

## Downtown To Shine Purple For Alzheimer's Event

On Saturday, June 19 at 8:23 p.m., the historic buildings along First Street in downtown Fort Myers will light up in purple on the longest day of the year to help end Alzheimer's disease. Starting at sundown on the eve of the summer solstice, The Longest Day event will recognize caregivers of those with Alzheimer's. The solstice is significant because it is the day with the most light. Fort Myers will join thousands across the world "to fight the darkness of Alzheimer's" by raising funds and awareness for the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association.

To commemorate the event, which has been held in Fort Myers since 2013, Fort Myers Mayor Kevin Anderson has proclaimed June 19 as the Alzheimer's Association Longest Day. The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center (SBDAC) will be the main hub of the event. Mayor Anderson will start the festivities at sundown when he "throws the switch"



Downtown Fort Myers will be lit up in purple at sundown on June 19, to support Alzheimer's caregivers  
photo by Austin Trenholm Photography

and lights up First Street. SBDAC will also be the site of the Memory Wall, where videos filmed by residents of the Calusa Harbour Senior Living facility will be shown. The videos will be available via QR codes.

"In addition, we want to encourage

people the night of the event to share their #onememory with us," said Greg Madsen, Calusa Harbour independent living manager. "Alzheimer's disease steals our thoughts, our memories, we want to bring awareness to the work being done to prevent Alzheimer's and the research

behind it. With these videos, we hope to do just that."

Attendees can share their #onememory on social media by posting a photo or video and tagging @The Longest Day - Florida Gulf Coast.

"WearTheFund has been supporting The Longest Day event since 2013. We are thrilled to bring the event downtown this year," said Sam Lewis, founder and CEO of WearTheFund T-shirt company.

Support for The Longest Day comes from WearTheFund, a social impact enterprise that has more than 100 nonprofit partners; Cypress at Home, providing innovative solutions for high quality care for elder adults; Calusa Harbour Senior Living, serving seniors in assisted living for more than 40 years; the Fort Myers Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), encouraging and overseeing redevelopment in five designated areas within the Fort Myers city limits; and the River District Alliance, that promotes and enhances the development of downtown as a hub of economic, social and cultural activity.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street. To join the Fort Myers team, visit <http://act.alz.org/goto/fortmyers>.\*



Guests at a previous plant sale at the estates

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## Plant Sale At Estates Saturday

Edison and Ford Winter Estates will hold a plant sale, open to the public, on Saturday, June 19 at 9 a.m. The sale will take place outdoors in the Garden Shoppe and surrounding areas. There is no admission charge.

Additional plant vendors will be on site, including Betty Ann's Bromeliads,

Calusa Palms and Tropicals, Deep South Natives, Miami Mike's Bromeliads, Palm Tree Gardens and SunLand Orchids.

"With the rainy season around the corner, now is the time to buy plants for the garden," said Debbie Hughes, horticulture director. "Once the rains start, Mother Nature will take care of the watering."

The Garden Shoppe offers a unique place for gardeners to shop for quality

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## Southern-Fried Farce Now Playing



A scene from *Farce of Nature*

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The Off Broadway Palm Theatre is now showing *Farce of Nature*, playing through July 25. From the writers of *The Savannah Sipping Society* and *The Dixie Swim Club*, you won't want to miss this laugh-out-loud, Southern-fried farce.

*Farce of Nature* is about the Wilburn family of Mayhew, Arkansas and their struggling family fishing lodge, the Reel 'Em Inn. A motley collection of flawed

characters hide, lie, disguise themselves, cross-dress and slam doors, while trying to figure out the source of an awful stench. In the chaotic climax of this one outrageous day, love blossoms, truths are revealed and the lives of the family, guests and gangsters change in surprising ways.

Performances are Wednesday through Sunday evenings with select matinees.

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

# Busy At The Newspaper Office



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

This historic photo taken in February 1951 captures a busy moment at *The News-Press* office in the Collier Arcade, also known as the Post Office Arcade.

Plenty of details, such as one lady's hat, identify the scene as one of decades ago.

Note the Royal typewriters the staff are tapping away on. Could we check, we might find carbon paper in those typewriter carriages.

Other dead giveaways are the bulky adding machine, heavy black dial telephones, ashtrays and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad calendar on the wall, the latter a reminder that there was still

railway passenger and freight service in Fort Myers in 1951.

By the 1950s, the newspaper offices occupied the entire south side of the Broadway wing of the L-shaped arcade, as well as some adjacent space, where printing and loading were carried out.

For example, the loading docks opened onto Main Street, across from the Lee County Courthouse. The paper also occupied space for heavy printing machinery and gigantic rolls of newsprint.

The location was conveniently located next to the bus station, which faced Monroe Street on the west side of the arcade's First Street wing (since demolished). Newspapers were easily shipped from there.

By the time the historic photo was taken, *The News-Press* had been in residence at the arcade for over 16 years, having moved there in early December 1934 after its 50th anniversary.

Founded as the *Fort Myers Press*, the newspaper had published its first paper on November 22, 1884. In 1931, it was renamed *The News-Press* due to a Depression-era merger with the *Tropical News*.

The paper maintained offices at the arcade for 31 years.



This February 1951 photo captures the busy behind-the-counter scene at *The News-Press* office in the Collier Arcade photo courtesy SWFL Historical Society



Today, the corner location is once again an office. The interior side of this catty-cornered front door is visible beneath the hanging light fixture in the 1951 photo.

photo by Gerri Reaves

However, starting in 1961, the paper was produced from two plants, a situation that would exist for four years.

The news, business, advertising, photo and mechanical departments remained at the arcade, and the pressroom, stereotype department, mailroom and newsprint storage relocated to newly constructed facilities at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (then Anderson Avenue) between Royal Palm and Central avenues.

It was the first time in its long history that it would be located in a building specifically designed for producing and running a newspaper.

On Saturday, May 30, 1965, the paper united all departments. The arcade operations closed at 1 p.m. and transferred to a new state-of-the-art building on Anderson.

By that afternoon, staff were busy creating the next day's paper at the new plant.

That night, the heaviest machinery was moved, the last piece being a five-ton mat roller.

The paper remained at that expansive plant until two years ago, when it moved to Colonial Boulevard near Metro Parkway.

Stroll through the Collier Arcade and imagine the noise of a newspaper operation going full tilt.

Then visit the following research centers to learn who else had a place of business at the arcade 70 years ago.

Hours might be affected by the coronavirus pandemic, so call first.

The Southwest Florida Historical Society is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization open Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon. It is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. Call 939-4044 for more information.

The Lee County Black History Society is located at 1936 Henderson Avenue, adjacent to the Williams Academy Museum at Roberto Clemente Park. Hours for the nonprofit organization are Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday by appointment only. For more information, call 332-8778 or visit [www.leecountyblackhistorysociety.org](http://www.leecountyblackhistorysociety.org).

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

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## Help Sought For Summer Food Drives



Volunteer in the kitchen

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Recognizing that hunger does not take a summer break, Community Cooperative is calling on community members to support its School's Out, Hunger's Not campaign. During the months of June, July and August, Community Cooperative is looking for additional volunteers and donations for its Sam's Community Café & Kitchen, Community Market and mobile food pantries as well as volunteers to help deliver Meals on Wheels to homebound individuals. The increased need for emergency groceries each summer presents a unique challenge to Community Cooperative and its volunteers in these months as well.

"A decrease in summer volunteers is an issue we face annually," said Tami Holliday, Community Cooperative's community relations and development manager. "Nearly half of our volunteers are seasonal residents, so that leaves us with many open positions to fill each summer and into the fall. We are looking for helping hands that have

time and talent to share."

Community Cooperative is looking for local individuals, businesses, organizations, churches and community groups to support the School's Out, Hunger's Not campaign by hosting food drives, volunteering and giving financially. Food drives can range from simple collection days to engaging social donation events. Volunteers are needed in various areas, such as packaging and delivering meals for Meals on Wheels, serving lunch in the Sam's Community Café & Kitchen, stocking pantry shelves, assisting clients at monthly mobile food pantries, and weeding and harvesting in the Able Garden.

For more resources and information on how to get involved, contact Holliday at [tami@communitycooperative.com](mailto:tami@communitycooperative.com) or call 332-7687 ext. 125. Monetary donations are always needed and can be made directly at [www.communitycooperative.com](http://www.communitycooperative.com) or mailed to: Community Cooperative, P.O. Box 2143, Fort Myers, Florida 33902.\*

happens after a hurricane, insurance needs and how to find relief assistance.

A representative of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center will provide signing. The Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club will demonstrate how they can benefit the entire community through their radio connections. Representatives of the Shell Factory and Players Circle Theatre will also provide information. Participation invitations have also been sent to StormSmart, Fireservice and Home Depot.

Participants will be able to ask questions during the question-and-answer portion of the seminar. Door prizes will be offered by the participating businesses. Registration is not required.

The Shell Factory and Nature Park is located at 16554 North Cleveland Avenue in North Fort Myers. For more information, contacting Chris Forbes at The Shell Factory at [christine@shellfactory.com](mailto:christine@shellfactory.com) or 246-6364.\*

## Free Hurricane Seminar

After a two-year absence in in-person hurricane seminars, ABC-7 chief meteorologist John Patrick will highlight a free seminar being offered at The Shell Factory and Nature Park on Wednesday, June 23 at 10 a.m. The seminar will provide an emphasis on preparation for the hurricane season and recovery procedures should there be a hurricane or other major emergency.

Patrick's presentation and representatives of Lee County Emergency Management, the Red Cross, United Way, Lee County commissioners and the U.S. Post Office will cover topics such as what a hurricane is, when to evacuate, flood damage and storm surge, shelters, how to prepare a hurricane kit, what

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Fort Myers Art:

# Romantic Musical Is A Sandler Movie Spin-Off



by Tom Hall

Big hair and shoulder pads at the ready – It's time to rediscover the 1980s! Your favorite Adam Sandler movie in musical form takes the stage in Blackburn Hall at The Naples Players from June 23 to

July 25.

Sponsored locally by Porsche Naples, *The Wedding Singer*'s sparkling new score does for the '80s what *Hairspray* did for the '60s. Just say "yes" to the most romantic musical in 20 years.

Things are going pretty well for wedding singer Robbie Hart (Joseph Byrne) until he's left at the altar by his fiancé, Linda (Erica Sample). As he struggles to pick up the pieces and continue performing at other people's weddings, he befriends Julia Sullivan (Alyssa Haney). Julia is preparing for her wedding to longtime boyfriend Glen (David Shaffer) – whose commitment to their relationship is questionable, to say the least. Robbie agrees to help Julia plan her wedding when complications arise, and the



Joseph Byrne and Alyssa Haney star in *The Wedding Singer*

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two spend more and more time with each other.

With fan-favorite director and choreographer Dawn Lebrecht Fornara and musical director Charles Fornara at the helm of this production, you will certainly be dancing in your seat – and possibly even in the aisles.

"*The Wedding Singer* musical has been on our to-do list for some time" said Bryce Alexander, CEO and executive artistic director. "The show is funny, poignant, and a great way for audiences who have been disconnected, or in quarantine, to

have a little fun. As they say in the show, it's time for our audiences to 'come out of the dumpster' of COVID-19."

The Fornaras will be leading an all-star ensemble cast of Naples favorites, many of whom have become staples of The Naples Players' most popular shows. The cast includes (in alphabetical order): Joseph Byrne, Adam Fasano, Alyssa Haney, Ruth Johnson, Christine Mastrangelo, Erica Sample, David Shaffer, Kenny Tran, Lindsey Walsh and Dominic Young in the principal roles, and features Leonard Allen, Sade Bassan, Abby Ciabaton, Jim Corsica, Jessica Daniels, Luke Danni, Maxine Danni, Kat Ebaugh, Frankie Federico, Kay Harkins, Madeleine Howe, Danaia Ivanov, Naphtailda Jean-Charles, Monica Joyce, Joseph Loiacono, Elizabeth Marcantonio, Sydney Mixon, Lexi Piper, Andrew Reid, Eileen Reynolds, Thomas Richardson and Ciarán Welch in the ensemble.

To alleviate the concern and spread of COVID-19, the theater will be limiting capacity. Tickets are expected to sell quickly. A Red Carpet event open to the public is slated for Wednesday, June 23 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and will feature local vendors, food, drinks and live music from the band Chariot.

Performances are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Both general public and season tickets are on sale at the box office. Visit [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org) or call 239-263-7990.

## Art Show Celebrates Pride Month at DAAS Gallery

DAAS Co-op Art Gallery & Gifts is celebrating Pride month in June by featuring the art of LGBTQ+ member artist Spencer Elles. The exhibition will be on display through June 26.

Elles is a multifaceted queer artist currently residing in Fort Myers. Along with being a full-time videographer, musical artist and online content creator, he has been a working digital illustrator since 2003, originally specializing in graphic illustrations for band merchandise, album art and event flyers. Since coming out as an openly gay artist in his early 20s, he has been creating a large body of homo-erotic works that he proudly displays alongside the non-sexually charged pieces of his portfolio. He openly cites as

inspiration his "nerdy" love of anime, video games, punk-culture and gay Japanese adult comics.

The concept behind this exhibition titled *uhhhh... I guess this is my art show or whatever* (AKA *the duality of man*) yes... *that's the full title* is to display the juxtaposition of what he describes as "the two sides of his brain" – the silly, uplifting, cheeky little punk kid he is at heart and the "sexually-charged" that lies beneath it all, often exemplified through his lyrics as a gay rap artist.

