questions from Donna Volpitta, EdD, the founder of the Center for Resilient Leadership, to help you assess your child's ability to navigate the social and emotional aspects of college and some suggestions to help work on these skills.

What does your child do when something doesn't go her way? Pout, problem solve, run to you? It's essential for your child to develop coping strategies in order to be ready to go away to college. Typically, parents want to solve things for their kids, but it's better for them to struggle to find solutions themselves. Use everyday challenges such as missing a deadline or forgetting her homework as opportunities to help your child develop coping strategies.

Self-advocacy is a critical skill for children to learn. Does your child know who to go to if she needs help? Does she know how to ask for help? Think about whether she's prepared for some of the issues that might arise in college, such as working through a problem with a roommate or meeting with a professor to discuss accommodations. If you don't think your child can ask for help, it's time to teach her how to do so. Role play is one of the ways you can help your high schooler learn how to speak up for her needs, both academic and non-academic.

The day-to-day demands of taking care of oneself can be overwhelming if a child has never had to provide her own self-care before. At college, there won't be anyone making sure she gets enough sleep or eats a balanced meal. She'll also need to do her own laundry, take care of her finances and get herself to the infirmary if she's sick. So, it's very important that you allow her to start the self-care process while she is still at home this summer, and you can guide her.

Give your child opportunities to show that she's emotionally ready to take care of herself before she leaves for school. Let

her practice getting herself up and ready for school or work, doing her own laundry, making her own breakfast, lunch and other tasks without constant reminders from mom and dad.

Teens are faced with some very difficult decisions in high school and college. Has your child demonstrated self-control when it comes to drinking, drugs and sex? Is she prepared to make good decisions when faced with tough choices? Teens with a strong sense of self-control are more capable of making good decisions. If your child is still struggling with these issues, it's very important to help your high schooler work on self-control before she gets to college. You can help your teen gain self-control by laying out clear expectations and talking about moods and feelings, so she has a clearer idea of her own thoughts and feelings about difficult topics.

Unfortunately, there is no single test to determine whether someone is emotionally ready to leave home for college. If you think your child isn't ready for college yet, you can work with her on these skills while she's still at home with you, and the good news is that resiliency, self-advocacy, self-care and self-control are all skills that can be taught. Give her opportunities to handle challenges and to ensure that she's ready.

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Davis Center

everyone to don their own personal protective gear. There will be sanitizers for use while inside the building. All restrooms, all door handles, stair banisters, elevator panels, cash registers and pin pads, computers, telephones and all other frequently used surfaces will be disinfected every hour or more.

The reduced capacity includes limiting larger groups of 10 or more. There will be a new one-way foot traffic pattern and signage with reminders to maintain appropriate social distancing throughout the building.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is requiring all staff members to wash their hands immediately upon arriving to work and to stop working at regular intervals throughout the day to wash their hands. All bartenders will be wearing disposable gloves, and there will be a single handler of cash, encouraging customers to use credit cards or mobile payment methods.

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

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Additional Child Care Learning Centers Reopen

Child Care of Southwest Florida has reopened two additional early learning centers in Fort Myers to accommodate demand as parents return to work following COVID-19 closures.

The nonprofit organization also has announced that families facing economic hardships caused by COVID-19 can apply for federal funds to help cover their weekly child care costs.

The two centers, P.A. Geraci Child Development Center at 3713 Canal Street and The Children's Learning Center at 37 Barkley Circle, reopened on June 1.

Child Care of Southwest Florida temporarily closed its six accredited learning centers on March 27 to protect the health and wellbeing of children, teachers and parents. Two centers, The Community Children's Center in Lehigh Acres and Joseph H. Messina Children's Center in Fort Myers, reopened May 18.

"Our region is gradually reopening and the economy is rebounding, but for parents to go back to work, they need a safe, affordable option for their children," said Chris Hansen, CEO of Child Care of Southwest Florida. "As a nonprofit, we are able to offer reasonable weekly rates while still delivering a high-quality, education-focused program."

Child Care of Southwest Florida is accepting new student registrations. As a state-certified Gold Seal Quality Care Program, families attending any Child Care of Southwest Florida location can apply for financial help through the Childcare Assistance Program, which is continued on page 13 managed locally by United Way using federal funds provided to Lee County through the CARES Act. Staff are available to help parents apply for funding through the CARES Act, as well as first responders and health care professionals who qualify for free or reduced rates.

Additional scholarship assistance also is available, and nutritious meals and snacks are included at no additional charge through the USDA's Child Food Care Program. Visit www.ccsfwf.org or call 278-1002 for more information on programs and costs.

Each Child Care of Southwest Florida facility has undergone a thorough deep cleaning, and staff members have sanitized all toys, books, desks and touchpoints throughout each classroom.

Child Care of Southwest Florida implemented the following safety procedures as centers reopen:

All children will undergo daily temperature checks and health screenings. Children with symptoms will be asked to stay home.

Parents must drop off their children at the front lobby or entrance. Visitors will not be permitted to enter hallways or classrooms.

Staff members and children ages 3 and older will be required to wear protective face masks.

Classrooms will operate at reduced

capacities based on state and federal guidance.

Learning facilities and classroom supplies will be thoroughly cleaned nightly, while touchpoints will be sanitized throughout the day.

Reopening plans have not yet been announced for Harlem Academy Child Care Center in Clewiston or Children's Garden of LaBelle.*

Healthcare Campuses Safe And Operational

As Southwest Florida reopens public spaces and activities, the Southwest Florida region's healthcare leaders Lee Health and NCH Healthcare System (NCH) continue to work together on regional efforts to combat the challenges and effects presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Since March, the nonprofit organizations have been leading the SWFL Stronger Together campaign to combat COVID-19 regionally while encouraging community support of frontline heroes through safety compliance and donations.

Lee Health and NCH have entered the next phase of their collaboration with the campaign, reflective of the region's transition to safely reopen after flattening the curve on the coronavirus pandemic. They are asking the Southwest Florida community to join them in taking continued safety precautions, returning to best, most effective health care practices, and continuing to provide support through donations.

"We are your healthcare leaders and we want to continue to be your first resource for information and prevention. We are here for you," said NCH Chief Executive Officer Paul Hiltz. "As we navigate further into these unprecedented times, we must adapt to a new normal. Shops, beaches and restaurants are all opening up. However, we must continue to follow the guidelines shared by the CDC to continue to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus. So, as you begin to ease into public spaces, please be mindful of your surroundings and continue to practice all safety protocols."

Amongst such protocols, the healthcare systems stress continued practices of safe physical distancing by remaining at least six feet apart, wearing face masks out in public and washing hands multiple times throughout the day for at least 20 seconds each time.

The two healthcare systems also urge community members to return to their normal healthcare practices, not to delay seeking medical help with concerns or further delaying routine checkups.

"Thanks to you and all your hard work, we've flattened the curve on the coronavirus pandemic and now we're on to the next phase," said Dr. Larry Antonucci, CEO and president of Lee Health. "And because of all the precautions our systems have taken, we are in an excellent position to provide top-of-the-line patient care to the Southwest Florida community. Our hospitals and healthcare systems

are fully operational and safely serving our community. We have plenty of personal protective equipment and we are prepared for emergencies, surgeries, physician visits, lab draws, x-rays and much more."

There is still a great need for support from the community. Monetary gifts through this campaign help to maintain reserve supplies of personal protective equipment for employees, patients and visitors, as well as other necessary equipment to continue the fight through testing and diagnostics. In-kind donations such as giving blood, homemade masks and meals continue to provide relief and boost the morale of healthcare heroes.

