

Fireworks And Activities For Fourth Of July

Independence Day will be celebrated in several communities in Southwest Florida. Following are four locations to view fireworks and other activities.

Fort Myers Freedom Fest Fourth of July event will be held downtown on the Edwards Drive waterfront on Sunday, July 4 from 6 to 10 p.m.

The free event will feature live music from Thunder Beach Band, recorded music by DJ Tom's Tunes, food trucks, vendors, activities for children and fireworks that will be shot off from Lofton Island on the Caloosahatchee at 9 p.m.

There will also be a Fourth of July Block Party with City Tavern, located at 2206 Bay Street in downtown Fort Myers. The July 4 event features music and vendors at 4 p.m., Chili Dog Eating Contest presented by Feltman's of Coney Island at 6 p.m., the Legendary Automotive Car Giveaway benefiting a local veteran at 7 p.m., 50/50 raffle drawing at 8 p.m. and fireworks at 9 p.m.

All event proceeds will benefit the local American Legion Post #38, which provides food, services and basic



A previous fireworks display along the Caloosahatchee in downtown Fort Myers

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necessities to local military veterans in need.

The City of Cape Coral will offer activities at certain times during its Red, White and Boom event on July 4.

The Freedom 5K race will take place on Independence Day at 7 a.m. The city celebration begins at 5 p.m. at the foot of the bridge on the Cape Coral Parkway side. Fireworks will follow the celebration

at about 9:30 p.m.

The Cape Coral Bridge will be closed for the celebration from 3 a.m. Sunday, July 4 through 3 a.m. Monday, July 5. Cape Coral Parkway from Del Prado Boulevard to the bridge will also be closed at that time.

Motorists are encouraged to use the Veteran's Memorial Bridge or the U.S. 41 and Business 41 bridges as alternate routes. Lee County Department of Transportation has placed message boards for motorists, who should plan for an alternate route.

For race information, contact the Chamber of Commerce of Cape Coral at 549-6900 ext. 111. For information about Red, White and Boom, call Cape Coral Parks and Recreation at 573-3128.

The fireworks display to celebrate Independence Day on Fort Myers Beach is scheduled for Sunday, July 4 at 9 p.m. The show off the Beach Pier in Times Square is planned to last for 20 minutes.

Traffic will be heavy and so will the demand for parking, especially in the downtown, Times Square and pier areas. There are several hundred public spaces and some paid commercial parking lots.

Following are some tips if you plan on spending the holiday on the beach.

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The historic homes of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford will be decorated with red, white and blue bunting for Independence Day
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Independence Day At The Estates

Edison and Ford Winter Estates will be open on Thomas Edison's favorite holiday, Independence Day, July 4 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The homes will be decorated with red, white and blue bunting for the holiday.

Visitors can take guided tours or

meander at their own pace on a self-guided tour, using an app. The Garden Shoppe will also be open and offers a wide variety of plants and trees available for sale.

The site includes the historic winter homes of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, the 15,000-square-foot inventions museum, the botanic research laboratory – a National Historic Chemical Landmark,

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Tag Your Reptile Next Sunday At Animal Services

New rules require owners of pet tegus and green iguanas to apply for a no-cost permit and mark their pets with a Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) tag, also known as a microchip. Working with a variety of partners, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has helped pet owners by tagging nearly 150 tegus and green iguanas for free.

The new rules took effect on April 29, but a 90-day grace period has provided pet owners an opportunity to come into compliance and take advantage of Tag Your Reptile Day events that the FWC is holding throughout the state. These events offer pet owners an opportunity to have their pet green iguanas or tegus microchipped for free. Staff are also present to help address questions about the permit application process.

The FWC will hold a Tag Your Reptile Day on Sunday, July 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lee County Domestic Animal Services, located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers

The rule changes to Chapter 68-5, FAC specifically address 16 high-risk invasive reptiles including pythons, tegus



A green iguana getting microchipped
photo provided

and green iguanas that pose a threat to Florida's ecology, economy, and human health and safety.

The new rules also include reporting requirements for permittees, biosecurity requirements to limit escape of these high-risk invasive species, and additional language to clarify limited exceptions for possession of green iguanas and tegus for commercial sales or as pets.