Also in June, the classes hosted by published author Winslow E. Dixon continue. Topics include book publishing, selfcare and homeopathic home living.

DAAS CO-OP is located in the Butterfly Estates complex at 1815 Fowler Street in Fort Myers. For more information, visit [www.daascoop.com](http://www.daascoop.com) or call 590-8645.

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.✧

# Calendar Girls Member Submits Video To Oprah


Joy Baker, member of the Cape Coral Calendar Girls, recently completed a special presentation video of Amazing Grace using American Sign Language in honor of famous talk show host, media executive, actress and philanthropist Oprah Winfrey. Since releasing on social media a few days ago, the video has attracted over 15,000 views with very positive comments.

The Calendar Girls dance to support Southeastern Guide Dogs, an organization that trains and connects service dogs to veterans. Since 2006, The Calendar Girls have sponsored 24 guide dogs to U.S. veterans in need by dancing for donations at local venues. Ranging in age from 50 to 80, they make fitness fun while making a difference in the lives of veterans and bringing smiles to their audiences. "There's so much life in life" is their motto, and it shines through in every performance.

It has been Baker's dream for many years to perform for Oprah, who she has been trying to reach since 2005. "I chose this song for Oprah because she says the hymn is her life's theme song," she said. "The song means a lot to me, and many others as well, and I wanted to perform it in sign language so all can receive its beautiful message."

Baker spent a lot of time and effort on this video, shot by The Rainbow Movement Foundation, a longtime supporter that stands with those who need a voice and supports projects that provide a better quality of life for those in need. "It's our hope that Joy's video goes 'viral' and that it makes it to Oprah somehow," said Bill Ulrich, founder of The Rainbow Movement. "The Calendar Girls are so inspiring and inclusive; we want the world to know about them."

To view Joy's performance, visit [www.oprahamazinggrace.com](http://www.oprahamazinggrace.com).✧




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## Girl Scouts Launch Climate Change Patch

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, in partnership with Growing Climate Solutions, has launched a new climate change patch that recognizes Girl Scouts who are willing to advocate for the environment.

Girl Scouts earn patches for participating in events, activities and programs, and display their patches on the back of vests or sashes. To earn the climate change patch, which is specific to Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, girls must complete three components:

**Discover** – understand the science behind the carbon cycle and global warming, as well as their impacts.

**Connect** – recognize how to measure and reduce an individual's carbon footprint through a series of discussions and activities.

**Take action** – Address climate challenges by working together to develop and implement solutions.

"Climate change is one of the top issues concerning U.S. girls, particularly teens," said Mary Anne Servian, CEO of Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida. "As Girl Scouts, we pledge to use resources wisely and make the world a better place. We pride ourselves on taking action, and the climate change patch is an important tool for environmental education and positive change."

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida serves nearly 6,000 girls in 10 counties



Girl Scouts conduct a science experiment in Southwest Florida

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across Southwest Florida. The mission of Girl Scouts is to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

Growing Climate Solutions: Path to Positive Southwest Florida formed in 2019 as a partnership between the Community Foundation of Collier County, Collaboratory (formerly the Southwest Florida Community Foundation), Florida Gulf Coast University and Conservancy of Southwest Florida. It has since expanded to include community leaders from the business, health, civic, faith and nonprofit sectors across the five-county region.

Girl Scouts and Growing Climate Solutions launched the climate change patch on June 3 during a virtual kickoff event, which featured four distinguished women who are excelling in science, education and business while advocating for the environment: Tiffany Troxler, a climate scientist and director of the Sea Level Solutions Center at Florida International University; Camille Coley, vice president of the American Natural History Museum; Mary Draves, chief sustainability officer and vice president of environmental health and safety at Dow; and Dawn Shirreffs, Florida director of the Environmental Defense Fund. Discussions focused on the science

of climate change, carbon footprints, creating a more sustainable lifestyle, research and organizing campaigns to change laws and protect the planet.

The idea to create a climate change patch emerged during Growing Climate Solutions' leadership kickoff meeting in March 2020. At the time, Girl Scouts joined Growing Climate Solutions because both organizations are focused on protecting the earth and its natural resources.

"It will take several generations to

develop true climate leadership, and we have to start with this next generation of leaders," said Ana Puszkun-Chevlin, PhD, regional director for Growing Climate Solutions. "These girls are the best ambassador for protecting and advocating for the environment and the future because they will be living in and leading the world for decades to come."✧

## Lee Pools Closed On Tuesday

The four community pools operated by Lee County Parks & Recreation will be closed on Tuesday, June 22 for lifeguard training and will reopen on Wednesday, June 23 at 9 a.m.

All full-time and summer lifeguard staff will be conducting annual training, testing skills and practicing drills. Signs have been posted at the sites to inform pool patrons of the closing.

The pools are:

Lehigh Community Pool, 1400 West Fifth Street, Lehigh Acres

North Fort Myers Community Pool, 5170 Orange Grove Boulevard, North Fort Myers

Pine Island Community Pool, 5675 Sesame Drive, Pine Island

San Carlos Community Pool, 8208 Sanibel Boulevard, Fort Myers

For more information on Lee County Parks & Recreation, visit [www.leeparks.org](http://www.leeparks.org), call 533-7275 or visit [leeparksandrecreation](https://www.instagram.com/leeparksandrecreation) on Instagram.✧

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# Dance Show Revitalizes Community

On May 29, Dance Bochette held its first performance in over a year at Florida Repertory Theatre's outdoor stage in downtown Fort Myers. Over 40 dancers, ages 2 through adult performed in VIBE!, a flower-power inspired show celebrating revitalization and community togetherness.

Dance Bochette owner Alyce Bochette elaborated on the theme: "Our VIBE! performance was created to reflect the vibrancy of our dancers, the vitality of our city and the revitalization of our community as we emerge from these trying times. Through the art of dance, it is a celebration of hope, optimism and joy and is a testament to our ability to overcome by supporting, encouraging and uplifting one another. We are so incredibly proud of our dancers who throughout the pandemic never stopped coming to class, dancing and improving. It's exciting for them to be onstage to perform for their family, friends and the community of Southwest Florida."

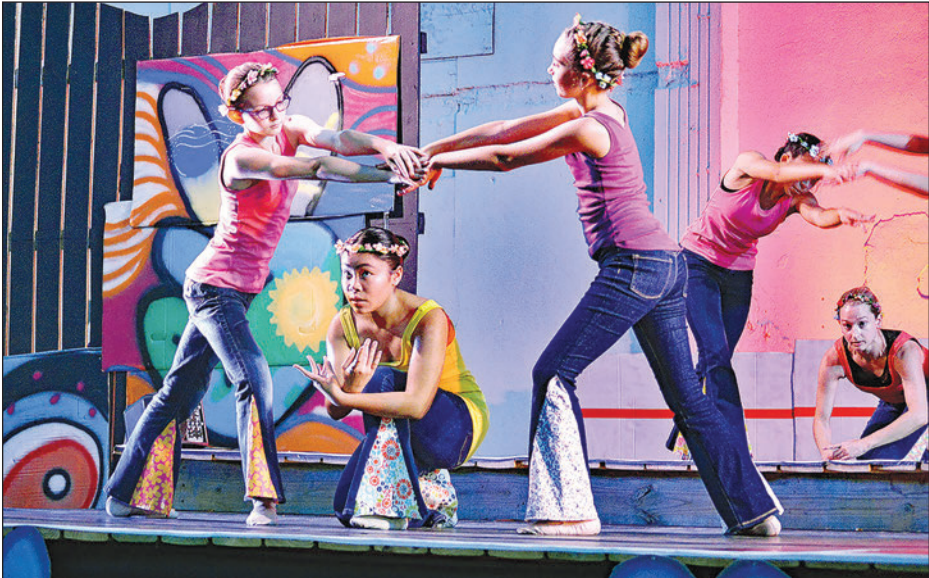
Dancers reveled in the spotlight by performing 24 individual pieces to music from The Beatles, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Simon & Garfunkel, West Side Story, Michael Buble and many other 60s- and 70s-inspired tunes. The youngest dancers took the stage at 6:30 p.m. performing ballet numbers



Dance Bochette VIBE Performance No. 2  
photos provided

to vibe-worthy music. Young adult and teen dancers took the stage at 8 p.m. by performing numbers in ballet, tap, jazz, modern and contemporary. "Some of the performances brought tears to my eyes and others inspired toe-tapping, hip-swaying fun," said event guest Chelsea Clementi.

Pamela Hayford, former editor of *SWFL Parent & Child Magazine*, described the event by saying: "I really loved the show. It was my family's first in over a year and the perfect way to emerge from a pandemic: sitting on the lawn with the sun setting over the river while the dancers performed so



Dance Bochette VIBE Performance No. 5

beautifully. The choice of songs and the choreography were so uplifting. They're really very talented."

The VIBE! performance was made possible through collaboration and support of Gulfcoast Dance, Inc. volunteers and Dance Bochette parents. The "mis en scene" was set by Pat McCarley with graffiti stage artwork including the word VIBE displayed center stage, peace sign artwork and other themed artistic pieces stage right and left. Tanya Childress's Volkswagen Bus and Beatle were decorated for guest photo opportunities. The outdoor stage and technical support were

provided by Florida Repertory Theatre's artistic director Greg Longenhagen and production manager Tim Billman. Backstage management was provided by V-Anne Kemmerer, Jackie Burgess and Karen Howard. Costumes for VIBE! were created by Karena Hanneken, Madeline Wellman, Childress and Deenie Pharr.

Dance Bochette instructor Jennifer Reed said: "I am so very proud of our dancers, who captured the spirit of VIBE! and brought joy and vitality to the community. We remain incredibly grateful to Florida Repertory Theatre and our wonderful studio parents for making our performance possible.✧"

## Churches/Temples

**ALL FAITHS UNITARIAN CONGREGATION**  
Service 9, and 11 a.m. Children's RE, Adult Education Forum 10 a.m., [www.allfaiths-uc.org](http://www.allfaiths-uc.org), 2756 McGregor Boulevard, 226-0900.

**ALL SAINTS BYZANTINE RITE CATHOLIC**  
Sunday 10:30 a.m., 10291 Bayshore Road, 599-4023.

**ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX**  
Sunday 9 and 10 a.m., [www.annunciation.fl.goarch.org](http://www.annunciation.fl.goarch.org), 8210 Cypress Lake Drive, 481-2099.

**BETH YESHUA MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE**  
Saturday 11 a.m. 15675 McGregor Boulevard, 437-3171.

**BIBLESHARE**  
10 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Tuesday, [www.simplysimpleworship.com](http://www.simplysimpleworship.com), 7050 Winkler Road, Suite 121, 437-8835.

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

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

**CHAVURAT SHALOM**  
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**CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
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## Plant Smart

## Spore Basics

by Gerri Reaves

When it comes to plant reproduction, most of us grasp the basics of seeds pretty well, but spores are a bit more mysterious.

For one thing, they are inconceivably small. Thousands of spores appear on a single fertile frond. Seeds are quite large contrasted with microscopic spores.

Spore reproduction is often described as primitive compared to that by seed.

That seems reasonable, given that ferns and fern-like plants appeared on the planet well over than 400 million years ago.

Think “spores” and ferns probably come to mind. However, bacteria, fungi, algae and other non-flowering plants also produce spores.

Basic differences exist between spore plants and flowering plants. Spores have neither flowers, fruit, or seeds, which are the fertilized ovules of flowering plants.

And, unlike spores, seeds have a coating that protects and nourishes the embryo plant within.

What’s amazing is that despite their minuteness, we are able to perceive the sori, or clusters of sporangia (spore sacs), on the undersides of fertile fern blades, as illustrated by the photos of ferns pictured above.

Sori take various forms or patterns, such as a series of dots or lines.



The round distinct sori on the undersides of the golden polydody's leaflets show through to the upper sides photos by Gerri Reaves

For example, the round sori on the undersides of a golden polydody fern (*Phlebodium aureum*) are quite distinct, forming neat lines of tiny dots.

In strong light, the pattern of dots is discernible even from the other side of the leaflet.

Or, spores might entirely cover the underside of a leaflet, as seen on



Giant leather fern's fertile fronds are coated with sporangia

the frond of the giant leather fern (*Acrostichum danaeifolium*), whose sori resemble a coating of soft reddish brown felt.

Netted chain fern's (*Woodwardia areolata*) oblong sori are also visible from the frond's upperside. They are lined up in two parallel rows, like chain links, one row on each side of the leaflet's midvein for a stenciled effect.

The next time you see a pattern of



Netted chain fern's oblong sori form “chains” visible on the upper side of the frond

sori or a coating of sporangia on a fern, take time to contemplate the amazing reproductive world of microscopic spores.

Sources: *The Ferns of Florida* by Gil Nelson, *National Audubon Society Field Guide to Florida* by Peter Alden et al., and *An Overview and Informal Key of the Ferns of Florida* by Douglas Scofield et al.

Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.\*

## Concert Recreation At Players Circle

World-renowned actor Avi Hoffman performs the recreation of his one concert at the American Theatre in 1978 at the Players Circle Theatre on Friday and Saturday, June 25 and 26. The musical encapsulates Joe Papp's Brooklyn Yiddish upbringing and his only public



Avi Hoffman

concert. The performance, *Joe Papp at the Ballroom*, is the first production being held in conjunction with a new partnership with the Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte counties.