In taking the next steps forward in the fight against the coronavirus, both healthcare systems have begun serology testing, which shows the presence of COVID-19 antibodies in a patient's blood and helps to understand how the virus has spread in the region. Serology testing requires an order from your physician, and the tests can be drawn in physician offices or at Lee Health and NCH labs. The health systems are also looking for people to donate blood for the Mayo Clinic COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma Study. If you have (or someone you know has) previously tested positive for COVID-19, your symptoms resolved and you later tested negative for the virus, consider donating blood. Your plasma may contain antibodies that may help someone fighting COVID-19 recover faster.

For more information or to make a donation, visit www.SWFLtogether.org.

Pivoting Business Models Topic Of Webinar



Matthew Johnson
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Brian Podlasek

The Southwest Florida Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA) will host a virtual panel of local businesses who have responded and adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Zoom event will be held on Tuesday, June 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The discussion will include creative and out-of-the-box accommodations these local businesses have made to continue serving their clients and support their



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Oh No! Don't Do It!



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

In recent weeks, I've encountered calls from clients who, unbeknownst to me, took on the responsibility of acting as a trustee for a friend's or relative's trust, and found themselves at the wrong end of a negligence lawsuit. Acting as a trustee carries with it many fiduciary responsibilities such as prudently investing trust assets consistent with and balancing the trust beneficiaries' needs, providing annual accountings and notices of significant transactions, engaging competent professionals such as attorneys and accountants, and filing tax returns, to name just a few.

While you might be friends or a close relative of the person who creates the trust, that's not really who you should worry will watch over your shoulder offering criticism. It's the beneficiaries of the trust you need to worry about. You may or may not be familiar with them. The beneficiaries may or may not get along with one another, which speaks to the many issues you must address when balancing their respective needs. When you treat everyone fairly, it's not uncommon for everyone to be unhappy because no one got their way.

Consider, for example, a trustee who must balance the income needs of a surviving spouse against the needs of the adult children beneficiaries who inherit when that spouse dies. If the trustee invests to achieve maximum income so the surviving spouse can live in comfort, he's probably sacrificing growth to keep pace with inflation. When the adult children inherit, the trust might be worth much less than what they expected. If, on the other hand, the trustee invested for growth, the surviving spouse complains that she doesn't have enough money to live on.

Such an arrangement might work well in a family where mother and father are the parents of the adult children. What happens when the surviving spouse is merely a stepparent to the deceased spouse's children? Could there be a greater chance for conflict? In my 30-plus years as an estate planning attorney, I would say, "You bet there is!"

Trustees are often faced with decisions worthy of King Solomon when he had to choose between two women both claiming to be the mother of a baby. In the biblical record, Solomon was said to have drawn his sword, suggesting he would cut the baby in half. When one woman begged for him to sheath his sword, he found its true mother, judging that only a true mother would give up her rights to a baby that would otherwise be killed.

I've seen disputes between beneficiaries who all claimed the same diamond wedding ring, or a charm bracelet or even sea kayaks! I've had to call the sheriff to stop a beneficiary who pulled a moving truck up to the deceased's home ready to empty it of its contents. Siblings have sat around my conference room table hollering at one another over whether to sell the island home or have one of them buy out the other's shares.

These decisions ultimately rest with the trustee. After the decision is made, someone is unhappy.

If the unhappy beneficiary is aggressive enough, or feels wronged enough, they'll hire an all-too-eager attorney to file a lawsuit. Sometimes that's those fine gentlemen you see on television.

Then we're off to the races.

The trustee can usually use trust funds to hire counsel to defend herself. But the plaintiff's attorneys know that. So, the first thing they do is petition the court to remove the trustee for violating a fiduciary duty or standard. If they're successful, now the trustee must come out of her own pocket to pay for her own defense. Worse, if the plaintiffs get a judgment against her, she's personally responsible to pay it out of her own assets.

Trust litigation often takes years. In today's COVID-19 environment with limited court access, a lawsuit may stretch over many years.

It's not worth it. My advice? Before taking on the role of trustee, it doesn't hurt to make sure you have a professional fiduciary at your side if there's any hint of a problem. Talk to your friend or relative and insist they name a bank or trust company as a co-trustee. They might object, citing the expense. But a good professional trustee will often SAVE thousands of dollars of grief and heartache.

Short of that, please consult with your own independent counsel to determine what precautions you might take to avoid the many problems that could arise.

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Small Businesses Need To Act To Get PPE Supplies

Lee County Government will close its personal protective equipment (PPE) distribution site for small businesses on Friday and is encouraging qualifying businesses to hurry and apply. It will close at the end of the business day Friday, June 5.

Supplies for businesses that employ one to 25 employees will continue to be available all week. Business owners apply online at www.leefcares.com; those who qualify are assigned a weekday time slot during which they pick up supplies at the temporary PPE distribution site at Lee County Elections Center, 13180 South Tamiami Trail in Fort Myers.

The site, which opened last week, was designed as a short-term operation to help businesses reopen.

This is part of Lee County Government investing \$57.5 million in human and business services to provide immediate assistance for individuals, families and businesses. Funds are available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act federal stimulus package.

Lee County has identified \$3 million in emergency support that is available to qualified businesses through the Lee CARES PPE for Small Businesses Program, which is intended to help companies directly affected by Governor DeSantis' Safer at Home Act re-open as safely as possible and follow CDC guidelines.

Only the following business segments are eligible to receive PPE supplies:

Medical and dental practices with less than 25 employees

Childcare services and youth camps
Museums and historical sites
Amusement and recreation centers
Independent restaurants with fewer than 25 employees
Barber shops, beauty salons, nail salons and personal care services

Each kit will contain a predetermined quantity of masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and other materials (while supplies last).

Applications will be accepted until supplies are exhausted.

Approved applicants will be emailed a confirmation receipt and directions for pick up.

For application instructions, visit www.leefcares.com or call 533-2273.✴

Lee Clerk Reopens With Safety Measures

As of June 1, Lee County Clerk offices have resumed in-person court and official records services at the Lee County Justice Center and Administration Building in downtown Fort Myers. All other locations will remain closed.

"Even though our court and recording offices are reopening, we highly encourage customers to continue using online services when possible," Lee County Clerk Linda Doggett said. "New safety measures, in accordance with the CDC and state orders, have been implemented at the Justice Center, which may cause long lines outside the building."

For the safety of customers and employees, the Clerk's office has installed plexiglass shields and removed lobby chairs in all customer service areas. To help customers comply with social distancing requirements, floor decals have

also been installed.

Customers entering the Court House are now required to wear face masks or face coverings, maintain six feet of distance from others, and have their temperatures checked. Anyone with a temperature over 100.4 degrees will not be permitted to enter the building. Only customers with court business will be given access and a limited number will be allowed in the lobbies. Customers will be able to file case documents, pay traffic tickets and court fines, and conduct other court-related business.

Customers who need to record mortgages, deeds or other official records, may continue to e-record at www.leeclerk.org or mail them to Recording Office, P.O. Box 2278, Fort Myers, FL 33902. Documents may also be dropped off on the first floor of the Administration Building or use in-person services on the second floor of 2115 Second Street in Fort Myers. Couples may apply for a marriage license or have a wedding ceremony performed virtually or in our office by appointment only.

Only customers with official records business will be given access to the second floor and, in compliance with social distancing, only 17 customers will be permitted at any one time. The public is required to wear masks or face coverings when entering the premises. All others, including children when possible, must remain outside the building.