The 90-day grace period ends July 28, 2021 and by that time, all pet green

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Working Holiday At The Courthouse



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

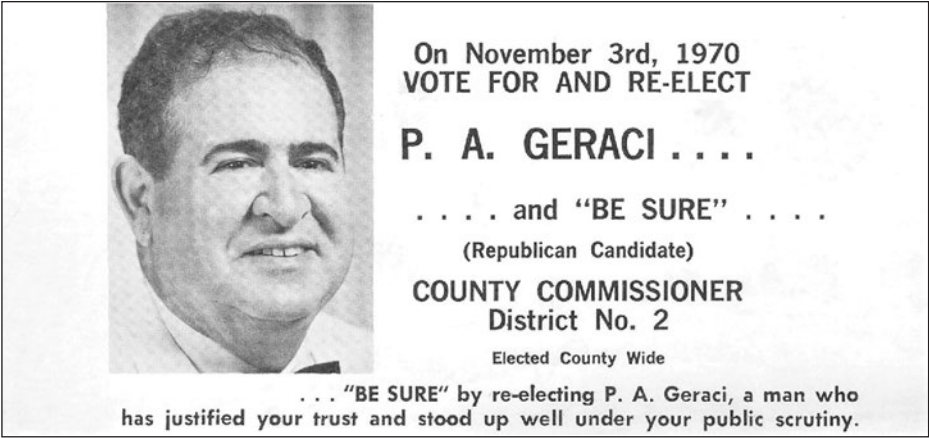
It's unusual for someone to argue with having a holiday, let alone a three-day July Fourth weekend, but in 1964, Lee County Commissioner Pasquale Aurelio "PA" Geraci decided to push the concept of public service to the limit. When the other county commissioners voted to take off Friday, July 3, he reported for work at the Lee County Courthouse in protest. He felt the courthouse should be open and functioning. Closing it was a waste of tax dollars, about \$10,000 to \$12,000, he estimated.

A handful of other courthouse employees joined him that Friday, so the halls weren't entirely deserted. In 1964, the courthouse offices were contained in not only the historic courthouse on Main Street, but in the connected four-story Lee County Administration Office Building, which had been completed on Second Street in 1962. (Two more floors were added in 1972.) The commissioner worked a full day, stationing himself at the receptionist's desk, handling the telephone switchboard, and leaving at 5 p.m. He probably rubbed the other holiday-making commissioners the wrong way when he subsequently submitted to the *News-Press* a list of tasks citizens could not accomplish because of the vote to close. Anyone wanting to obtain a marriage or fishing license or register to vote was out of luck at the courthouse – as was the man who made a long, futile drive from Pine Island to get a new vehicle tag. The lack of a building inspector meant that some construction work was held up. Health department services were closed, and the abandoned clerk's office meant that some alimony and support payments would be late. The pre-July Fourth protest wasn't the first time that Geraci broke the mold. When elected in 1962, he was the first Republican to be elected to the Lee



Fifty-seven years ago, the halls of the Lee County Courthouse were not quiet on the Friday, July 3, holiday. Commissioner PA Geraci chose to work that day in protest, taking charge of the receptionist's desk and the telephone switchboard

photo by Gerri Reaves



This excerpt from campaign materials is from PA Geraci's unsuccessful bid for reelection after serving two terms as Lee County Commissioner
photo courtesy Southwest Florida Historical Society

County Board of County Commissioners. He had first run for political office, unsuccessfully, in 1952 for a seat in the Florida Legislature. He would serve two terms on the county commission, losing to an opponent in 1970. Politics was only a modest portion of Geraci's life, though. He had been born in Ohio but came to Fort Myers as a child in 1922. He earned a law degree in 1938 and served in World War II as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corps, attached to the Judge Advocate General's Department in Dodge City, Kansas. With his brother Salvatore "Sal," Geraci started a gladiolus shipping and brokerage firm that ran for almost three decades. Geraci and his wife, Helene Yorio Geraci, were active in numerous business and civic activities. And, in 1959, the couple founded the long-lived Geraci Travel Agency. He was one of the founding members of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, organized in May 1963, and served on the board of the Fort Myers Little Theatre, among many efforts. Geraci died in 1984 at age 72 and is buried in Fort Myers. Walk the halls of the historic Lee County Courthouse and imagine the quiet that prevailed on that ambiguous pre-July Fourth Friday in 1964. Then learn more about quirky courthouse history at the following research centers. Hours might be affected by the coronavirus pandemic, so call first. The Southwest Florida Historical Society is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization open Wednesday and Saturday from 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 information, call 332-8778 or visit leecountyblackhistorysociety.org. Visit the IMAG History & Science Center at 2000 Cranford Avenue or at www.theimag.org. Sources: Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society and the *News-Press*.✱

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Winners of the 2021 Reeling For Autism Catch and Release Fishing Tournament, from left, Jerry Leary, Kristin and Kevin Ale, Dan Ross, and Doug Root and son Brody photo provided

Tournament For Autism Nets More Than \$50,000

Family Initiative raised \$50,314 from its Reeling For Autism catch-and-release fishing tournament fundraiser presented by Beattie Development, Van Hart Industries, D&D Bait & Tackle, and Fabri-Tech. Thirty-eight anglers launched from Salty Sam's Marina on Fort Myers Beach on June 19 for the 3rd annual event.