Joe Papp was the visionary founder of Shakespeare in the Park and the New York Shakespeare Festival/Public Theatre. The concert version of the play, with all dialogue by Joe Papp, has been adapted by Hoffman and Susan Papp-Lippman; original musical arrangements are by Stanley Silverman, with the musical direction by Phil Hinton.

Tickets for this performance are \$25 general admission and \$35 VIP.

Players Circle Theatre is located at the Shell Factory and Nature Park at 16554 North Cleveland Avenue in North Fort Myers. For more information, call the box office at 800-3292 or visit [www.playerscircletheater.com](http://www.playerscircletheater.com).

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# Dog Days Of Summer Offer Amazing Fishing Opportunities



by Capt.  
Matt Mitchell

For the next few months, the daily pattern of sticky hot mornings turning into scorching midday heat until afternoon thunderstorms cool everything off is upon us. What I enjoy most this time of year is being able to get out well before sunup and share some of the best fishing action on the planet with my clients all before lunchtime.

The first few hours after sunrise is that magical time on the water. The early bird gets the worm is very true. Fish are most active during these cooler water periods often shutting down in the heat of the afternoon. Watching a sunrise as tarpon roll and

gulp air in slick calm water is as good as it gets.

Catch-and-release snook fishing is on fire all summer long with giant spawning females filling the passes and then roaming the beaches. Think big baits for big fish all summer with large pinfish and grunts catching some of the best snook of the year. For every large female snook in and around the passes, there are another 100 males ranging in size from 20 to 26 inches. Strong morning tides will have these fish feeding on every bait that gets pushed by them. Drifting the passes will become the method of choice over the next few weeks.

This week, I had the pleasure of getting my longtime client and friend Gerald his bucket list tarpon on his 60th birthday. After an early start and sitting in hundreds of rolling fish without a bite, I made a move south. Hopes were high as we watched a few tarpon surface. These fish had the right body language as they milled around and slowly raised up.

After one tarpon pulled down his pinfish with a swirl and flash, it just decided to let go as time was ticking down on the morning's trip. Then bang, it happened as one of the cut bait rods went off with a big tarpon. It jumped twice before we could get the rod out of the holder. After what turned out to be 45-minute slugfest with it towing the boat around, Gerald got the estimated 120-pound fish close enough for a leader touch. Although we didn't get that magical in-the-water picture, Gerald is now hooked on tarpon fishing. Until you do battle with one of these fish, you simply do not have any idea how strong they are. Congrats Gerald and Happy Birthday!

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



Despite not getting that perfect picture, Gerald's first tarpon put on quite a show

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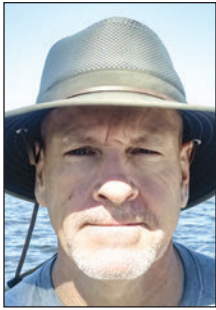
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## CROW Case Of The Week:

## Green Sea Turtle



by Bob Petcher

The green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) is named for the color of its cartilage and fat, not its shell. While it is one of the largest sea turtle species, it is the only herbivore amongst the seven

types, which also include loggerheads, leatherbacks, Kemp's ridleys, olive ridleys, hawksbills and flatbacks.

At CROW, a juvenile green sea turtle was rescued from Buttonwood Bay near Everglades City after it was found floating without the ability to dive down under the water. Upon admission, veterinarians found the patient to be quiet with mild head tremors and an obvious shell deformity. They suspected the head tremors to be caused by red tide and the rounding of the back to be a birth defect.

"The tremors, which were localized to the head and intermittent, are a neurologic symptom of red tide toxicosis (brevetoxicosis) but would not be the sole reason the turtle was unable to dive," said CROW Rehabilitation Manager Breanna Frankel, when asked about its diving status. "When turtles are floating, many times it has to do with gas built up in the GI (gastrointestinal) tract, so



**Patient #21-2640 spending some shallow water time at CROW before being approved for release**

photo by Brian Bohman

they are physically unable to dive. The head tremors and any other neurologic symptoms – inability to use limbs, inability to hunt, etc. – combined could lead to a sea turtle stranding."

The turtle was given fluids, antibiotics and a lipid emulsion, then placed in the reptile room for further care.

Lipid emulsion therapy is used to treat toxicity. Lipids are a type of fat and since brevetoxins from red tide are fat-soluble, the lipids bind to the toxins that are in

the animal's bloodstream," said Frankel. "When lipid emulsion therapy is provided, it gives the toxins something different to bind to so the animal can pass it out of their body."

After a few days, the patient's tremors improved, and it was able to go into a tank with shallow water.

"All the clinical neurologic symptoms seen were mild, but we don't know the actual level of toxins in the turtle's body," said Frankel. "The beauty of lipid

emulsion therapy is that the patients are able to overcome the toxins much more quickly."

According to Frankel, there was no need to address the shell deformity as it wasn't causing the patient any harm, while the barnacles on its carapace were either removed or fell off during time in a freshwater tank. The turtle's improvement was substantial enough that CROW officials were only awaiting state approval for the patient's release.

"Sea turtles are protected under the Federal Endangered Species Act," Frankel explained. "Therefore, all rehabilitation, research, etcetera, in Florida must be authorized by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). We let them know every time a sea turtle comes into the clinic, and every time a sea turtle is ready for release."

The release approval did not take long for the sea turtle to return to the wild.

"The sea turtle made a full recovery and was approved for release on Thursday, June 10," said Frankel. "It was released off Sanibel and took off flying the second it hit the water. You can see the release video through a link on our social media pages."

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

## Pet Foster Program For Hospice Patients

The Cape Coral Animal Shelter (CCAS) has partnered with Hope Hospice to take current services one step further for hospice patients. In animal rescue, one of the most heartbreaking owner surrender requests is when a person is terminally ill and must give up their beloved pet. Once surrendered, the person ultimately loses touch with their pet after it is adopted, spending their last days wondering about and missing their companion. Finding a home for pets can also be a burden for family members when a loved one enters hospice unexpectedly and they scramble frantically to find a home for the pet.

Hope Hospice created the Hope for Pets program to alleviate that worry and give people in their care some peace of mind that their pets will have veterinary visits, exercise and, when needed, a new, loving home. To ensure no pet is left behind, Hope for Pets has partnered with various shelters to help coordinate pet adoptions and veterinary care. Now, CCAS is offering enhanced services to keep the connection between Hope's pet owners and their loyal companions strong for as long as possible.

The Hope for Pets program will facilitate the surrender of a pet by a hospice patient. However, that pet will stay in the home of the patient until he/

she is no longer able to care for the pet. During that time, CCAS will handle medical care of the pet, transport to and from the patient's home for vet visits, and supply food/supplies if needed. Further, if the Hope Hospice patient enters a hospice facility, CCAS will put the pet into a foster home until the patient passes away. These fosters will be specifically chosen and trained to be compassionate and understanding of the situation. They will provide updates, pictures, phone calls and (if possible) visits to the patient in a hospice facility. Once the patient passes, a forever home will be found for the pet.

"We have a network of fantastic foster parents who are specially educated about end-of-life care. They keep in touch with the owner and help them stay connected to their pet with updates, phone calls and visits," said McCauley. "We are creating a continuity in transitioning a pet from owner to foster family, while forging a faster pathway to adoption."

Offentimes, pet adoptions are delayed due to an absence of medical information or lapsed treatments. Now, veterinary services are brought up to date and pets are given the care they need to stay happy and healthy well before they join their new adopted home, giving the hospice patient and their families great relief during a most difficult time.

For more information, visit <https://hopehcs.org/2021/05/https-hopehcs-org-2021-05-expanded-hope-for-pets-program/?fbclid=IwAR3hi0FVYBpcWQBwrgs0SZ8xIEiKyv1OiMDBxwQ-c4mfeTTbS-vxkfA7UA>.✱

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## Shell Museum Virtual Lecture Series Continues

In celebration of its 25-year anniversary, the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum will present Celebrating 25 Years, a new lecture series available virtually and free of charge via Zoom.

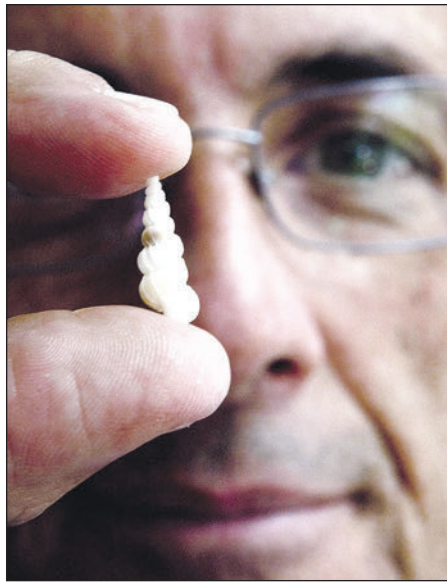
The series, which will extend through the fall, will spotlight some of the diverse connections between shells and different fields of human endeavor. "With a great program of speakers, we look forward to welcoming audience members wherever they are to learn about different ways in which shells and mollusks impact our lives, and vice versa," said Sam Ankerson, executive director of the shell museum.

The remaining three lectures of the series are:

June 29, 5 p.m. – Curator's Choice: New Photographs of Extraordinary Shells, and the Digital Imaging Project at the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum by José H. Leal, PhD, science director and curator, Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum.

Dr. Leal will present a selection of exceptional images from the new exhibition, In Focus: Precision Photography of Extraordinary and Uncommon Shells, which is on view at the shell museum through November 28.

Dr. Leal will discuss his choices of images, the different groups of species



Dr. José H. Leal

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represented and their unique qualities, and special photographic techniques adopted to ensure a high level of richness and detail. He will also discuss the Digital Imaging Project, for which the photographs have been made, and its global scope and impact for scholars, scientists and enthusiasts of shells and mollusks.

July 13, 2021, 5 p.m. – Oysters: A Crystal Ball for Water Quality in Southwest Florida by Melissa A. May, PhD, assistant professor of marine biology at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Dr. May leads Florida Gulf Coast University's oyster monitoring research

program in Estero Bay. Oysters are mollusks and essential members of coastal water ecosystems. These shelled animals play an important role in the health of water, and their reefs provide homes and food for other marine animals. They act as indicators for declines in water quality or other stressors imposed on estuarine ecosystems and help to clean the water by filtering large volumes of water through their shells. Dr. May's talk will focus on the range of threats to the health of oysters and other mollusks in Southwest Florida (in addition to freshwater releases from Lake Okeechobee), with an emphasis on her new research program in Estero Bay.

July 27, 2021, 5 p.m. – Supersized Squid by Rebecca Mensch, MS, senior marine biologist, Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum.

Mensch is an expert on squid and will discuss the giant squid and the colossal squid. For millennia, the giant squid has captured the imagination and inspired tales of sea beasts such as the kraken. Because of the extreme depths these magnificent mollusks live in, many questions about these animals have gone unanswered until the last two decades. With recent advances in

technology, many mysteries of these two extraordinary mollusks are finally beginning to be revealed, but there is still much to learn. Mensch will share new findings and images to tell the unique story of the supersized squid.

The Celebrating 25 Years lecture series is free, but registration is required at [www.shellmuseum.org](http://www.shellmuseum.org).

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum is a natural history museum and the only museum in the United States devoted solely to shells and mollusks. Its mission is to use exceptional collections, aquariums, programs, experiences and science to be the nation's leading museum in the conservation, preservation, interpretation and celebration of shells, the mollusks that create them, and their ecosystems.

Permanent exhibitions on view include the Great Hall of Shells, which displays highlights of the museum's collection of some 500,000 shells, as well as the Beyond Shells living gallery of aquariums and over 50 species of marine life.

For more, visit [www.shellmuseum.org](http://www.shellmuseum.org) or call 395-2233. The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum is located at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road on Sanibel.✱

## Schools Designated As Heart-Safe

When 17-year-old Mariner High School student Derrick Purdy ran up and down the basketball court at a tournament in Estero last October, his mom and brother watched from the bleachers.

After playing the entire first quarter, he subbed out for a quick break. Suddenly, he couldn't sit up on the bench and began to lean on his teammates. Kim Purdy, Derrick's mom, rushed to the court as her son began to have a seizure. Then, he stopped breathing. While his mother began CPR, other parents jumped into action and found an automated external defibrillator (AED), which they used on him, saving his life.

"My child's heart stopped that day on the court – he could have died in my arms," said Purdy. "Derrick is alive thanks to heroes trained in CPR and the use of an AED."

An AED allows lifesaving measures to be performed on someone in cardiac distress by anyone, regardless of medical training. When sudden cardiac arrest occurs, the window to save a life becomes smaller with each passing minute, and knowledge and access to an AED can be critical in saving a child's life.

All high schools in Lee County have had AEDs in place since 2012. To provide the remaining middle and elementary schools with AEDs and specialized training, Golisano Children's Hospital has partnered with Project ADAM, a non-profit organization that's focused on prevention training and education to ensure schools and communities are equipped and trained in prevention of sudden cardiac death. Through this partnership, Golisano

has officially awarded 89 Lee County School District schools and the district with a Heart Safe School designation. The designation means that each school now has an AED on site that's accessible from anywhere in the school within two to three minutes, a designated cardiac emergency response team at each school and a written cardiac emergency response plan that is reviewed annually.

"We are so proud to be able to award all Lee County schools with this important designation," said Julie Noble, child advocate and Project ADAM coordinator with Golisano Children's Hospital. "To be able to have access to an AED in a cardiac emergency could save a life."