Tourist Development Tax payments can be submitted online, mailed to Tourist Development Tax Collections, P.O. Box 2257, FM 33902 or dropped off at the City/County Annex Building, 1825 Hendry Street, first floor, Fort Myers. To schedule an appointment, call 533-2190 or email touristtax@leeclerk.org.

The Lee County Justice Center is located at 2075 Dr. MLK Boulevard, the Administration Building is located at

2115 Second Street and the City/County Annex Building at 1825 Hendry Street, all in downtown Fort Myers.

For more information about the clerk's in-person and online services or social distancing guidelines, visit www.leeclerk.org.✴

Disinfectant Process Being Converted

Lee County Utilities is temporarily converting its disinfectant process from chloramines to free chlorine residual. The process is from June 1 through June 21.

This is a routine measure that is common for water utilities using chloramines as its primary disinfectant.

Anyone who uses a kidney dialysis machine at home should contact an equipment supplier so the proper filtering equipment may be installed.

Tropical fish or aquatic animal owners should contact a local tropical fish store for appropriate pretreatment of water before adding water to tanks.

Customers may notice a temporary change in the taste, odor and color of the water, which is not harmful. This is a routine measure to ensure customers of clean, safe potable water.

Customers with questions can call 533-8845 during normal business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Lee County Utilities is one of about a dozen public and private utility organizations that serve residents and businesses in Lee County. For service area locations, visit www.leegov.com/utilities/new-development/service-franchise-area-maps.✴

Superior Interiors

Appealing Bedroom Storage Options



by Katie Frederick

Now, more than ever, home redecorating projects are on the rise. Homeowners are spending more time inside, which translates into more time pondering the various ways they

can transform and bring new life to their living spaces.

If you are spending more of your days cooped up inside with lots of free time, why not take the opportunity to get ahead with your spring cleaning? Organizing your bedroom is one of many ways to pass the time and feel productive in the moment, and there are plenty of storage options that are discrete, stylish and fully functional that you can incorporate into your current arrangement.

Wall space is great for art and decor, but functional storage shelving is another opportunity to take advantage of the vertical space in your room while also putting your personality on display. Showcase stylish pieces like jewelry and accessories, books and photographs, or any other items that flow with your personal style and the look and feel of your bedroom.

A headboard is one of the best focal pieces of the bedroom, but it doesn't only have to be for show as options are available that offer both hidden and

exposed storage areas. There are various choices on the market that use the front of the headboard as a shelf, perfect for storing lamps, alarm clocks, your personal items and other cute accessories. Some headboards are also hollow with side cubbies so you can be more discrete while storing your personal items.

While we're on the topic of your sleeping space, why not consider a bed frame with drawers? This is perfect for someone who prefers minimalism and does not want to clutter the room with a dresser. These drawers can also be used for added utility storage. You can place accessories that would normally live in the closet here, or perhaps you can save the space for your hobbies; books, art supplies, yarn and knitting needles can be easily accessed when you want to relax and work in bed. If you don't have a bed frame with drawers, you can also consider placing an ottoman at the foot of the bed as replacement storage opportunity.

When you think about the closet of one of your favorite celebrities, what is the one feature you adore beyond the amount of space they have? It is likely the storage system that makes everything look so sleek and organized. The great news is virtually anyone can do this within their own living space; all you need is a design professional to evaluate your homes available space and help you create the perfect customized option to fit your closet and support your wants and needs.

More time spent inside means an opportunity to remain productive and get your living space in order. Utilizing these suggestions will assist you in creating the blueprint for your new and improved (and freshly organized) bedroom.

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Publix Miracle Fundraising Campaign

Publix customers can honor frontline workers at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida and help kids treated there.

Associates at Publix Super Markets have been working harder than ever these past few months to ensure their customers' get what they need for their families. They also empower their Publix shoppers to become miracle makers. How? By raising critical funds for Golisano Children's hospital of Southwest Florida during their annual fundraising campaign. From June 3 to 14, Publix stores will raise millions of dollars to support Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

Publix customers can purchase miracle coupons for \$1, \$3 and \$5 and receive offer values of \$5.50, \$10 and \$20 from vendors like Kellogg's Frosted Flakes cereal, Johnson & Johnson, M&Ms, Red Bull, Georgia Pacific (Angel Soft Bath Tissue and Sparkle Paper Towels), Oil-Dri (Cat's Pride) and Frito Lay.

You can get these coupons by making a donation at Publix stores to benefit kids

treated at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. Funds raised during this effort will help our hospital with PPE, iPad Purchases, Burn Care & Deep Wound Specialty Service, Inpatient Dialysis/Nephrology Services, Urology Specialty Program, AED's in all local schools, Chest Malformation Program-General Surgery, Pediatric Wellness and Post Stabilization Trauma.

Your help is needed for patients like Vincent. He was born at 24 weeks, weighing just 1 pound and 4 ounces. He spent 164 days (about five months) in the NICU at Golisano Children's Hospital overcoming brain bleeds, a heart defect, stage 3 ROP, hernias, a g-tube and several surgeries.

This year, Vincent turned 2 years old and is living life like any other toddler (getting into all the cabinets). "What kept me strong during our NICU stay is the incredible care we received," wrote Vincent's mom, Ashley. "Our care team took the time to explain what was happening, they were there on our darkest days, and were our biggest cheerleaders on our successes."

Your Publix Miracle Coupon Purchase will help provided important support to NICU babies, parents and siblings through personalized care, services, counseling and supplies, such as micro preemie diapers.✴

Teacher Chosen For Residency Retreat

North Fort Myers High School art teacher Joy Williams will be spending the month of July in the State Teacher/Artist Residency program. The STAR program is designed to honor and nourish the artist in the educator by providing five public school educators with the opportunity to pursue their artistic work in the inspiring environment of the prestigious Hermitage Artist Retreat.

"I am ecstatic to have this opportunity to work at The Hermitage Artist Retreat," Williams said. "My art's driving theme has been the importance of clean water here in Southwest Florida and worldwide. I plan to work on paintings with flowing "waves of joy" that can visually wash away the debris of our hectic modern lives. The residency will improve my skills and make me a better artist and a better teacher. I can't wait for this adventure to begin!"

Outside of the classroom, Williams uses her artistic talents to support local causes such as the Captains for Clean Water silent auction, the Alliance for the Arts small works sale and the Gators Galore in Naples, Pelicans in Paradise in Fort Myers and Dolphin Debut in Marco Island.

The STAR program Hermitage residency gives these teacher artists time and space to attend to their work and



Joy Williams

photo provided

meet artists from different disciplines with which to share and learn. Artists invited seize the opportunity and find themselves more productive than at any other time in their creative lives.

The Hermitage Artist Retreat is a not-for-profit artist community on 8.5 beachfront acres on Manasota Key in Englewood. Williams and the four other STAR teachers will be in residency from July 6 to July 26.