Enduring high humidity and temperature in the 90s, Kevin Ale of the Southwest Outfitters team took home the \$4,000 first prize with a 37-inch snook and 89 inches total catch. D&D Bait and Tackle snagged \$2,000 for second place, and the third place \$1,000 prize was captured by team Crushin It.

As the fishing tournament took place, non-anglers of all ages took part in the festivities at The Shrimp Dock Bar & Grill, which included pirate ship tours,

corn hole games, a sling shot car, magic shows and caricatures. A silent auction and 50/50 raffle also contributed to the fundraising total.

"We're thrilled with the success of the 2021 Reeling for Autism event," said David Brown, MSW, president of Family Initiative. "It was a fantastic day for those who came out, and understanding the impact that funds raised will have on so many amazing kids and families served by our first-of-its-kind Autism Support Center is truly heartwarming."

Established in 2015, Family Initiative, Inc. is a Southwest Florida-based 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to supporting children with autism and strengthening their families. Its team of clinicians serves children from a humanistic approach through applied behavior analysis and occupational therapy services, and also offers autism play groups, teen meetings and parent education. In addition, the organization provides child welfare caregiver training and support through its Family Impact Program. To learn more or donate, visit www.fi-florida.org.✱

Sponsors Needed For Fall Fundraiser

Community Cooperative will host the return of the popular annual fall fundraiser, Becoming Cosmopolitan: Gone Country, on Thursday, October 7 at 6 p.m. at The Ranch Concert Hall & Saloon in Fort Myers.

This marks the 16th year of presenting the event and promises to be a night on the town like no other. Guests can put on their boots and two-step their way over to The Ranch Concert Hall & Saloon for an evening of cocktails, cowboy cuisine, boutique shopping, line dancing and auctions, while raising money to support women and children's programs that work to end hunger and homelessness in Southwest Florida.

"Due to the pandemic, the 2020 Becoming Cosmopolitan was canceled,

even as the community's need for food and support was greater than ever. Like most charitable nonprofits, we rely on special events to help raise awareness, connect volunteers to the cause, and raise much needed funds for our mission," said Tami Holliday, Community Cooperative's community relations and development manager. "Canceling the 2020 event was not only a loss of proceeds for us, but the loss of a fantastic community event. We are extremely excited to be able to host the fundraiser this year."

Tickets are \$250 for VIP, \$150 for general admission and \$500 for the four-ticket Girlfriend Package. Sponsorships are now available and range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Donations for the silent auction are also being requested. Tickets will go on sale in August.

For more information, visit www.communitycooperative.com, email tami@communitycooperative.com or call 332-7687, ext. 125.✱

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Fort Myers Art:

The Work Of An Award-Winning Face Artist



by Tom Hall

DAAS Co-op Art Gallery is showcasing the artwork of award-winning artist Ian Summers in July. The opening reception is scheduled in conjunction with

Fort Myers Art Walk on Friday, July 2 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. The exhibition will be on display through July 31.

"I am for an art of memories that are chipped and fragmented, but not nostalgic," Summers told *The Elucidator* in connection with a 2015 article they published about his art.

Summers's main subject is faces, but he does not consider them portraits, but conjured.

"Faces conjure forming associations with people, with persons who may never have lived anywhere, but in my mind. Faces haunt me in my sleep and when I am awake."

Summers works primarily in acrylics on large scale canvases and other surfaces, such as tar paper and board.



Artwork by Ian Summers

Currently, the artist lives in Southwest Florida with his wife, Wendy.

Summers was born in Patterson, New Jersey. He studied at the University Bridgeport, Connecticut, where he completed a degree in art education, later becoming an art teacher in Wayne, New Jersey. His desire to create and expand his artistic career took him to Europe in

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the mid-1960s. He lived in Paris for a short time, when an unexpected opportunity took him to London, where he taught art at the American School. He exhibited in London and conducted speeches at art clubs and centers, like the Unites States Information Center.