"Having AED's in all Lee County Schools gives us the ability to respond to a cardiac emergency immediately and offer lifesaving interventions in a timely manner" said Beth Wipf, health services coordinator the School District of Lee County. "Thank you to Golisano Children's Hospital and Lee Health for their continued partnership to help us keep our students, staff and guests healthy and safe."

Thanks to the life-saving equipment that was already in place at Mariner High, Derrick, who is now 18 years old, was able to stand alongside his parents at that same school at the official designation ceremony on June 1, the first day of National CPR and AED Awareness Week.

"To be able to stand here with my son on this day is a miracle," said Kim Purdy. "An AED saved his life. I hope one never has to be used at any of these schools, but if it does, I'm glad they're here. I'm so grateful my son's school had one when he needed it. It saved his life."

The AEDs were funded by the Lee Health Foundation through the Little Red Wagon Fund for Golisano Children's Hospital.✱

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A student makes a pitch to a panel of business owners

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## Students To Go On Set With Business Pitch

Six South Fort Myers High School students will try to convince a group of local business owners their product or company is worth investing in during a televised program titled *Wolf Den* that will debut on NBC-2 on Sunday, June 20 at 11 a.m.

Similar to the critically acclaimed and entrepreneurial-themed reality show *Shark Tank*, the students are trying to make their business dreams come true.

The students making their pitch are part of the Jobs for Florida Graduates (JFG) program at South Fort Myers High. JFG is a work and life skills development program developed for high school students who need supportive services to increase their likelihood of transitioning successfully into early adulthood. The JFG program allows high school students to explore careers, work within teams, develop leaderships skills, create and manage wealth, serve their communities and build a workable plan for their post-graduation endeavor.

Entering the *Wolf Den* for funding to

invest in their business venture are:

Daisy Maldonado – creator of Kubuki Labs, a 3D printing business

Tyler Digby – creator of Youngin Chicken, a food truck

Ann Daly – creator of Florida Breeze, a candle company

Tatiana Joseph – creator of TNT, a home cleaning business

Sam Ballinger – creator of JA Financial, a financial literacy nonprofit

To develop their professional sales pitch, the JFG students were assigned a mentor to help with their business plan, financial statements, marketing and reviewing the service or product involved.

The *Wolf Den* investor panel consists of:

Alfie Tounjian – owner, Advantage Retirement Group

Bill Daubmann – owner, My Shower Door and D3 Glass

Jared Stresen-Reuter – CEO, Devine Digital Agency

John Egizio – owner, Fort Myers Infiniti

Jen Whyte – owner, Fort Myers Brewing

The only way to know what each student's received startup funding for their idea is to watch. After its June 20th debut on NBC-2, *Wolf Den* will be available for further viewing at [www.youtube.com/leeschoolstv](http://www.youtube.com/leeschoolstv).✱

## Director Named Airport Manager Of The Year

Ben Siegel, CPA, CM, executive director of the Lee County Port Authority (LCPA), has been named 2020 Air Carrier Airport Manager of the Year by the Federal Aviation Administration's Southern Region Airports Division.

This award is given to an airport professional who exemplifies excellence in airport management, demonstrates exceptional leadership, works to promote the aviation industry and has achieved efficiencies and improved productivity in the organization.

Among the accomplishments honored by the award was Siegel's demonstration of leadership in steering both Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) and Page Field (FMY) through the COVID-19 pandemic. Siegel and his team worked with airlines, business partners and other stakeholders to implement numerous measures to keep everyone safe and instill confidence in the public about traveling. Both airports have emerged



Ben Siegel

in 2021 with outstanding results for passenger traffic recovery and flights.

"I'm proud and humbled to be recognized by the FAA Southern Region Airports Division. This award is the result of the dedication and resiliency of the employees at LCPA during a very difficult time," said Siegel. "I couldn't have done this without my team, and this is as much their award, as it is mine."

As executive director, Siegel directs the administration, operations and development of RSW and FMY. He has been with the Lee County Port Authority since 1992 and is an experienced airport executive with an extensive background in business and finance. Current projects under his leadership are the Airport Traffic Control Tower and the Terminal Expansion Project at Southwest Florida International Airport. Siegel is a certified member of the American Association of Airport Executives, as well as a member of the Florida Airports Council, Airports Council International-North America, Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of South Florida and is a certified public accountant.

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## Book Review

## A Gambling Man



by Di Saggau

I always look forward to reading a book by David Baldacci, and his latest *A Gambling Man* was especially enjoyable because it is set in the 1950s, a time I remember with very fond memories.

Tipping a car valet was 25 cents and a waitress usually got one dollar. Not to mention the price of gas. Showing at the local movie theater was *The Fountainhead* with Gary Cooper and Patricia Neal. It reminded me of the time I interviewed Ms. Neal after she recovered from her stroke. But that's a different story.

The main character is Aloysius Archer, who we have met before. He is fresh out of prison, serving time for a crime he did not commit. Wanting to start a new life, he heads for Reno on his way to California, where he hopes to begin work with Willie Dash, a private eye and former FBI agent.

In Reno, he meets up with a show girl named Liberty Callahan. She's a gal with looks, brains and guts, and I would love to see her in another book. The two hook up on their way to Bay Town, California, driving a blood-red 1939

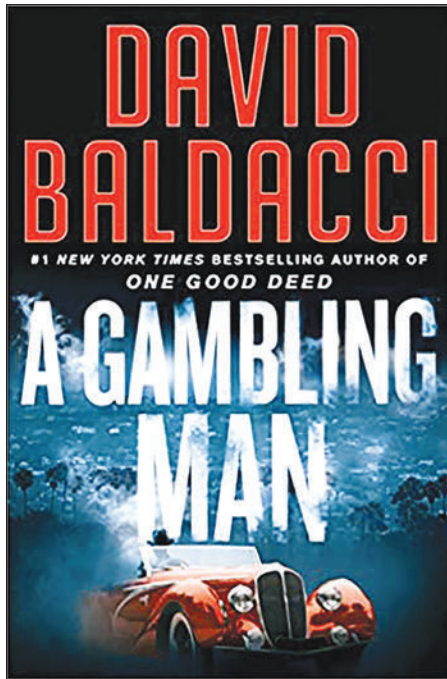


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Delahaye convertible that Archer, who is not a gambling man, won along with \$4,000 (worth nearly \$44,000 today). It's a beauty with the driving wheel on the right side because that's the way the Brits do it.

When the two arrive in Bay Town, they discover that the many people who arrived there seeking fame and fortune landed in a false paradise. Their trip to California is action-packed, and it really heats up once they land in Bay Town.

Archer's first case as a novice detective involves political corruption, drug addiction and a bunch of scandals that are as relevant today as they were then. Bay Town is a corrupt town selling itself

as the promised land.

The main characters are well-drawn, so much so their return in another novel would be welcomed. *A Gambling Man* is Baldacci at his best. ✱

## School Smart



by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSP

**D**ear Readers, Here's additional good news from the Lee County Library System that will help make summer for you and your children much

more enjoyable. As you may remember, last week I wrote about this library's great summer program, Teen Summer of Service, for middle and high school students who need service hours. This week, I want to let you know about a variety of additional programs that are available for pre-school children through young adult-plus. There's plenty here to choose from and enjoy.

Lee County Library's summer program is entitled Tails and Tales Summer Reading Program for All Ages and runs from June 14 through August 1. Registration is open now.

The Summer Reading Program is designed for every age group: birth to pre-kindergarten, kids (ages 6 to 11), teens (ages 12 to 18) and adults (age 19 and older). There are two ways to participate in the reading and activity challenges. Complete either challenge or both.

Option 1: Paper-Based Reading & Activity Challenges – Pick up the paper challenges at any library or download them from [www.leegov.com/library/documents/prekbrochure.pdf](http://www.leegov.com/library/documents/prekbrochure.pdf)

Complete at least 15 fun activities with your little one throughout the summer. Fill out the entry form when you're done and return to any library location by August 3.

Kids Activity Book Challenge at [www.leelibrary.librarymarket.com/sites/default/files/2021-05/kidsbookletsumread21.pdf](http://www.leelibrary.librarymarket.com/sites/default/files/2021-05/kidsbookletsumread21.pdf). All public elementary students received an activity book challenge at school, prior to the end of the school year. Limited additional supplies are available at all branch locations, while supplies last. Complete the activities and reading log, fill out the entry form and return to any library location by August 3.

Teen Summer Bucket List Challenge provides a host of activities at [www.leegov.com/library/documents/teenbrochure.pdf](http://www.leegov.com/library/documents/teenbrochure.pdf). Complete at least 15 of the activities listed then complete and return the entry form to any library location by August 3.

Option 2: Virtual Reading & Activity Challenges – Complete the virtual challenges through READsquared for more chances to win awesome prizes throughout the summer.

Sign up for a free account or download the READsquared mobile app. Participate in the virtual program for fun activities and chances to win weekly prize giveaways and the Summer Reading Grand Prizes. The READsquared challenge features a

daily reading log and fun activities to keep you busy all summer long.

Virtual programs are available for all ages, including online storytime, will be offered all summer long.

Birth to 5: New, on-demand, virtual story times are available each Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Kids: New, on-demand, kids programs offered daily on weekdays.

Teens: Live virtual programs for teens offered Tuesdays at 1 p.m., with recordings available through August

Grab and Go Craft & Activity Kits – Starting June 14, weekly activity kits for ages birth to pre-k, kids and teens will be available on a first come, first served basis at all Lee County Library System locations. Grab and go craft kits are also available for adults, with new crafts offered monthly in June and July, while supplies last.

Weekly Giveaways – Participants that enroll in READsquared are automatically entered to win random, weekly prize drawings. Prizes include books, tote bags, journals and more. There will be multiple winners each week from all library locations.

End of Summer Prize Drawings – Participants that earn at least 450 points through READsquared by August 1 and/or return their completed paper challenge entry form by August 3, are automatically entered to win the branch basket for their age group. There will be one prize per age category per branch for READsquared and one prize per system for the paper-based challenges. Winners must be able to pick up their prize in person at the designated Lee County Library System location.

Shelley Gregg is former faculty at Florida SouthWestern State College, where she taught psychology and education courses. She is also a nationally certified school psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to [smgreggs@gmail.com](mailto:smgreggs@gmail.com) or at [www.schoolconsultationservices.com](http://www.schoolconsultationservices.com). ✱

## Continental Women's Club

The Continental Women's Club will hold a luncheon meeting at The Hideaway Country Club on Thursday, July 1 at 11:30 a.m.

The program will feature Alexandria Edwards, marketing and public relations coordinator at the Edison Ford Winter Estates. Discover all you need to know about these historic homes as well as the surrounding gardens, laboratory and museum. Cost for the luncheon is \$24.

The Hideaway Country Club is located at 5670 Trailwinds Drive in Fort Myers. Call Liz Paul at 691-7561 for more information or to make a reservation. ✱

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From left, Doris Hill, Sally Jacquay, Marilyn Grubisch and Constance Fennessey

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## Golf Tournament Raises Funds For Heights Center

The 7th annual benefit golf tournament titled Tee It Up FORE The Kids took place at The Club at Shell Point recently and raised \$45,000 for The Heights Center Early Learning (formerly GLAD Kids).

A part of The Heights Foundation/The Heights Center family, Heights Early Learning's mission is to ensure low-income families have quality, affordable childcare. The event was sponsored by The Masiello Family Foundation, The Healing Heart Giving Fund and Entech.

"The poverty rate for children in Harlem Heights is more than twice

the county average," said Pat Ostrom, tournament director. "This tournament helps ensure low-income families have quality, affordable childcare."

Men's team flight winners were Jim Dwyer, John Dwyer, Chris Dwyer and Jim Welch. Ladies team flight winners were Doris Hill, Sandy Jacquay, Marilyn Grubisch and Constance Fennessey. Coed team flight winners were Jan-Erik Hustrulid, David Vazquez, Megan Clipse and Ryan Richards. Closest to the pin winners were Jason Gunias, Louise Donadio, Nick Mazzola, Sophia Phelps, John Dunaham and Megan Clipse. Closest to the line winners were Brad Prokop and Gerry Brasch.

For more information about The Heights Center, The Heights Foundation and Heights Early Learning, visit [www.heightsfoundation.org](http://www.heightsfoundation.org) or call 482-7706.✱

## College Graduates

Darfnell Gouin of Fort Myers and Danielle Samuels of North Fort Myers graduated from Ohio University during the spring 2021 semester.

Gouin graduated with a bachelor

of sport management degree from the college of business, and Samuels graduated with a bachelor of science in nursing from the college of health sciences and professions

Zachary Cloutier of Fort Myers recently graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering with highest honors.✱



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## Bank Officer Gains Expertise In Marketing Field

Amy McQuagge, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank vice president and director of marketing, has achieved an advanced certificate in bank marketing through the American Bankers Association Bank Marketing School. The rigorous, two-week virtual curriculum is held annually and offers bank marketing and communications professionals a deeper understanding of return on investment, product development and customer experience in the field of banking. McQuagge is seeking her certified financial marketing professional designation and will take the exam in June.

"We're supportive of team members who pursue career growth opportunities, and we're excited for Amy to enhance her bank marketing expertise to help SanCap Bank continue to grow and prosper," said Craig Albert, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank president and CEO.