Williams is the second teacher in a row from the School District of Lee County to be selected for the STAR program. David Martin from Lehigh Senior High School participated last year.✴

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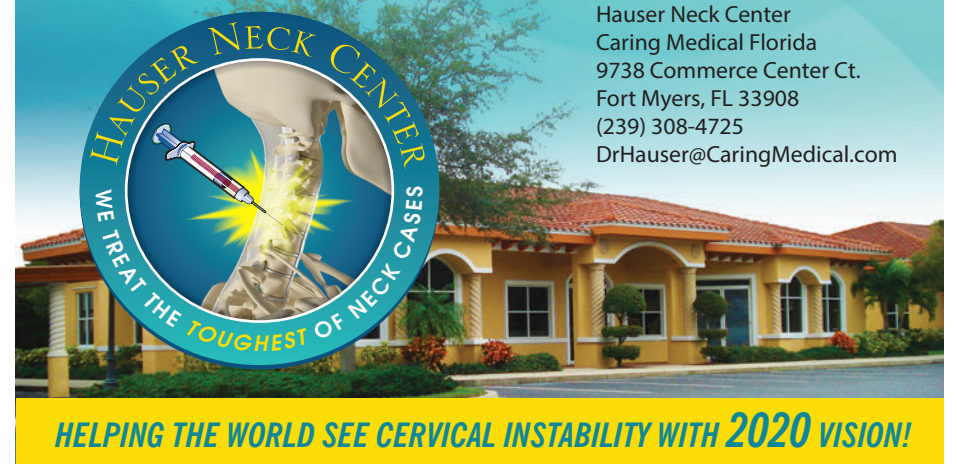
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Frankly Speaking



by Howard Prager

I had the pleasure recently of speaking with Judd Loveland, general manager (GM) of the Mighty Mussels, and learned of all the many ways that the Mighty Mussels are supporting the

community. The good news story of the week is most of this column.

First, some background. Loveland was assistant GM the past two years, being promoted last fall to GM. In his role, he is also director of operations of spring training for the Twins. This includes managing every department from players on the field to staff in the parking lot to all that goes on inside the stadium – concessions, merchandise, food, etc. What's interesting is that every club in the league doesn't work that way. Loveland kept reinforcing that when he described the great partnership the Mighty Mussels have with the Twins on all they do.

Everything changed March 12 when spring training was suddenly shut down. "We went from waking up and having a home game that night to having games be suspended." They were ready with tons of food and merchandise. "The food was all out of the package, refrigerated and ready to cook and sell.

Vendors won't take back anything out of the package." Judd's issue: what do we do? "Like everyone else we had started restructuring sanitation and safety. We needed to get food into freezers to preserve it and we were 99 percent successful. From there, we began to work from home and the stadium was a ghost town. At first, food maintenance and myself were the only ones occasionally there. It is indeed a strange sight not seeing anyone – especially this time of year." A baseball lifer, Loveland is saddened to see no one playing catch, no bats, no balls, no baseball at the Centurylinks sports complex.

"We began planning right away to take any food that was perishable and donate it, partnering with the Harry Chapin Food Bank, Salvation Army, Community Cooperative and South Fort Myers Food Pantry. A few weeks into quarantine, we cooked some meals for the Lee County Sheriff's Office to thank them. Every couple of weeks we donate meals to them and other first responders. As that got off the ground, we looked into how we could open up the concession department to our fans and supporters. Different teams are doing different things. The Braves opened the Tiki Bar for lunch and dinner at their park in Venice. Other parks decided to make individual meals to go. We discussed curbside, delivery and asked, 'can we open the grill?' We decided not to and six weeks ago agreed that we would provide our ballpark food to fans at wholesale pricing rather than cook it for them. We needed to get the

right licenses to do so. We're selling it by the package – boxes of hot dogs, cases of beer and soda, etc." As this column mentioned a few weeks ago, the menu is posted on social media and pick-up is by appointment. "Once people submit an order, we arrange for a time for them to come pick it up after hours. People drive in and don't even get out of their cars – it's placed in their backseat or trunk." Judd emphasized they are doing this all at cost to support the people who have supported them.

Just as they were getting approval, the state said they wanted to offer COVID-19 testing at the training grounds. The answer was absolutely yes. "This is free and open to the public 18 and above. It's a very organized operation. Check in at the gate, get a packet and instructions, put your ID on the dashboard and drive to the west part of the parking lot. It's a quick and efficient process. The National Guard and (Lee County) Sheriff's Office are managing it."

And then they were asked to provide lunches to the workers and needed to come up with a plan to do so. "We were asked to provide the lunches for people working the COVID site, 20 to 25 meals, six days a week, and this caused us to plan a different type of catering event. It takes double the staff to do this and stay safe. The workers are so happy to have a good meal and take a break from wearing the PPE in the hot sun." Judd adds how rewarding it is to see the cars, the workers and everyone at the ballpark.

And there's more. "We've also done some online retail sales – jersey auctions for our old Miracle powder blue jerseys – and the Twins sent some jerseys as well. Proceeds went to the Lee County Sheriff's Office. The second time we did this, the proceeds went to Goodwill. All gear from the Mighty Mussels, Miracles, and Twins." A lot of season ticket holders are the ones buying the food and supporting them strongly, and Judd is most thankful for that. He only wishes they could do it in the ballpark.

It's rewarding to see all of the good work being done by the Mighty Mussels and Twins organization for the community. In addition, the Twins, Red Sox and 17 other major league teams thus far have agreed to pay minor

leaguers \$400 per week through the end of August, the entire minor league season, a strong commitment to these up and coming players.

Now if we can all get back to the main event. I hope as you're reading this that MLB and the players have agreed on a plan to restart baseball, and that it allows for games at Hammond Field. Loveland is looking at multiple scenarios and will make sure the Mighty Mussels and stadium are ready. I know I am!

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Saltwater Fishing Openings And Closures

As of June 1, the following saltwater fisheries are now open or close to harvest:

Gag grouper opens for recreational harvest in most state Gulf of Mexico waters and all federal Gulf waters (season opening does not include Franklin, Wakulla, Taylor and Jefferson counties, which opened April 1, nor Monroe County, which follows the Atlantic state season and opened May 1.)

Snook closes for recreational harvest in Atlantic state and federal waters.

Greater amberjack closes for recreational harvest in Gulf state and federal waters.

If you plan to fish for gag grouper in Gulf state or federal waters (excluding Monroe County) from a private recreational vessel, you must sign up as a Gulf Reef Fish Angler (annual renewal is required) before July 1 or as a State Reef Fish Angler after July 1.

To learn more, visit www.myfwc.com/marine and click on "Recreational Regulations" and "Gulf Reef Fish Survey" or "State Reef Fish Survey" under "Reef Fish" tab. Sign up today at www.goutdoorsflorida.com.

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SPORTS QUIZ

1. Tommie Aaron, brother of Hank, hit how many home runs in his seven-season Major League Baseball career?
2. Bill Chadwick, the NHL's first U.S.-born referee and later a broadcaster for the New York Rangers, went by what nickname?
3. The name for the Albuquerque Isotopes Minor League Baseball club was inspired by a fictional team from what TV comedy series?
4. Jim Covert and Ed Sprinkle, two members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2020, spent their entire playing careers with what NFL franchise?
5. What traditional Japanese martial art is literally translated as "the way of the sword"?
6. Floyd Mayweather Jr. defeated what mixed martial arts superstar in a 2017 boxing megafight in Las Vegas?
7. What Croatia-born basketball player won three NBA championships with the Chicago Bulls from 1996-98 and was the 1996 NBA Sixth Man of the Year?

ANSWERS

1. 13. He hit eight of them in his 1962 rookie season. 2. The Big Whistle. 3. The Simpsons. 4. The Chicago Bears. 5. Kendo. 6. Conor McGregor. 7. Toni Kukoc.

dearRPharmacist

How To Get Rid Of Moths



by Suzy Cohen, RPH

Dear Readers:

Let me start with I'm not really a bug lover, or a tree hugger type of person. But, I don't see the need to kill certain creatures just because they got lost and found their way into my home.

I will try to trap and free certain things, depending on how big they are.