In 1967, Summers moved to New York where his first daughter was born. After the birth of his second daughter,

he started working in advertising as a creative director, working with some of the most important authors in the world. Among these was Isaac Asimov, whose book cover landed Summers a place in the science fiction community. As a member of the Society of Illustrator of New York, he received an award for best paperback cover for several years. After years working for Random House publishing company, he became a career consultant to people in the creative field, using a problem-solving technique he called "heart-storming." In 2021, he joined the Union Artist Studios in Fort Myers.

DAAS Co-op is located in the Butterfly Estates complex at 1815 Fowler Street in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.daascoop.com or call 590-8645.

Melody Lane Brings '80s Jukebox Musical To Theater

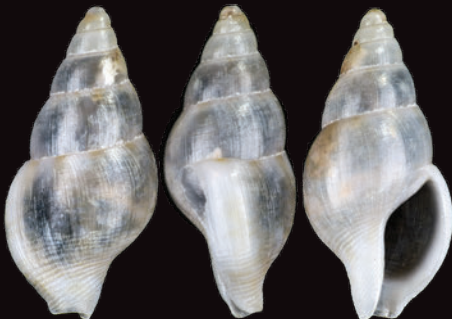
Melody Lane Performing Arts Center is bringing the '80s jukebox musical *Rock of Ages High School Edition* to Cultural Park Theater for four spirited performances. The five-time Tony Award-nominated Broadway musical smash features fan-favorite '80s rock anthems and power ballads such as *Every Rose Has Its Thorn*, *I Wanna Know What Love Is*, *Here I Go Again*, *Don't Stop Believin'* and *Wanted Dead or Alive*, along with an endearing – and enduring – story of a small-town girl, a big city boy, and a rock 'n' roll romance on the Sunset Strip.

It's the tail end of the big, bad 1980s in Hollywood, and the party has been raging hard. Aqua Net, Lycra, Heavy Metal flow freely at one of the Sunset Strips last legendary venues, the Bourbon Room, a place where legendary rocker Stacey Jaxx takes the stage and groupies line up for their chance at an autograph. Amidst the madness, aspiring rock star (and resident toilet cleaner) Drew Boley longs to take the stage as the next big thing (and longs for small-town girl Sherri Christian, fresh off the bus from Kansas with stars in her eyes). But the rock 'n' roll fairy tale is about to end when German developers sweep into town with plans to turn the fabled strip into just another capitalist strip mall. Can Drew, Sherri and the gang save the strip – and themselves – before it's too late? Only the music of hit bands Styx, Journey, Bon Jovi, Whitesnake and more hold the answer.

Jeremy Garzon and Pepper Rhodes star as Drew Boley and Sherrie Christian, with Javen Fischer taking on the role of Stacey Jaxx. Theo Rosso is Lonny Barnett and Spencer Barney plays Dennis Dupree.

Performances are Friday, July 9 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 10 at 3 p.m.; Saturday, July 10 at 7 p.m.; and Sunday July 11 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.melodylanepac.com or call 220-9527.

Tom Hall is both an amateur artist and aspiring novelist who writes art quest thrillers. He is in the final stages of completing his debut novel titled *Art Detective*. A former tax attorney, he lives in Estero with his fiancé and their four cats.✱




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Tickets On Sale For Hope Benefit



Co-hosts, from left, Lizbeth Benacquisto, Samira K. Beckwith and Jenna Persons-Mulicka photo provided

Tickets are on sale for the 2nd annual Shine: A Benefit for Hope Kids Care and Hope Hospice, taking place on Friday, October 15 at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers. Tickets are \$150 per person; table sponsorships for eight are available at \$1,600. The evening will include cocktails, dining, entertainment and a live auction.

President and CEO of Hope Healthcare Samira K. Beckwith will be joined by returning hosts, State Rep. Jenna Persons-Mulicka and Lizbeth Benacquisto.

"Our inaugural event was a wonderful success thanks to our co-hosts, committee members, sponsors and our generous patrons," said Beckwith. "This year plans to be an even bigger celebration thanks to our lead donors who have already stepped up in support of our deep commitment to this community and our passion to provide exceptional care and counseling to those in need."

Funds raised will help Hope continue to provide care for those who are in life's closing chapter, for all who are grieving, and for seriously ill children and their families. Each year, Hope provides more than \$2 million of unfunded care to ensure that all who

need their help can find comfort, dignity and hope. Due to COVID-19, the fundraising events Hope relies upon have not been possible, and expenses have increased in response to the pandemic. The community's support of this first in-person event since the pandemic is more meaningful than ever.