McQuagge joined the bank in 2018 as



Amy McQuagge

the organization's first in-house marketing director and is responsible for providing direction, guidance and leadership of the bank's marketing and community outreach efforts. She was previously the senior marketing and event manager for the Lee County Economic Development Office. A lifelong Lee County resident, McQuagge holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Florida Southern College.✱

## Locals Named To Dean's List

Julia Rossi and Darius Guinyard, both of Fort Myers, were named the dean's list for the spring 2021 semester at Valdosta State University. To qualify for dean's list, students must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on nine or more semester hours with an institutional grade point average of 3.00 or higher.

Lily Croke of Cape Coral was named to the dean's list for the spring 2021 semester at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. Croke is a third year undergraduate student in the university's college of liberal arts and sciences and is majoring in speech and hearing science.

Alexander Cubbage of Cape Coral was named to the dean's list at Lehigh University for the spring 2021 semester. Dean's list status is awarded to students who earned a scholastic average of 3.6 or better while carrying at least 12 hours of regularly graded courses.✱

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## Will Power

# Do You Mean A Revocable Or Irrevocable Trust?



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

“I need to amend my irrevocable trust,” John said. “You can’t amend something that’s irrevocable,” I answered. “Are you sure that the trust you’re talking about isn’t revocable?”

“Yes, maybe it’s revocable,” John replied, nodding his head.

It is easy for laypeople to become confused over terminology. In most situations, clients have revocable trusts. Otherwise known as a “grantor” or “living trust,” revocable trusts are used, among other things, to keep your financial and legal affairs private, avoid guardianship in the event of your incapacity, and avoid a public probate court process when you die.

A revocable trust is also referred to as a grantor trust, which is a term defined under our federal income tax laws. For federal income tax purposes, a grantor trust is indistinguishable from the person who established it (often referred to as the “Settlor” of the trust). It uses the settlor’s social security number as the tax identification number, so no separate income tax return Form 1040 is filed annually.

When John Doe changes title on his investment accounts and real property to “John Doe, Trustee for the John Doe Trust dated May 1, 2021,” all those accounts still use his social security number as the account’s tax identification number. During John’s lifetime, the trust income and expenses appear on his own Form 1040. A revocable trust is tax neutral. It neither helps nor hinders the settlor’s federal income tax situation.

A trust is revocable in the sense that the settlor may always change the terms of the trust. The settlor can, by a properly signed trust amendment, change the trustee, trust beneficiaries, the terms under which the trustee can invest and distribute trust assets, and the terms under which beneficiaries will inherit the assets, so long as she has “testamentary capacity.” This is defined as the mental capability to understand the extent and value of her property, the persons who are beneficiaries, the disposition she is making, and how these elements relate to form an orderly plan of distribution.

Just because someone is old does not mean that they lack testamentary capacity. Even a person afflicted with the early stages of dementia can have lucid moments, enabling her to legally amend a revocable trust.

For federal transfer (gift, estate and generation skipping) tax purposes, the value of assets held in the revocable trust is included in the estate of the settlor.

Are all revocable trusts grantor trusts? Yes. Are all grantor trusts revocable? No. Some

irrevocable trusts are grantor trusts for federal income tax purposes. Generally speaking, settlors cannot revoke or amend irrevocable trusts. Most irrevocable trusts are used to remove assets from the settlor’s estate for federal estate tax purposes. The federal estate (transfer) tax system is separate and apart from the federal income tax system.

Examples of irrevocable trusts include Irrevocable Life Insurance Trusts (ILIT), Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts (GRAT), Qualified Personal Residence Trusts (QPRT), Spousal Lifetime Access Trusts (SLAT), Charitable Remainder Trusts (CRT), Inheritor’s Protected Trusts, and Intentionally Defective Grantor Trusts (IDGT).

Many of these trusts may remain grantor trusts for federal income tax purposes, but for gift and estate tax purposes, the transfer of the assets to the trust removes them from the settlor’s estate.

Once the trusts are established and assets transferred to them, their settlor cannot easily change his mind and reverse the transaction without incurring adverse tax or legal consequences. That is why it is vitally important to understand the drafts of these trusts before signing and funding them.

Irrevocable trusts that are not grantor trusts typically have an independent trustee from the settlor (who might be his spouse or children who are also beneficiaries) and use a separate taxpayer identification number, which requires the filing of a Form 1041 annually for income tax purposes. When transfers are made to the trust, a Federal Gift Tax Return Form 709 is often filed. I wrote about gift tax returns in a recent column that you can find at <https://floridaestateplanning.com/what-every-client-needs-to-know-about-gift-tax-returns/>

Even though an irrevocable trust cannot be amended by its settlor, that does not mean that they are all inflexible. When warranted, I usually draft flexibility into my clients’ irrevocable trusts by allowing a beneficiary/trustee to control investment, distribution and remainder decisions, or by granting powers of appointment, and/or using trust protectors. When using these types of provisions properly, the attorney must have extensive knowledge of the interaction between federal income and transfer tax laws, as well as how state law fits into the plan.

The federal income and transfer tax systems are built largely independent of one another. That is good and bad. From one viewpoint, it is confusing to the client. From another, an estate planner with extensive knowledge can legally manipulate these differences using tax saving strategies for the client and her family.

Bernie Sanders’ recent legislation attempts to prohibit or severely limit the use of some of these strategies that bridge the difference between the federal income and transfer tax systems. Consequently, if you have a larger estate, it is time to consider implementing these strategies before Congress prohibits their use.

The use of irrevocable trusts will become more common with upcoming changes to the gift and estate tax laws. Here, I hope I provided a frame of reference which helps when speaking to your attorney.

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## Airport Ready For Increasing Passengers

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is ready for the continued surge in travelers at Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) and across the country. Acrylic barriers and upgraded technology now reduce or eliminate physical contact between passengers and TSA staff.

But as you prepare to fly after what could be a year or more for many, the TSA offers serious tips for navigating the airport checkpoint. The first is to arrive early, two hours early. Remember that the doors to your plane are shut 15 to 20 minutes before the posted flight time, and you might arrive just when there is a crowd to check a bag or go through security. TSA staff are screening record numbers of passengers at RSW, even higher than before the start of the pandemic.

“The health and safety of our work force and the traveling public remain our critical mission,” said Robert McLaughlin, who took over as the federal security director with the Transportation Security Administration at RSW after returning from a five-year TSA assignment in North Africa and the Middle East. “I am impressed with the professionalism of our TSA employees and the remarkable teamwork with Lee County Port Authority

and the Lee County Port Authority Police.”

The TSA has installed the latest checkpoint technology – CT 300s – as well as CATs or credential authentication technology, both of which reduce touchpoints. The CTs or computed tomography equipment uses complex algorithms to search for threats, allows TSA officers to rotate the images, and therefore reduces the need to open bags. Passengers screened in the lanes with this new equipment do not need to remove their 3-1-1 bag or their electronics.

In the lanes with CAT machines, passengers are separated from TSA officers by acrylic barriers and can insert their own ID or passport. Boarding passes are not needed in those lanes. The equipment verifies passengers’ identity and confirms in real time that they are flying that day.

Face masks for both employees and passengers are required throughout all domestic transportation modes, including airport security screening checkpoints and throughout the airport. Since the implementation of the federal face mask mandate for travelers on February 2 and the subsequent extension into September, masks are required regardless of any local or state easing of restrictions. Those who refuse to wear a mask face fines from the TSA and from the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) if the infraction occurs while flying. The TSA continues to work closely with all transportation partners to

enable the highest security standards within a travel environment that helps reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Travelers should follow these six tips for getting through the TSA checkpoint as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Wear a face mask – You must. Face masks must be worn in the airport, on the plane and on all public conveyances and at stations, ports, or similar transportation hubs regardless of state and local laws.

Leave prohibited items at home – To reduce the likelihood of physical contact with TSA officers at the checkpoint, verify if items are prohibited by using the “What Can I Bring?” page on [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov). Also empty your pockets of your wallet, coins, phone and other permitted items into your own carry-on, not into the trays in the checkpoint. That will reduce touchpoints as well.

Prepare for the security checkpoint – Have a valid ID card readily available. Follow the liquids rule of 3.4 ounces or less, with the exception of hand sanitizer, which has a temporary 12-ounce limit in carry-on baggage.

No guns at checkpoints ever – Airline passengers can fly with firearms only in checked baggage. All firearms must be properly packed and declared at check-in. Contact your airline for additional guidance. And know what the laws are on both sides of your trip.

Help is always available – Get live assistance by tweeting your questions and comments to @AskTSA or via Facebook

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## Farce

Ticket prices range from \$42 to \$62, with discounts for groups of 20 or more.

The Off Broadway Palm has adjusted its seating arrangement and is operating at 50 percent capacity. For a list of the health and safety measures the theater has taken, visit [www.broadwaypalm.com](http://www.broadwaypalm.com). Guests that are not fully vaccinated are asked to wear a face mask while not eating or drinking.

The Off Broadway Palm is located in the main lobby of Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. Tickets can be reserved by calling 278-4422, online at [www.broadwaypalm.com](http://www.broadwaypalm.com) or at the box office.✴

## Superior Interiors

## Bring In Outdoors With Plants And Greenery



by Jeanie Tinch

As the spring and summer seasons are upon us, we say hello to the long days of warmth and sunshine. Although we all love the outdoors for all its glory, there are also ways to bring the

outdoors inside and create the illusion of spring or summer inside of your home as well.

Hues like gray, yellow, teal and magenta are some colors to consider for the upcoming season, as décor publications have covered in their round-up of the Color of the Year predictions for 2021-22. But painting the walls and purchasing new comforting accents are not the only routes you can take to bring the outdoors in. Plants and greenery can make a major statement in your home, especially this time of year.

If introducing plants to your interior living space has been on your mind for a while but you're not sure where to get started, consider this thought for inspiration. The last thing you want to do is fill a room with flowers and houseplants without paying attention to how much water, sun and overall nurturing they need. Therefore, starting in an area like a sunroom or lanai makes the most sense; consider it the transitional area between the outdoor and indoor living spaces in your home. From there, you'll get a better understanding of how much attention your plants need and then you can move

them throughout the home.

You may find that certain styles of furniture and overall room themes work well with houseplants and fresh flowers. Rattan and wicker furniture options have become very popular for indoor settings of all types and can complement a room full of fresh greenery seamlessly.

For those who have never handled fresh indoor greenery before, or have a hard time keeping a vase of flowers fresh for just a few days after bringing them home, faux plants might be the better option. Of course, we strongly recommend going with the greenery that mimics the look of live plants. Then, you can have the spring and summer tropical aesthetic without the upkeep, and you'll be able to enjoy them year-round if you please.

Can you ever have too many plants? When it comes to how many houseplants you want to bring into your living space, remember that less is more. Filling the room to the brim with plants, especially if you're new to this design consideration, can be more cluttering than inviting. We recommend starting with one or two table plants and adding a few floor plants as you feel more comfortable taking care of them.

If you place the plants in a room and it still feels like it needs more life, perhaps it's the surrounding design scheme. Accent the room with floral cushions, pillows, or rugs. Add natural-style lamps and botanical artwork. Use shades of blue, yellow and green for a coastal, spring touch. These elements can help you achieve the look you wanted to create with more houseplants. If you have never included plants in the design scheme of your home (whether real or faux) and you're not quite sure how to style them, a design professional can assist you with suggestions to bring the "outside in" to your living space.

Jeanie Tinch is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at [jeanie@coincdecden.com](mailto:jeanie@coincdecden.com).✱

## Community Health Program Resumes

Lee Health is reopening the review process of corporate sponsorship requests for in-person events. In mid-April, the health system resumed sponsorship requests for virtual and outdoor events. All sponsorships for events had been temporarily paused due to COVID-19.

Any interested organization can now apply online by visiting Lee Health's Community Contributions Program website at [www.leehealth.org/about-us/community-affairs/sponsorship](http://www.leehealth.org/about-us/community-affairs/sponsorship). Instructions and eligibility requirements are listed on the site.

Lee Health is dedicated to giving back to the community and, through its community contributions program, provides support to registered 501(c)(3) organizations in Southwest Florida.

Lee Health will consider requests for support of new and ongoing programs, education and/or awareness or other community outreach activities that support

community health and human services, education and workforce development and other community needs. Each request will be considered for particular alignment with any of the following health priorities as identified by the most recent community health needs assessment: mental health and substance use disorder; nutrition, physical activity and weight; cardiovascular and respiratory diseases; and access to healthcare services.

For in-person event consideration, Lee Health will review COVID-19 precautions in alignment with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines and Lee Health Infection Prevention. Requests for support should include COVID-19 precautions in the application to expedite the process.

Guidance from the CDC states that fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. For unvaccinated people who are attending a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people, wear a mask, stay six feet apart and wash hands frequently.✱

## New Record For Gulf Kingfish

William Joseph Peckham caught the gulf kingfish (whiting) of a lifetime on April 18 while fishing off Pensacola Beach. His 2.4-pound catch beat out the previous Florida Saltwater Fishing Record of 2.19 pounds. "I've had so many exciting, memorable experiences fishing on Pensacola Beach," said Peckham. "Catching this record-breaking whiting tops the list."

Want to land the next state record? It's simpler than you think. There are no records listed yet for white grunt, blueline tilefish and schoolmaster snapper conventional tackle categories, as well as many fly-fishing tackle categories, giving anglers an opportunity to hold the record for these species.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) maintains state records in conventional tackle and fly-fishing categories for 81 species caught in Florida state waters and federal waters. Saltwater record holders receive a certificate of accomplishment, prize pack, recognition in various publications and a custom ink fish print to memorialize their catch, courtesy of Fish Print Shop.