But the moths are creating marital stress. Sam is skittish about doing bug removal, but the agreement we had when we got married in the state of Florida was that he would deal with all cockroaches and spiders, if I would deal with the snakes and mice. While there have been tense stares over the past 22 years of marriage, I will vouch for his ability to perfectly execute his husbandly tasks, lol!

Nothing was discussed about the moths. Apparently, this is my new full-time job. We live in Colorado where every spring, there's a situation! The migration of moths begins here and in Kansas, and flies over our state westward.

You can try to chase moths out of your house, but this takes patience. Find one on your window, and put a cup over him, and then slide a sheet of paper between the cup and the glass. Very carefully lift this, and free the moth outside. There's one aggressive sucker in my bathroom, so I decided to make my own moth repellant spray. The essential oils can be purchased anywhere.

Try my formula for a moth spray and

spritz it in your closet, your bedroom, your kitchen or anywhere, and it will repel them from coming into that specific area. It will scare away most bugs for that matter!

Spray every few hours. Adjust the scent to your liking. For example, add less eucalyptus and more lavender if you find my formula too zingy for you. Don't spray it directly on your clothes.

Moth Repellant Spray

Water – 4 ounces

Essential oil of cedar – 20 to 30 drops

Essential oil of lavender – 10 to 20 drops

Essential oil of peppermint – 5 to 10 drops

Essential oil of eucalyptus – 10 to 20 drops

Optional: citronella essential oil – 5 drops

Directions: Pour water into the spray bottle and add the essential oils. If you don't like the scent, add something to it that you do like, such as wild orange or lemon essential oil. Spray as desired into the room, or window sills, door frames and areas where you see a moth.

In closing, there are many ways to get rid of moths. You definitely don't want these things laying eggs in your home because, when they hatch, you'll be faced with a big infestation. They can't live more than a few days without feeding on plants or leaves. Another idea is to buy fresh rosemary or thyme herb, and bundle it, and lay it in the closet, or the bathroom because the moths won't like that and they'll stay away. For that matter, you can add those two essential oils to your moth spritzer.

*This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit www.SuzyCohen.com.**

Beautifulife:

Once Upon A Time



by Kay Casperson

The last several weeks, I have been watching a series on Netflix with my daughters every night that originally aired between 2011 and 2018. They have both watched some of the series

throughout the years, but never really worked their way through all of it, so we decided to dive in while having so much home time. I had never had a chance to watch any of it and have enjoyed spending the quality time with my daughters, enjoying the nightly binge watching and reminiscing about the old stories and fairytales that I used to read to them.

This is a series that is based in a town called Storybrooke, Maine, but centers around all of the old fairytale storybook characters from long ago, only they have taken on current roles and new names. For example, the Evil Queen is now Regina, the Mayor of Storybrooke. The Dark One or Rumplestiltskin is now an owner of the local antique shop. Mary Margaret and David are still in love as they were when they were Snow White and Prince Charming from the old days. And Emma, who comes to Storybrooke later as the new sheriff finds out she is actually the long lost daughter of Snow White and Prince Charming. As you can see, the story keeps getting more and more entwined with new characters being introduced weekly like Capt. Hook, Peter Pan, Belle, Aerialle, Ursula and on and on. Even Dorothy and the Wizard step in now and then.

Every character is now starting to remember who they were in the past while living in the current world and understanding that all they really want to do is to find their happy ending. After all, that is what we all want, right? Yes, we all want to find our happy ending and I believe that we all have a fairytale that we hold close to our hearts that we can relate to and secretly hope our lives resemble.

What is your once upon a time? What are the times in your life that you hold near to your heart? What is the story that you once wrote for your life? Did it turn out that way? What is the fairytale or the storybook character that you can relate to the most? Did you find your Cinderella or your Prince Charming? Did you defeat the Evil Queen, whoever that might be? Who were you the hero for? We all have a story, we all have a mission and a vision for our lives, and everyone deserves their happy ending.

Once upon a time, I dreamed about what I wanted to do, who I wanted to be with, how my life would look and what my happy ending would be. Right now, because I believed in my heart that my dream would come true, I am living it today, and realizing all the things I envisioned at that time. You see, once upon a time can be the now and forever if we truly believe it in our hearts. I hope you have found yours and, if not yet, just keep believing and moving towards your dreams and your beautiful life; it is there for you.

My affirmation for you this week is:

"I am the author of my story and believe in my heart that all I am hoping for will come true."

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Doctor and Dietician

How Is Your Core?



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

We all desire to have abs of steel, right? Is it possible as we age to improve our abdominal strength that is our "core?" Our answer is a resounding "yes!" The core is made up of abdominal muscles along the spine, as well as the hips and pelvis muscles. Having a strong core is so key to so many aspects of our health. I should

know – I am still recovering from a pelvic fracture post-bike crash and was left with little feeling in my abdominals, hence over the year of rehab, my core has gotten weak.

But the good news is, I am finally able to work on my core, and it is really helping me achieve more complete healing. A strong core helps us keep our balance and flexibility, as well as prevent injury, improve overall body strength, eliminate pain and improve our overall ability to move around. Every movement we make is actually generated from our core. If our core is weak, then the other muscles compensate. This is exactly what happened to me! Because I could not feel my abdominals, my core weakened, and my other muscles compensated. Thus, the prolotherapy I received to repair my injuries to my sacroiliac joints, low back, pubis and pelvic floor helped correct the injuries, but to remain strong and be able to run, walk and bike ride unrestricted, I also needed to strengthen my core.

I have been seeing physical therapist Dr. Scott Gray located right in our office complex in Fort Myers at Back in Motion. He has helped me improve my muscle imbalances and strengthen my core. A

physical therapist (PT) will provide you with an individualized program unique to your injuries. And, if you need help working on this, you can see a PT without a prescription. Here are some general recommendations for core strengthening: leg lifts, "superman," back bridge, seated side bends, modified planks using a chair and seated knee lifts.

The bottom line here is core strength is essential for good posture and injury prevention, as well as longevity. As we age, we must work on keeping our core strong. This is one of the easiest things

to do to help improve your overall health. No gym needed – you can work those abs at home. Remember, abs of steel, baby!

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Pivoting Business

community. The webinar is for public relations professionals interested in gaining real-time crisis communications knowledge and learning more about businesses in Lee County.

The event is \$5 for students, \$10 for members and \$20 for future members. Register at www.fpraswfl.org/event-registration/fpra-events/june-professional-development-webinar.

The featured speakers include:

Matthew Johnson, executive director of IMAG History & Science Center and chairman of the Florida Attractions Association.

Brian Podlasek, owner of The Island Cow on Sanibel Island.

Jen Whyte, co-founder and co-owner of Fort Myers Brewing Company. The monthly webinar takes the place of the FPRA monthly professional development seminars due to gathering restrictions regarding COVID-19 concerns and social distancing recommendations. To upload the webinar, visit www.fpraswfl.org.*



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My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF JUNE 1, 2020

Aries (March 21 to April 19) Your Aries self-esteem level is high, as is your impatience to see more action come your way in the workplace. Good news, Lamb: It could start to happen sooner than you think.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) Changing things now could upset a lot of people. But if you feel you're acting because you believe it's the right thing to do, others will understand and even come to support you.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) A change of mind might not necessarily be a change of heart. You still want to go ahead with your plans, but you might see a better way to make them happen. So go for it.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) An old business dispute could re-emerge and possibly affect upcoming negotiations. Consider opening up the situation to include suggestions from others on both sides of the issue.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) Some Leos and Leonas might find it somewhat difficult to get their ideas accepted or even considered. But that's only for a while. Things will soon return to the way you like them.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) The pace seems to be slowing down from the hectic on-the-job run you recently enjoyed. But be assured that you're still in the race to pick up new workplace-related goodies.

Libra (September 23 to October 22) Seasonal changes create opportunities for busy Librans. However, be sure to balance your workload with your personal life so that you don't overdo it on one end or the other.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) A former critic could make a surprise turnaround and become a supporter. But if your Scorpion sense suspects a questionable motive, who are the rest of us to doubt it?

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) Data on a new project seems less than dependable. But it might turn out to be just the opposite. Consult with someone who knows how you might best be able to check it out.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) Capricorneans face many decisions this week, with the Sea Goat's kids rating high on the consideration scale, especially regarding vacations and upcoming school matters.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) Showing that you care is what Aquarians do so well. It's your very special skill. And this week, you'll have several chances to show off that gift for a very special person. Good luck.

Pisces (February 19 to March 21) That streak of Piscean wariness should serve you well this week should you be among those who come up against a slippery character offering a fishy deal with nothing to back it up.

Born This Week: You have an artist's sense of how to help others see, as you do, the beautiful things about the world.

MOMENTS IN TIME

- On June 14, 1789, English Captain William Bligh and 18 others, cast adrift from the *HMS Bounty* seven weeks before, reach the East Indies after traveling nearly 4,000 miles in a small open boat. On April 28, they were set adrift with 25 gallons of water, 150 pounds of bread, 30 pounds of pork, six quarts of rum and six bottles of wine.
- On June 10, 1935, in Akron, Ohio, Bill Wilson and Dr. Robert Smith, two recovering alcoholics, found Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), a 12-step alcohol rehabilitation program. Today there are more than 80,000 local groups in the U.S.
- On June 8, 1949, George Orwell's novel of

a dystopian future, *1984*, is published. The novel's all-seeing leader, known as "Big Brother," becomes a universal symbol for intrusive government and oppressive bureaucracy.

- On June 13, 1966, the Supreme Court hands down its decision in *Miranda v. Arizona*, establishing the principle that all criminal suspects must be advised of their rights when in custody and about to be interrogated.

- On June 9, 1973, with a victory at the Belmont Stakes, Secretariat becomes the first horse since Citation in 1948 to win America's coveted Triple Crown. Secretariat won the Belmont by a record 31 lengths.

- On June 11, 1982, the science-fiction classic *ET: the Extra-Terrestrial* is released. The film captures the story of the wise, kind and cuddly alien botanist who is stranded on Earth and needs the help of a sensitive boy, Elliott, to get back home.

- On June 12, 1994, Nicole Brown Simpson, ex-wife of football player OJ Simpson, and her friend Ron Goldman are brutally stabbed to death outside her Los Angeles condominium. Simpson became the chief suspect. Although the evidence against him was extensive, a jury acquitted Simpson on two counts of murder in trial that lasted 11 months.

NOW HERE'S A TIP

- Need a twist tie in an emergency? Check your coffee bag. Many bean bags sold these days – from the grocery store and specialty roasters alike – come in a bag with a twist tie built in, so you can fold the bag down and retain freshness. If you really need one, you can pull the twist tie off and seal your grounds in a tin or a zipper-top baggie.

- Get to know your frozen veggies. There's been a lot of emphasis in the past about fresh vegetables. While they're great, it's not always possible to get to the grocer's or farmer's market regularly. Frozen veggies often have the most vitamins because most are flash frozen right after harvest. You can find many varieties, and they're easy to use in most recipes.

- New use for a favorite mug: "My friend gave me a coffee mug that's adorable, but it's not very nice in the microwave – it just gets too hot! I drink hot tea, and my mug is constantly in and out of the microwave. So, I use my gift mug to hold tea bags! It sits on my counter and holds enough packaged bags for a full week. And I can look at it and think of my friend." – TW in South Carolina

- "To get the rubber tops of my son's sneakers clean, and keep them that way, I use the melamine cleaning sponges, like the Magic Eraser. Just get it damp, rub off (most) grass stains and keep it handy." – PE in Kentucky

- Gotta paint a door? Put a lag bolt into the top and bottom of the door, on the narrow. This way, the lag bolt rests on your sawhorses, and you can flip the door over to paint each side. No longer do you have to paint one side, let it dry ALL THE WAY and then flip it over, risking paint getting pulled off the edges.

- For long-lasting condiments, here's a great practice: Write the date you open it on the jar or bottle. If there's not a good place, try using a piece of tape. This way you can better track how long that ranch dressing has been lurking in your fridge, rather than relying on the date it's good until.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- Italy was the only country to issue stamps specifically for mail traveling through bank tubes until the practice was discontinued in 1966.
- Kleenex tissues were originally developed as crepe paper and used for gas mask filters.
- Proof that human nature is the one thing that never really changes: The oldest "your mama" continued on page 22

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Super Crossword

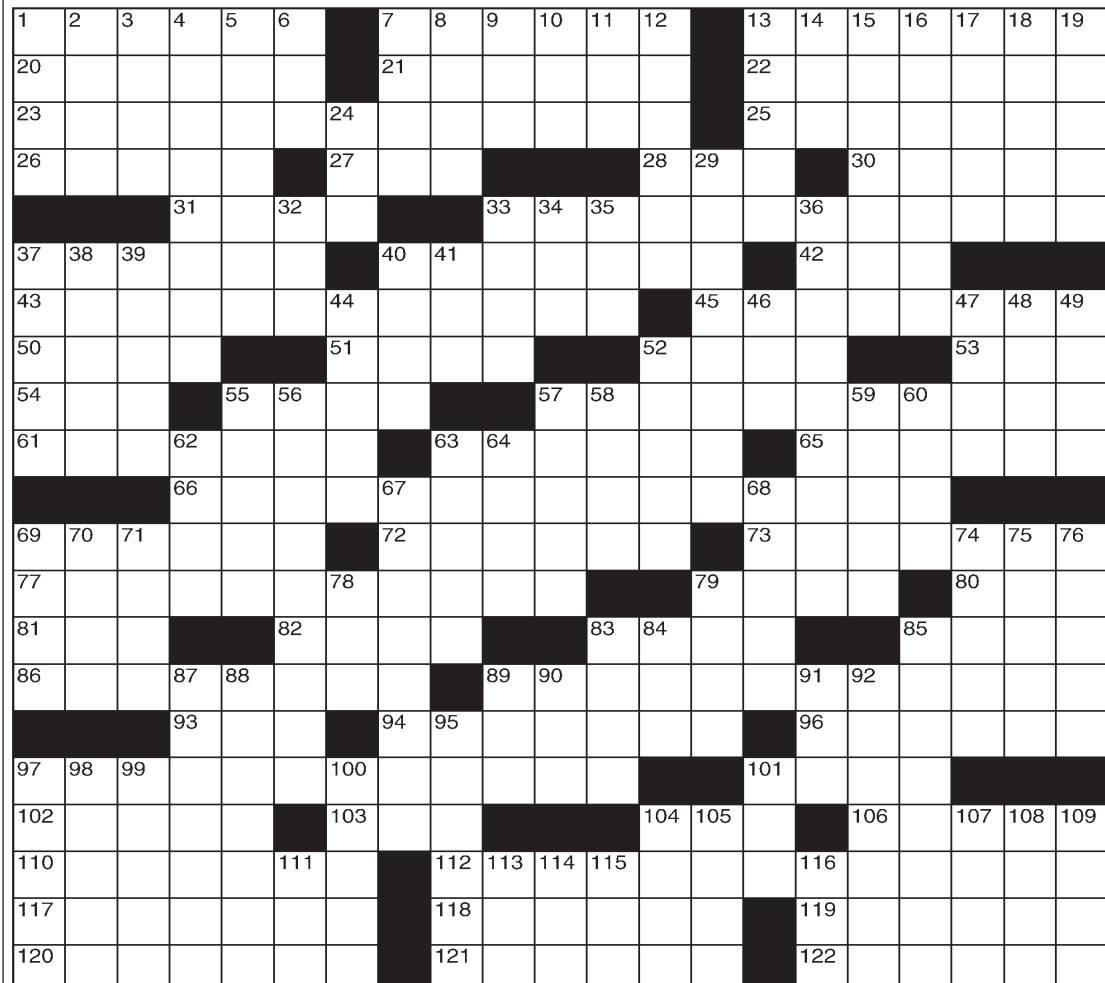
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65 Conundrum
66 ... Basketball Hall of Fame [1959] and College Football Hall of Fame [1951]
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77 ... Pro Football Hall of Fame [1963]
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: USED TO MAKE TOFU