To qualify for a record, the catch must be weighed with a certified scale on land and photographs must be submitted clearly showing the weight



William Joseph Peckham with a Florida pompano, left, and the record-breaking 2.4-pound gulf kingfish, right, caught off Pensacola Beach photo provided

displayed on the scale, the scale's certification, the rod and reel used to make the catch, the angler with their catch and various views of the fish for identification purposes. The angler's signature on a completed application form must be witnessed by a notary.

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# Frankly Speaking



by Howard Prager

**O**oh lala, highlights from the French Open finals. On the women's side, Czech player Barbora Krejickova won her first Grand Slam title on Saturday, defeating Russian Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova.

"Anastasia has her leg wrapped in tape and was battling a knee problem since the third round. It left her with problems on her service games, and she was broken six times by Krejickova," according to Yahoo Sports. Now to see if favorites Serena Williams and Naomi Osaka take the court again and make their comebacks at Wimbledon.

On the men's side, "Stefanos Tsitsipas could not have done much more in his valiant bid to win his first Grand Slam title, but instead it was Novak Djokovic who staged another brilliant recovery from two sets down to claim his 19th. The world number one produced another comeback of the kind for which he has become famous to win, 6-7 2-6 6-3 6-2 6-4, and he is now just one slam behind Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal," according to EuroSport. As we move to the grass at Wimbledon, let's see if Djokovic can tie them.

Big ouch. A Euro 2020 match between Denmark and Finland was temporarily suspended after Denmark midfielder Christian Eriksen collapsed on the field and needed to be resuscitated with the help of CPR and a defibrillator. The team's doctor, Morten Boesen, said in a news conference Sunday, "He was gone, and we did cardiac resuscitation. How close were we [to losing Eriksen]? I don't know."

Said UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin in a statement, "Moments like this put everything in life into perspective. I wish Christian a full and speedy recovery and pray his family has strength and faith. I heard of fans of both teams chanting his name." Finland won the match, 1-0, on a 59th minute goal from Finnish striker Joel Pohjanpalo.

Small ouch. The NBA playoffs. It seemed like during the season whoever had the ball last or the hot hand in the last minute or two would win. Now it's whoever has the fewest injuries to key players, along with bench players who can step up. Other than the Sun sweeping the Nuggets in the West, second round matches have been tough. On the hockey front, we are down to the final four. Always a good moment when we have one of the original six still playing, and this year it's the Montreal Canadiens as an underdog to the Golden Knights, who took a 4-1 victory in Game 1. The Islanders surprised Tampa Bay in their Game 1 as underdogs to the reigning champion Lightning.

Know the rules. Sometime this week, Major League Baseball is expected to enforce Rule 6.02, which states "a pitcher cannot have on his person, or in his possession, any foreign substance that could deface the baseball." This rule is decades old, going back to 1920 when the spitball was banned from the game. Why now? We turn to our friends at CBS Sports who cite five questions and answers.

1. What spurred this controversy? Technically, this has been years in the making. Once teams were able to quantify spin rates and other advanced pitch analysis metrics, it was only a matter of time before they took to using substances to improve upon those marks. Dodgers right-hander Trevor Bauer publicly accused the Astros of loading the ball to improve their spin rates back in May of 2018. Bauer has since seen his own spin rates

increase, which is notable since he stated the only way to add spin was through the use of grip-enhancing substances.

2. Haven't pitchers always done this? For a long, long time. That hasn't stopped pitchers from hiding and using various substances over the years including pine tar, sunscreen, emery boards, sandpaper and whatever else they can rub on their hats or gloves or hide away on the inside of their belt buckle.

3. Why does it matter now? The league's hitters are on pace for their lowest batting average and highest strikeout rate in history. Hitting has become too difficult, with pitchers possessing more velocity and movement than their past counterparts. The league seems to believe part of the improvement in stuff has to do with the use of foreign substances, and that assertion likely has some merit. Yet another reason is that starters now typically only go five to six innings – two times through the order if they're lucky – and then you get fresh flamethrowers from the bullpen.

4. Which pitchers are using substances? No one knows for sure, but a former Angels clubhouse attendant who was known for supplying a homemade grip-enhancer to pitchers filed a lawsuit over the winter that named several high-profile players as customers. Among them Gerrit Cole, Justin Verlander and Max Scherzer. Those three have combined for five Cy Young Awards.

5. Who has been investigated? To date, Bauer is the only pitcher known to be investigated. Cardinals reliever Giovanny Gallegos did recently have his hat confiscated by umpire Joe West after

it appeared to have foreign substances on the brim. Four minor-league pitchers have been ejected and then suspended 10 games apiece after umpires found foreign substances on their person: Marcus Evey (White Sox), Sal Biasi (White Sox), Kai-Wei Teng (Giants), and Mason Englert (Rangers).

My final word on pitchers is even though they say they are against it, MLB owners want to see lower batting averages to keep salaries lower. Hard to believe owners would "condone" this action, but we're talking big dollars here.

Time for more good news from Athletes for Hope (AFH) and COO Jason Belinkie. "Three years ago some parents came to AFH with a request. Their son Ty was stuck in the hospital with a rare form of cancer. Ty loved nothing more than the NFL and the NFL draft. Nothing could bring him relief – except for the draft. This was a week before the draft and they asked. 'Is there anything AFH could do to film something for him?' AFH just had held a workshop with Senior Bowl athletes and 110 signed up. They reached out to all of them and told them about Ty, hoping for a few videos. Within 36 hours, 85 athletes filmed videos for him! It was incredible. There was an article and video about it, all very moving, and 10 to 15 of them even wanted his phone number to call him, to stay in touch. This keeps my faith in humanity." Indeed it does.

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## All-Electronic Tolls Adopted

**A**ll-electronic tolling will continue permanently on the Cape Coral, Midpoint and Sanibel Causeway bridges under a plan approved recently by the Lee Board of County Commissioners. The approved plan also means the board will return to the same tollway fee structure that was in place before the pandemic, including re-instating a \$3 administrative fee for motorists who do not have transponders. The fee was suspended last year during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The board also voted to conduct a public hearing at a yet-to-be determined date to eliminate the current motorcycle toll discount to be consistent with the state's SunPass program. (The discount is for \$1 or \$4, depending on the bridge.)

Transponders used for all-electronic tolling are available, free of charge, at [www.leewayinfo.com](http://www.leewayinfo.com).

The benefits of continuing all-electronic tolling include:

- Easing traffic congestion;
- Enhancing driver and employee safety;
- Maximizing the technology capabilities already in place at the toll plazas; and

Mirroring changes made to Florida's SunPass program

In March 2020, cash transactions were eliminated due to the emerging COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, the county handled tolling through transponders or by pay-by-plate, in which license tags are photographed as vehicles pass through the toll plazas. March 2020 also was when the \$3 administrative fee for each pay-by-plate transaction was suspended.

Now that all-electronic tolling will be the standard going forward, the \$3 administrative fee for toll-by-plate will be reinstated in October. That means the toll on the Cape Coral and Midpoint bridges will be \$2 with a transponder and \$5 for pay-by-plate, including the administrative fee. Likewise, the toll on the Sanibel Causeway will be \$6 by transponder or \$9 for toll-by-plate.

Also – if approved after a public hearing – motorcycles will pay the same rate as standard passenger vehicles. This would begin in October.

The county will implement a communications campaign to ensure motorists and stakeholders are aware of the changes before autumn.

For more information on LeeWay, Lee County's tolls program, go to [www.leewayinfo.com](http://www.leewayinfo.com).✴

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. At the 2012 London Summer Olympics, what American female gymnast became an internet sensation after being photographed on the medal podium with a "not impressed" expression on her face?
2. In the *Seinfeld* season 3 episode "The Letter," Elaine (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) is ejected from the owner's box at Yankee Stadium for refusing to remove her baseball cap with what team's logo?
3. A multipurpose sports stadium named in honor of soccer star Rommel Fernandez Gutierrez is located in what Central American country?
4. Name the German model who appeared on the cover of *Sports Illustrated's* inaugural swimsuit issue in January 1964?
5. What Los Angeles Dodgers and San Diego Padres great holds the National League record for consecutive games played with 1,207?
6. Name the boxer who, following a 1926 upset loss to Gene Tunney, told his wife, "Honey, I forgot to duck."
7. What team selected troubled Ohio State Buckeyes running back Maurice Claret in the third round of the 2005 NFL Draft?

## ANSWERS

1. McKayla Maroney. 2. The Baltimore Orioles. 3. Panama. 4. Babette March. 5. Steve Garvey. 6. Jack Dempsey. 7. The Denver Broncos.

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## Plant Sale

plants. A large selection of flowering and fruit trees, butterfly plants, herbs, succulents, orchids, rare exotics and Florida natives will be available. Many of the flowering trees and shrubs in the botanical gardens are available for purchase, along with wind chimes, fountains, ceramic flower pots and garden art. The Garden Shoppe is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

A limited number of garden carts will be available, so guests are encouraged to

bring their own. Edison Ford members receive a 10 percent discount on Garden Shoppe purchases (guests can join that day and get the discount). Refreshments will also be available for purchase.

Following guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control, masks are recommended when social distancing is not possible. Masks are required on guided tours. Protective shields have been installed at the ticket counter, and outdoor checkout is available for plant purchases.

Edison and Ford Winter Estates is located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, visit [www.edisonford.org](http://www.edisonford.org).✴

## Doctor and Dietician

## Blue Blocker Glasses, Eyes And Sleep



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

With people on their devices more and more, diseases and conditions of all kinds have developed – one of them being eye issues. In our office, we measure intraocular pressure (pressure in the eye) because patients come to us with a wide array of symptoms, often related to vision, including blurry vision, eye strain, headaches behind the eyes, pressure in the eyes, floaters, flashes, bulging and all sorts of other issues. In short, many of these conditions can be resolved by addressing the underlying cause of the problem – loose supporting structures in the neck (typically due to excessive face-down posture and device usage). By strengthening these structures with natural healing injections into these support structures, these conditions can resolve.

But what else can we be doing to improve eye function, reduce eye strain, and improve sleep? Blue light from our computers, tablets and cell phones can strain your eyes. We don't blink enough when using them, sit too close to our devices, expose our eyes to glare and brightness, and spend long hours looking at the computer. Taking breaks and reducing time with the devices is good for

us for many reasons.

What about the blue blocker glasses? From [www.mercola.com](http://www.mercola.com): “Blue light rays are the shortest wavelengths of light and constitute one-third of all the sunlight we see. But smartphones, computers, tablets, e-readers, TVs and LED and fluorescent lights also emit blue light and have significantly added to the amount of blue light we now receive. There are many well-documented risks associated with exposure to blue light from these electronic devices, one being impaired sleep...” Dr. Mercola goes on to cite researchers at Manchester University who recently found that blue light actually helped mice sleep better – opposite of current beliefs. However, the caveat is that mice are nocturnal animals, so they are active at night – so we cannot necessarily compare this to humans. He summarizes by stating that studies have linked blue light with many serious effects including macular degeneration, insulin resistance, metabolic disorders, mitochondrial dysfunction, myopia, eye strain and even cancer. So, it is still best to try to avoid excessive exposure to it.

You can try some blue blocker glasses – and some people find them very helpful – especially if they work in front of a computer all day. If you can, we encourage everyone to cut back on or unplug device use and TV watching (and the reasons for this are many!) Do not read from a device right before bed, sleep in darkness, keep the room cool around 70 degrees or less, move electrical devices away from the bed, reserve the bed for sleeping and adopt a neutral sleeping position that supports your head, neck and back properly.

We all need rest. We all need to disconnect. As Nike says, “just do it!” With or without your blue blocker glasses.

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## dearRPharmacist

## Why A Dill Pickle Is Good for You



by Suzy  
Cohen, RPh

**Dear Readers:**

Lately, I've been working on my herbal garden and just planted some rosemary and lavender. I saw dill plants available for purchase, but those won't grow as a perennial in my Colorado area, which is zone 6, because the herb won't survive temperatures below 25 degrees. Our winters always include temperatures in single digits, or below! So a dill plant is not an option in my herb garden, however it might be for you, and today's article is to tell you why a dill pickle's good or you. I'm going to share the medicinal benefits of this delicious and ancient weed.

The dill plant is related to the “carrot” family of plants which sounds bizarre. Dill is an “umbellifer,” which means it is related to asafoetida, caraway seeds, celery powder, parsley, coriander seeds and fennel. An allergy to one of the spices may mean you have a cross sensitivity to the others listed here.

Anethum graveolens, commonly called dill or dill weed, has been used for eons because it has incredible health benefits for your intestinal tract. It can help with diarrhea, flatulence, indigestion and stomach pain. It stimulates appetite too. Active constituents in dill stimulate and activate digestive juices and bile so it aids digestion.

Dill has a lot of iron, magnesium and vitamin B6. Since it contains many antioxidants like vitamin C and natural beta carotene, it reduces damage from

free radicals. It's great for kidney and urinary tract health, as well as the brain, heart and eye tissue. As an added perk, dill may help to lower LDL cholesterol very slightly.