Bean bag	Beantown	Jacobean	Mr. Bean
Beanball	Black bean	Jelly bean	Navy bean
Beanpole	Buckbean	L.L. Bean	Pea bean
Beanstalk	Caribbean	Lima bean	



Cobb Salad

- 1 head romaine lettuce, chopped
- 1/2 avocado, thinly sliced
- 1 tomato, sliced thick
- 1 chicken breast, cut into 1-inch cubes (and skewered if desired)
- 4 strips bacon, cooked and roughly chopped
- 2 boiled eggs, cut into quarters
- 4 ounces blue cheese, crumbled
- 1/3 cup red wine vinegar
- 2/3 cup olive oil
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon brown sugar (or your favorite sweetener)
- Oil for cooking
- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste

Carefully place 2-3 pieces of chicken onto skewers, season with salt and pepper, and set aside. Preheat a large sauté pan and add 1 tablespoon oil. Cook chicken for 6-8 minutes or until completely cooked through and set aside. Prepare vinaigrette by whisking together red wine vinegar, mustard, oil, sugar, salt and pepper. Compose salad by arranging the chicken, avocado, tomatoes, bacon, boiled eggs and blue cheese over the romaine lettuce. Pour desired amount of dressing over salad and serve immediately.

Fresh tip: Blue cheese can be swapped for cheese of choice.*

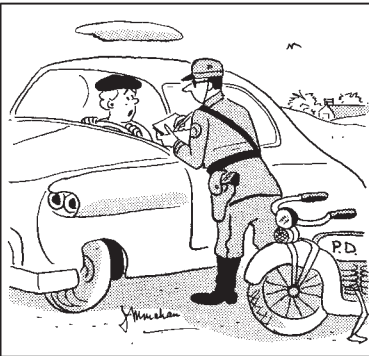


Cobb Salad

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PUZZLES

Answers on page 23



"But you can't give me a ticket — I have a _____ and your not in it!"

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!

Recovery

PUNTUR

Trash

BRIDES

Daub

MARES

Widen

GREEDD

TODAY'S WORD

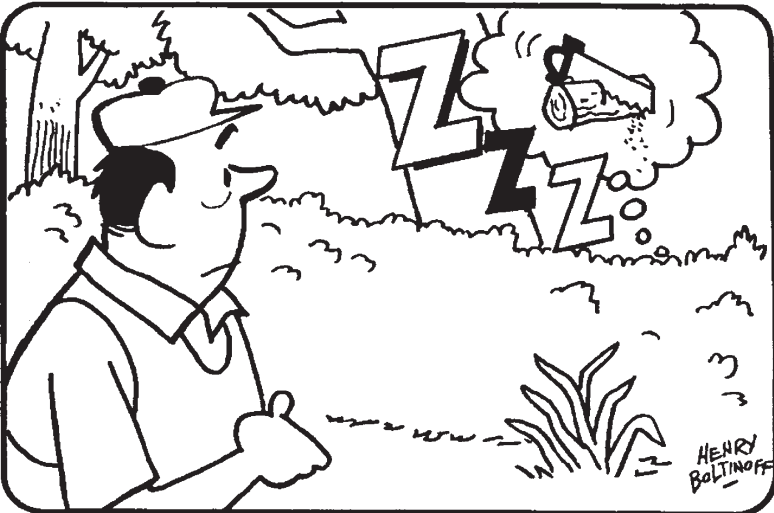
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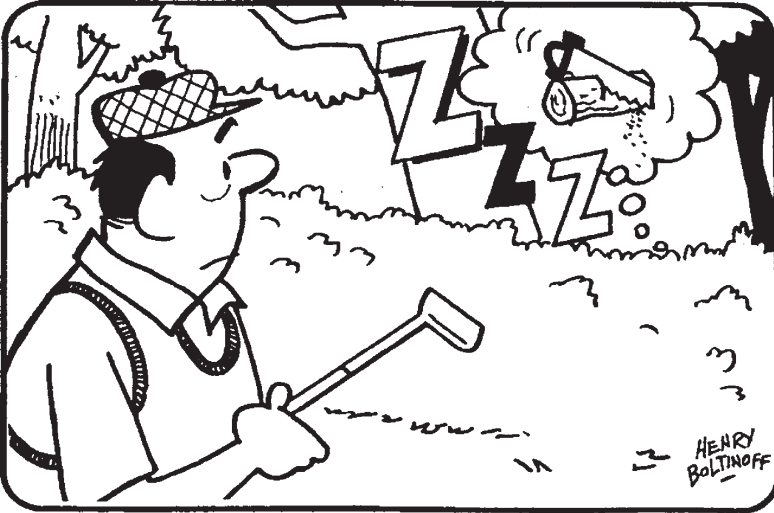
To play Sudoku: Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (the same number cannot appear more than once in a row, column or 3x3 box.) There is no guessing and no math involved, just logic.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Tree is added. 2. Hat is different. 3. Plant is missing. 4. Club is added. 5. Vest is different. 6. Nose is rounder.

	FRIDAY Partly Cloudy High: 86 Low: 81		SATURDAY Cloudy High: 89 Low: 83		SUNDAY Cloudy High: 88 Low: 81		MONDAY Mostly Sunny High: 91 Low: 83		TUESDAY Mostly Sunny High: 86 Low: 81		WEDNESDAY Sunny High: 89 Low: 83		THURSDAY Sunny High: 88 Low: 81
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Sat	3:58 am	6:11 am	1:09 pm	9:02 pm	Sat	3:03 am	6:13 am	12:14 pm	9:04 pm	Sat	2:32 am	7:38 am	1:11 pm	9:02 pm	Sat	6:08 am	9:27 am	3:19 pm	None
Sun	1:47 pm	9:49 pm	None	None	Sun	12:52 pm	9:51 pm	None	None	Sun	3:32 am	8:27 am	1:49 pm	9:53 pm	Sun	3:57 pm	12:18 am	None	None
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Strange But True

joke was discovered in 1976 on a 3,500-year-old Babylonian tablet in Iraq.