Just a note of caution, dill supplements have mild diuretic properties so if you take a supplement, that might mean you lose water more rapidly. This is helpful for people with hypertension, however, this could be a problem for some people who take lithium for example. Talk to your doctor about using a dill supplement which is concentrated. This warning does not apply if you are sprinkling a dash of dried dill spice, or adding a sprig of fresh dill on your meal.

Here are eight ways you can incorporate fresh dill into your day:

1. Put on top of vegetables during the last two minutes of roasting
2. Add it to potato salad
3. Use it in soup
4. Add it to a tzatziki sauce
5. Make dill pickles
6. Put it on top of fish before you cook
7. Make a “tea” by steeping sprigs of dill for five minutes in water, add honey/lemon

8. Scissor a small sprig of dill into your garden salad

Some people wonder if drying dill is better than freezing it. I recommend freezing it, and it's very easy. Rinse fresh dill of impurities in water and shake off the excess, then pat the sprigs dry. Lay them out on a cookie sheet and put in freezer to flash freeze them. Later on, you can transfer the frozen dill sprigs to a storage bag and keep in the freezer for up to six months. If you are supplementing with dill tablets, make sure you ask your doctor if it's right for you, especially if you already take blood pressure pills or diuretics.

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## Children's Hospital Room Partially Reopens

The Ronald McDonald Family Room, located in Golisano Children's Hospital, has partially reopened after a 14-month hiatus due to COVID-19, according to Ronald McDonald House Charities Southwest Florida (RMHC SWFL). The family room offers patient families a place to regroup, refuel and relax free-of-charge. RMHC SWFL volunteers staff the space and provide information, a listening ear and support.

When fully operational, services provided for adults and children include televisions, books, puzzles, bagged lunches, snacks, beverages and laundry facilities. Following CDC and hospital COVID-19 protocols, services now include provided snacks, coffee and bagged lunches. Full services are

expected to be offered by fall.

“Our partnership with Golisano Children's Hospital makes an important contribution to families having access to medical care,” said Laura Ragain, executive director of RMHC SWFL. “We care deeply about serving our families and decided to close the family room during COVID with safety top-of-mind. With COVID precautions in place and safety remaining our primary concern, we are thrilled to resume important services that allow parents and caregivers to stay near their hospitalized children.” Ragain added.

Since its opening in 2017, the family room has supported thousands of families. In 2019, the family room served 6,491 patient families and provided 5,881 meals. “The Family Room provides a place of respite and distraction within the hospital for families,” said Alyssa Bostwick, vice president of operations and chief nurse executive at Golisano Children's Hospital. “This collaboration helps us

keep a family close to its child while undergoing treatment. We're proud to partner with The Ronald McDonald House to provide this resource to our community.”

In addition to the family room, RMHC SWFL also offers family-focused services through The Ronald McDonald House in Fort Myers and The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile program. For more information, visit [www.rmhcswfl.org](http://www.rmhcswfl.org).✱

## Free Autism Screening For Young Children

Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, in partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, offers a free monthly autism spectrum disorder screening for toddlers 18 months to age

5. The next screening will be held at the Pediatric Specialist Office on Friday, June 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The ASD screening is conducted by the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. The screenings are administered by an advanced practice registered nurse, who has extensive training and experience in typical child development and developmental disorders.

It is estimated that one in every 59 children is diagnosed with some form of autism spectrum disorder (ASD), making it more common than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes and pediatric AIDS combined.

Medical consultants for the project stress that an early diagnosis can make a vast difference for toddlers and their families.

The Pediatric Specialist Office is located at 15901 Bass Road, Suite 102, in Fort Myers. A physician referral is not required. To schedule a screening, call 343-6838.✱



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PUZZLES

Answers on page 23



"Why, we'd love to go  
\_\_\_\_\_, Jill!"

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!

Cause  
**UNICED**   

Notice  
**GRADER**   

Lift  
**AIRES**   

Soften  
**ANew**   

TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Plate is missing. 2. Elbow patch is added. 3. Tree limb is shorter. 4. Car is moved. 5. Pants are different. 6. Belt is missing.

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.

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

PUZZLES

Answers on page 23

Super Crossword

CITY HITS

- ACROSS
- 1 Shoe statistic

6 ExxonMobil, BP, Chevron and such

12 "Lemme think about that ..."

15 "This looks bad"

19 New Olds in 1999

20 Get excited

21 Lead-in to classical

22 Cuban money

23 1964 Elvis Presley hit

25 Native of France's capital

27 Retired NBA star Ming

28 Ellipsis part

29 Article in many rap song titles

30 Printer insert

31 1974 Paper Lace hit

35 Copy and Paste setting

37 Demand (of)

38 '60s prez

39 Horn blast

40 Stocking-holding band

44 "It's my turn now"

45 Throw softly

48 Rear target in bowling

51 1985 Jan Hammer hit

55 Equine animal

56 — Moines

58 World Series org.

59 Cry of epiphany

60 Pie's place

61 Zest and Coast

63 Dangling bit of jewelry

65 Tip over

66 1959 Freddy Cannon hit

69 Battle reminders

71 Missionary "Mother"

72 "Sands of Iwo Jima" director

73 Raines of old films

74 Riverbed sand

75 Suffix with duct or project

77 Big klutz

78 Pig's place

81 1969 Glen Campbell hit

85 Rich Italian ice cream

87 Rescue request

88 Note after fa

89 Time pieces?

91 Noted times

92 Move to and —

93 Droop down

95 Carrier to Milan

98 1975 Elton John hit

105 Atlas feature showing altitude

106 Former big record gp.

107 Ultrasecret govt. org.

108 Big klutz

111 Quick web ordering option

112 1986 John Cougar Mellencamp hit that summarizes this puzzle?

115 Friendly bat of the eye

116 Mr. —! (Clue-like board game)

117 Cry of epiphany

118 Some upscale hotels

119 Some jeans

120 G.P.'s field

121 Looks hard

122 Occupy, as a desk
- DOWN
- 1 Like tildes

2 Figure skater

3 Private prayers

4 "—la-la"

5 Poker variety

6 Moistening while cooking

7 Hip-hop mogul Gotti

8 "Pride — before destruction"

9 Need (to)

10 Son of Abraham

11 Guitar maker

12 Empty a suitcase

13 Comic Anne

14 Home loan offerer

15 Good aspect

16 Klum on many covers

17 Inedible type of orange

18 Fine-tuned

24 Top-caliber

26 Asimov classic

30 Lead-in to gender

32 URL lead-in

33 Apra Harbor locale

34 Mata —

35 Bluesy James

36 Performs

41 Cup part

42 Writer Gay or editor Nan

43 Diplomats' residences

44 Winter fight projectile

45 Flood barrier

46 Ill sign, say

47 Be flexible

49 Huge heroes

50 Sci-fi writer Stephenson

52 Sensed feeling

53 Land in the water, in Livorno

54 Cabbie's cry

57 Of positional relations

61 Wife of Abraham

62 Turtle topper

64 Purviews

65 Consumption

66 Shower powders

67 Intro drawing class, maybe

68 Wallop

69 Embroiders, e.g.

70 Ad biz award

74 Didn't waver

76 Water, to Henri

78 Of utmost importance

79 And the like: Abbr.

80 Prone to pry

82 Haifa's home

83 Close to

84 Close to

86 Jared of "Mr. Nobody"

90 "Burnt" hues

92 Movies, informally

93 Quenched, as thirst

94 Instagram, for one

96 Breather

97 Baking potatoes

98 Be on the hunt

99 Skating legend Sonja

100 Graff of "Ladybugs"

101 Pageant VIP

102 Folder's call

103 Ghana port

104 Phony sort

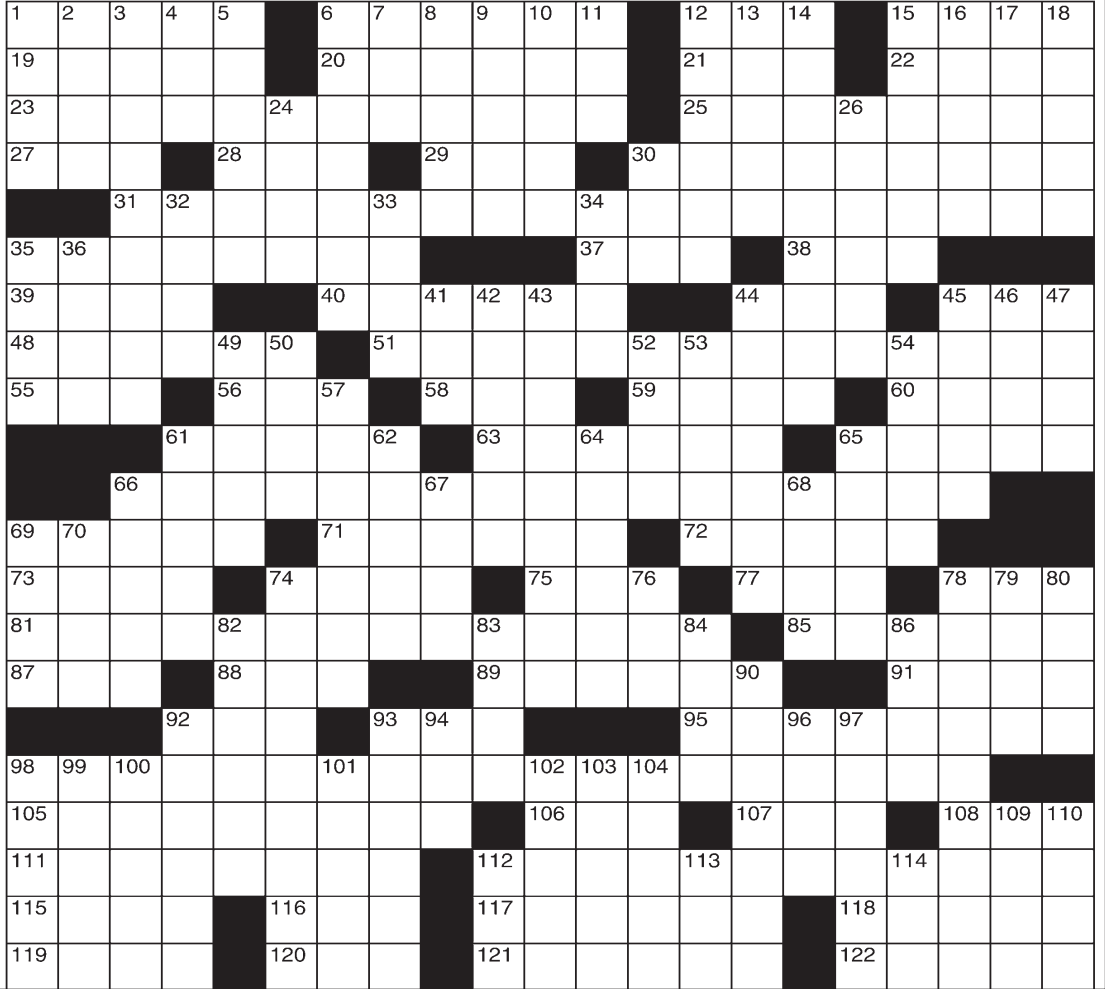
109 Thai's home

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112 Where one lives: Abbr.

113 '50s prez

114 Former big record gp.



King Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Lingo

6 Slopes regular

12 Tenant

13 Sheathe

14 Schedules

15 Pumpkin relatives

16 Appointment

17 Spring melt-down

19 Cooking fuel

20 Libertine

22 Poseidon's home

24 Satisfied sigh

27 La Scala solo

29 Fine spray

32 Fruity rum cocktail

35 Author Wiesel

36 Eve's third son

37 That girl

38 "Awesome, dude!"