- The “Jesus Nut” on a helicopter fixes the rotor blades to the vehicle. It comes by its unusual moniker because, if it should fail, your only option is to pray to Jesus.
- Do you, like most people, normally skip reading the fine print? You might want to reconsider that. In 2017, 22,000 people who signed up for free public Wi-Fi from the UK-based technology firm Purple learned their lesson when they inadvertently agreed to 1,000 hours of community service that included cleaning toilets and “relieving sewer blockages.” The company said it inserted the clause in its contract “to illustrate the lack of consumer awareness of what they are signing up to when they access free Wi-Fi.”
- In 2014, a new species of vine was discovered in Chile that can mimic the leaves of many different host trees by changing the size, shape, color, orientation and even the vein patterns of its leaves to match the surrounding foliage. It is the only known plant that can do this.
- When asked how he was able to portray battle scenes so accurately, Stephen Crane, author of *The Red Badge of Courage*, replied that he learned all he needed to know about war from football.
- Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Every child is an artist. The problem is staying an artist when you grow up.”
–Pablo Picasso

TRIVIA TEST

1. **Anatomy:** What is a more common name for the medical condition called desquamation?
2. **Television:** Who uttered the catchphrase “you rang?” in the sitcom *The Addams Family*?
3. **Games:** How many dominoes are in a standard set?
4. **Geography:** In which city is the Basilica de la Sagrada Familia located?
5. **Movies:** Actress Meryl Streep won her first Academy Award for which movie?
6. **Literature:** What kind of creature was Bagheera in *The Jungle Book*?
7. **Food & Drink:** What is the primary ingredient of bouillabaisse, a type of stew?
8. **Psychology:** What fear is represented in the condition called coulrophobia?
9. **Music:** What is the name of blues guitarist BB King’s Gibson guitar?
10. **U.S. States:** In which state is Elvis Presley’s estate (Graceland) located?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Peeling skin 2. Lurch, the butler 3. 28
4. Barcelona, Spain 5. *Kramer vs. Kramer*
6. Panther 7. Seafood 8. A fear of clowns
9. Lucille 10. Tennessee (Memphis)



Drake ID# A818766

Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Drake And Potater

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

Hello, my name is Drake. I am a 5-year-old male domestic shorthair who is a “chunky monkey.” I am, shall we say,



Potater ID# A816301

big-boned? I haven’t met a treat I do not like and need a home that will put me on a much needed diet. My size does not deter me from being playful and active however. And I am loveable as they come. My adoption fee is \$10.

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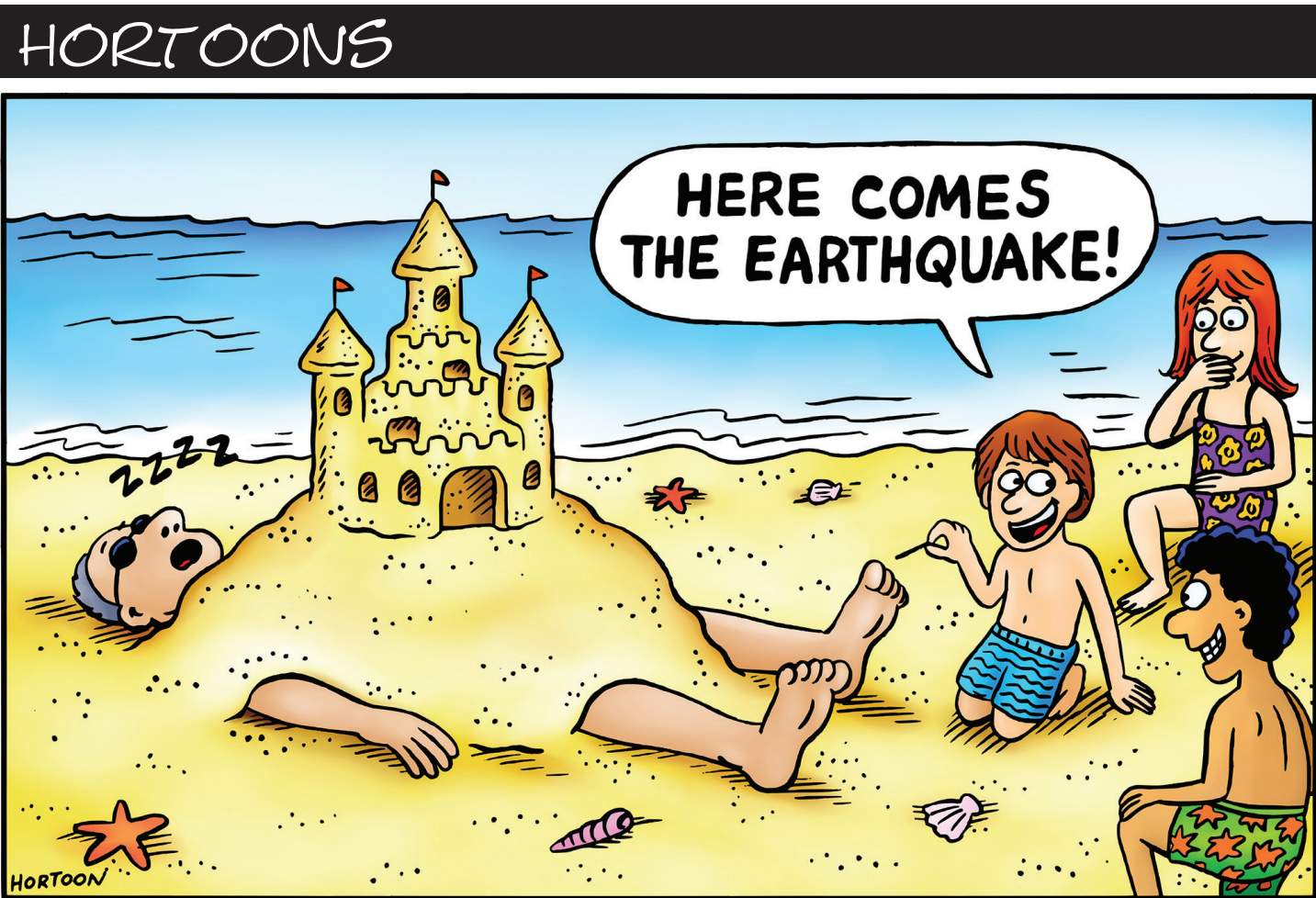
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1. Upturn; 2. Debris;
3. Smear; 4. Dredge
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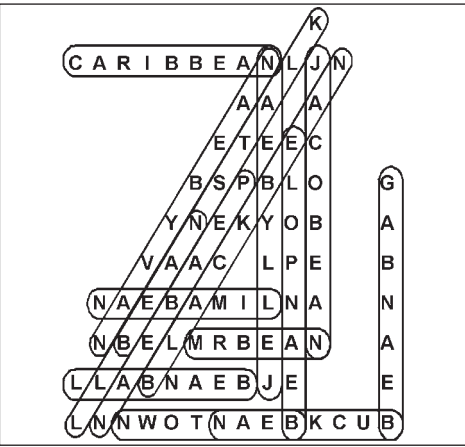
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Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Lugano	Miromar Lakes	2020	6,205	\$5,700,000	\$5,500,000	1
Hyde Park	Fort Myers Beach	1950	1,456	\$2,449,000	\$2,150,000	104
Ibis Cove At Bonita Bay	Bonita Springs	1994	4,979	\$1,975,000	\$1,800,000	65
Martin & Lewis Unrec	Fort Myers Beach	1991	3,374	\$1,890,000	\$1,590,000	12
Kreamers Subd	Bokeelia	1986	2,133	\$1,790,000	\$1,608,000	93
Cape Harbour	Cape Coral	1998	3,131	\$1,480,000	\$1,333,000	55
Imperial Shores	Bonita Springs	2005	2,820	\$1,200,999	\$1,050,000	145
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2007	3,255	\$1,100,000	\$105,000	168
Wildblue	Fort Myers	2019	3,542	\$999,980	\$965,301	156
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