40 Pop

42 Trojans' sch.

44 Org.

46 Forget-me- (flowers)

50 Paris art museum

52 Athlete's woe

54 Tempt

55 Point maker

56 Op-ed pieces

57 Dwelling

18 Patty Hearst, for one

21 Feed-bag morsel

23 Outback bird

24 Mimic

25 100 percent

26 Barber's offerings

28 Flabbergast

30 Learning ctr.

31 Common title start

33 Museum-funding org.

34 Prof's degree

39 "Pride and Prejudice" suitor

41 Pear variety

42 Peter Fonda's beekeeper role

43 Male deliveries?

45 Beholds

47 Partially mine

48 Genealogy chart

49 Neighbor of Leb.

51 By way of

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2 Aspiring atty.'s exam

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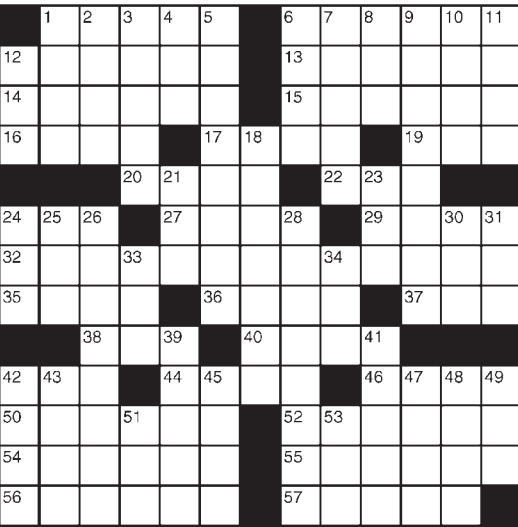
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: BECOMING AIRBORNE

- Forgive
- Give a hoot
- Give back
- Give in
- Giveaway
- Given
- Giver
- Misgive
- Mistake
- Outtake
- Takedown
- Taken
- Takeout
- Takeover
- Taker



Buffalo Hot Wings

photo courtesy Fresh From Florida



**Buffalo Hot Wings**  
24 chicken wings (separated into 2 pieces)  
1 (12-ounce) bottle hot sauce  
1 stick unsalted butter  
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 teaspoon garlic powder  
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)  
1 tablespoon all-purpose seasoning  
Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to

taste  
Preheat oven to 300 degrees. In a small saucepan over low heat combine hot sauce, butter, Worcestershire sauce, garlic powder, cayenne, salt and pepper and cook for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside. Spray a baking sheet with nonstick spray. Spread out wings in one layer, season with all-purpose seasoning and bake for 45 minutes. Turn oven up to 425 and bake for additional 15 minutes or until golden brown and crispy. Remove from oven and toss with buffalo sauce and garnish with chopped fresh herbs. Serve with Florida vegetables on the side.\*

My Stars ★★★★★  
FOR WEEK OF JUNE 14, 2021

**Aries** (March 21 to April 19) A heads-up alert to all free-spirited Ewes and Rams: Be wary of a deal that could result in compromising your independence. Check every detail before making a commitment.  
**Taurus** (April 20 to May 20) New facts emerge that help put an irksome workplace situation in perspective. Meanwhile, pay more attention to a family member who needs your wisdom and strength.  
**Gemini** (May 21 to June 20) A slight setback in plans is nothing to worry about. Use this delay to deal with a number of matters you might have ignored for too long. Expect news from someone in your past.  
**Cancer** (June 21 to July 22) You're entering a period of stability. Use it to straighten out any outstanding problems related to a very personal situation. Also, pay closer attention to financial matters.  
**Leo** (July 23 to August 22) As much as you love being a social Lion, you might well benefit from staying out of the spotlight for a while. You need time

to reflect on some upcoming decisions.  
**Virgo** (August 23 to September 22) A difficult family situation improves, thanks to your timely intervention. You can now start to focus more of your attention on preparing for a possible career change.  
**Libra** (September 23 to October 22) An on-the-job change works to your benefit by offering new opportunities. It's up to you to check them out. Meanwhile, a stalled romantic situation starts up again.  
**Scorpio** (October 23 to November 21) That flare-up of Scorpion temperament cools down, leaving you more receptive to suggestions about changes that might need to be made in your personal life.  
**Sagittarius** (November 22 to December 21) An unusual period of indecisiveness is a mite frustrating. But things soon clear up, allowing the sage Sagittarian to make those wise pronouncements again.  
**Capricorn** (December 22 to January 19) You might feel that you know best, but it's not a good idea at this time to try to force your opinions on others. Best advice: Inspire change by example, not by intimidation.

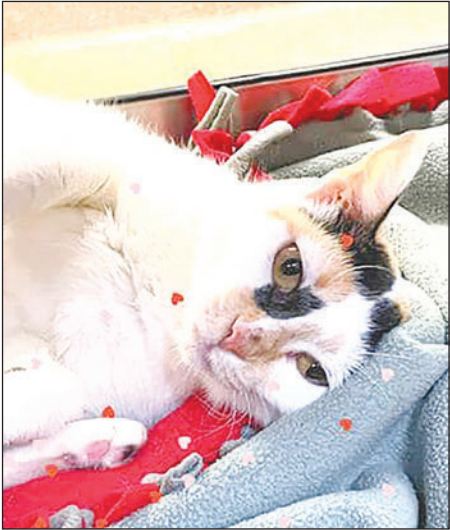
PETS OF THE WEEK



Betty Blue ID# A865082 photos provided Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Betty Blue And Susie

Hello, my name is Betty Blue. I'm a blue 3-year-old female pit bull mix. I'm a "Petite Pittie" with a quiet, unassuming nature that will quickly draw you to me. I have spent the past four years looking for love and, as the song says, so far have found it in all the wrong places. Perhaps you are the right place and person for me? I walk nicely on the leash, I'm very low-maintenance and just want someone to give me that forever home. My adoption fee is \$20.  
Hi, my name is Susie. I'm a calico 4-year-old female domestic shorthair. I'm experiencing what so many adult cats are this time of year – kitten mania. Everyone










Susie ID# A864960  
sees the cute little ones and instantly fall in love, and I get overlooked. They aren't thinking of all the advantages of adopting me or one of my adult feline friends. For instance, you don't have to worry about how big I will get. I also require less attention and training. I have already settled into my calm personality, and there won't be any surprises down the road. My adoption fee is \$10, and you can adopt a feline friend for me at no additional charge.  
Lee County Domestic Animal Services is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers. Adoptions are available by appointment Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Visit [www.leelostpets.com](http://www.leelostpets.com) to complete an online application. As always, cats and kittens are adopt one and get a feline friend at no additional charge. For more information, call 533-7387.\*

**Aquarius** (January 20 to February 18) Some setbacks could affect your plans to fortify your financial situation. But things start moving again by early next week. Meanwhile, enjoy your resurgent social life.  
**Pisces** (February 19 to March 20) Show that often-hidden steely spine of yours as you once again stand up to an emotional bully. You've got the strength to do it, especially as friends rally to your side.  
**Born This Week:** Your ruling planet, Mercury, endows you with a gift for writing. Have you considered penning the world's greatest novel?

MOMENTS IN TIME

• On June 22, 1775, Congress issues \$2 million in bills of credit. Known as "Continental," the bills lacked the required rendering of the British king. Instead, some notes featured likenesses of Revolutionary soldiers and the inscription "The United Colonies."  
• On June 26, 1892, Nobel Prize-winning author Pearl S. Buck is born. Her novel *The Good Earth* (1930), describing peasant life in China,

became an international bestseller and was translated into 30 languages. Buck wrote 80 novels and books.  
• On June 25, 1915, the German press publishes a statement addressing the German use of poison gas. The Germans had fired more than 150 tons of lethal chlorine gas against two French colonial divisions in April, claiming the French had first used gas in August 1914.  
• On June 23, 1927, the Sioux County Pioneer newspaper of North Dakota reports that President Calvin Coolidge will be "adopted" into a Sioux tribe at Fort Yates. At the Sioux ceremony, photographers captured Coolidge, in suit and tie, as he was given a grand ceremonial feathered headdress.  
• On June 21, 1956, playwright Arthur Miller defies the House Committee on Un-American Activities and refuses to name suspected communists. Miller's defiance of McCarthyism won him a conviction for contempt of court, which was later reversed by the Supreme Court.  
• On June 24, 1975, an Eastern Airlines jet crashes near John F.  
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 FRIDAY Cloudy High: 89 Low: 81	 SATURDAY Cloudy High: 86 Low: 80	 SUNDAY Cloudy High: 83 Low: 75	 MONDAY Cloudy High: 86 Low: 80	 TUESDAY Cloudy High: 87 Low: 79	 WEDNESDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 86 Low: 80	 THURSDAY Cloudy High: 87 Low: 79
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Sat	9:17 am	2:25 am	9:50 pm	3:35 pm	Sat	8:22 am	2:27 am	8:55 pm	3:37 pm	Sat	8:37 am	2:39 am	9:17 pm	3:17 pm	Sat	11:27 am	5:41 am	None	6:51 pm
Sun	9:48 am	3:06 am	11:28 pm	4:44 pm	Sun	8:53 am	3:08 am	10:33 pm	4:46 pm	Sun	9:02 am	3:17 am	10:34 pm	4:15 pm	Sun	12:00 am	6:22 am	11:58 am	8:00 pm
Mon	10:22 am	3:44 am	None	5:44 pm	Mon	9:27 am	3:46 am	None	5:46 pm	Mon	9:31 am	3:52 am	11:54 pm	5:17 pm	Mon	1:38 am	7:00 am	12:32 pm	9:00 pm
Tue	12:58 am	4:16 am	10:59 am	6:41 pm	Tue	12:03 am	4:18 am	10:04 am	6:43 pm	Tue	10:14 am	4:27 am	None	6:20 pm	Tue	3:08 am	7:32 am	1:09 pm	9:57 pm
Wed	2:21 am	4:44 am	11:40 am	7:34 pm	Wed	1:26 am	4:46 am	10:45 am	7:36 pm	Wed	12:58 am	5:14 am	11:16 am	7:22 pm	Wed	4:31 am	8:00 am	1:50 pm	10:50 pm
Thu	12:24 pm	8:27 pm	None	None	Thu	11:29 am	8:29 pm	None	None	Thu	1:54 am	6:23 am	12:20 pm	8:21 pm	Thu	2:34 pm	11:43 pm	None	None

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# Findings From 2020 Study On Litter In America

Keep Lee County Beautiful, Inc. (KLCB) reported the summary of its 2020 study on litter in America. KLCB is part of the national organization's network of 700 state and community-based affiliates.

The Keep America Beautiful 2020 National Litter Study provides a detailed understanding of the quantity, composition and sources of litter across the United States. The organization's 2020 study is a follow up to its landmark 2009 study, which builds on a history of science-based litter research started by Keep America Beautiful in 1969.

"I am thrilled to continue the history of Keep America Beautiful as the leader in litter research in the United States, and methodology that has now been used around the world," said Dr. Helen Lowman, Keep America Beautiful president and CEO. "This data will help inform our programs for years to come, addressing both litter on the ground and the act of littering. Our many diverse partners, our 700 affiliate organizations and the millions of volunteers activated annually will use this data to work towards our vision that everyone in America lives in a beautiful community."

Key findings of the national study include:

- Nearly 50 billion pieces of litter along U.S. roadways and waterways;
- Slightly more litter along waterways (25.9 billion) than roadways (23.7 billion);
- Some 152 items for each U.S. resident;

More than 2,000 pieces of litter per mile (both roadway and waterway);

Ninety percent of people surveyed believe litter is a problem in their state;

Six billion pieces more than four inches in size;

Most littered item remains cigarette butts, but this litter is down almost 70 percent; and

207.1 million personal protective equipment items littered.

KLCB has noticed an increase of litter along roadways and waterways since the beginning of the pandemic. With this new data, officials will be able to develop and implement new plans to help educate residents and visitors alike on how they can best prevent litter.

Keep America Beautiful retained Burns & McDonnell, a leading environmental engineering firm, to conduct its 2020 study, which has four components: Public Attitudes Survey, Visible Litter Survey, Behavioral Observations Survey and Financial Cost of Litter Survey (ongoing). For more information, visit [www.klcb.org](http://www.klcb.org).

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## Moments In Time

Kennedy International Airport in New York City, killing 115 people. The Boeing 727 was brought down by wind shear during severe thunderstorms. Only seven passengers and two flight attendants survived the fiery crash.

- On June 27, 1985, after 59 years, the iconic Route 66 passes into history when officials decertify the road and vote to remove all its highway signs. Measuring 2,200 miles, the "Mother Road" stretched from Chicago to Santa Monica, California, passing through eight states.

## NOW HERE'S A TIP

- Want bananas to last a little longer? Do not separate your bunch, and wrap the tip in foil.
- "After a hard day's work in the garden, I soak in a rosemary bath. It's a natural anti-inflammatory, and it smells wonderful. I just add a few sprigs from my plant out back to very hot water, and then let the water sit for a while until it's just warm. Then I get in. Heaven!"  
– UA in Ohio
- Keep laundry baskets in your automobile's trunk for easier organization. You could even add a small cooler to hold cold items if you need to make a stop somewhere on the way home from the grocery store.
- "Here's my tip: Use a muffin pan to make big ice cubes for drinks."  
– AL in Missouri

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- Want to test how ripe your cranberries are? Drop them on the ground! Cranberries are nature's bouncy ball – farmers even use this technique to see if the fruit is ready for shipment.
- In Las Vegas, it's against the law to pawn your dentures.
- Near the end of World War I, the French built a "fake Paris" designed to throw off German bombers and fighter pilots, complete with a replica of the Champs-Elysees and Gard Du Nord. It even included a fake railway that lit up at certain points, creating the illusion from the sky of a train moving along the tracks.
- Allergy sufferers, take note: One ragweed plant can release as many as 1 billion grains of pollen.
- Adolf Hitler helped design (with

Ferdinand Porsche) the Volkswagen Beetle, as part of an initiative to create "the people's car" – an affordable, practical vehicle that everyone could own.

- Tablecloths were originally designed for use as one big, communal napkin.
- Each of the suits on a deck of cards represents the four major pillars of the economy in the Middle Ages: hearts for the Church, spades for the military, clubs for agriculture and diamonds for the merchant class.
- A person who plays the bongo drums is known as a "bongosero."
- According to research done by MIT, the number 17 is the most common randomly chosen number between one and 20.
- Henry Ford produced the Model T only in black because the black paint available at the time was the fastest to dry.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Good communication is just as stimulating as black coffee, and just as hard to sleep after."  
– Anne Morrow Lindbergh

## TRIVIA TEST

- Movie:** Which 1985 Brat Pack movie featured the theme song *Don't You (Forget About Me)*?
- Food & Drink:** What is the color of the spirit called absinthe?
- Geography:** Which Central American country used to be called British Honduras?
- Television:** What is the dog's name on *Family Guy*?
- Medical:** What is the common name for the condition called lateral

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### Don't Harm The Fish

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Landing a big fish from the beach can be hard on the fish. Dragging a fish up onto the sand if you're going to release it is not an option as it usually damages or kills the fish.

Hold the fish in the water while you unhook it if you're going to release it.

The less you can touch a fish before release the better for the fish.

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

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

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