To purchase tickets, learn about sponsorship levels and benefits, or request an invitation to the event, visit www.shineforhope.org or call 985-7758.

Shine is presented by The Robert J. Gunterberg Foundation and supported by top-level sponsors including Busey Bank, Cypress Cove/Cypress at Home, The John E. & Aliese Price Foundation, DeAngelis Diamond, and Priority Marketing. Other sponsors include Brown & Brown/Florida Blue, Jeff and Rebekah Barney, Capstone HME, CFS Roofing Services, Edison National Bank, Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, Home-Tech, Honc Destruction, Joint Implant Surgeons, Lee County Sheriff's Office, LSI Companies, Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Co., Millennium Physician Group, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Strayhorn & Persons, Studio+, and TWC Services.✱

School Supply Drive Under Way

The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Inc. Back to School Supply Drive is under way and runs through July 23 at several participating locations throughout Lee County and at the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools. Donations will benefit the foundation's education resource center which provides Lee County School District educators access to new and reusable classroom supplies at no cost.

Suggested donations include notebook paper, pens, #2 pencils, crayons, glue

sticks, rulers, notebooks, three-ring binders, scissors and backpacks. The foundation thanks all the community and business partners for giving back and supporting local educators and students.

Drop-Off Locations:
ADG Architecture
Aubuchon Homes (Cape Coral)
Miloff Aubuchon Realty Group (Cape Coral and Fort Myers)
Bank of America (Lee County)
B&I Contractors
Bridgetown at The Plantation
Busey Bank (Fort Myers and Cape Coral)
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LCEC
Lee County Tax Collector (all locations)
Markham, Norton, Mosteller, Wright & Co., PA
MD Now Urgent Care
Midwest Food Bank
Nova SouthEastern University (Fort Myers Campus)
Sanibel Captiva Community Bank (all locations)
Seed & Bean
Sky Zone (Fort Myers)
SWFL Inc.

"Our teachers do an excellent job of engaging our students in learning and preparing them for their futures as productive citizens, however, if a student does not have the tools necessary to succeed, then learning at the highest level cannot take place," said Marshall T. Bower, president and CEO of The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools. "With 75 percent of our students qualifying for free or reduced lunch, the need is very high in our school district and this supply drive helps to ensure that all students come to school prepared to learn."

For more information on how you

can get involved, contact Brittany Carroll at 337-0433 or email brittany@leeschoolfoundation.org.✱

Alliance Adopts Tobacco-Free Campus Policy

The Tobacco-Free Lee Coalition recognizes the Alliance for the Arts for becoming an entirely tobacco-free campus, effective June 26.

The Alliance for the Arts is a nonprofit community visual and performing arts center located in the heart of Fort Myers. Since 1975, the Alliance has been committed to transforming lives and improving community through the arts.

"We celebrate creativity, discovery and exploration every day of the year here at the Alliance for the Arts," said Executive Director Molly Deckart. "Going tobacco free allows us to better transmit the message that we are also committed to the health and wellness of our vibrant community." By going tobacco free, the Alliance for the Arts aims to protect visitors and staff from involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke.

With the new policy in effect, smoking or use of tobacco products, objects or devices, including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, e-cigarettes, or smokeless tobacco products are prohibited anywhere on the 10 acres of the Alliance for the Arts property.✱

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Foundation Offers Three \$10,000 Scholarships

Thanks to the continued support of Sheriff Carmine Marceno and the Lee County Sheriff's Office (LCSO), the Tommy Bohanon Foundation can continue to fulfill its mission of supporting young athletes on and off the playing field. Every year, the foundation sets its sights on something even bigger than the year before, and as a result, the Tommy Bohanon Foundation will award \$10,000 scholarships to three high school seniors in Southwest Florida this year. The scholarships will allow these students to pursue continued education without financial restraint.

"These scholarships open up the future for the youth in our community," said former NFL player Tommy Bohanon, founder of the Tommy Bohanon Foundation. "Our goal is, and always has been, to motivate students to pursue education beyond high school. Financial stress can deter students from even having college or trade school on their radar. Every kid deserves to go after their dreams without any hesitation, and our hope is that these scholarships will do just that."

Since 2018, Marceno and the LCSO have been instrumental partners of the foundation. Last year, the LCSO's contributions made it possible for the foundation to offer two \$10,000



From left, Katie and Tommy Bohanon accepting a check from Lee County Sheriff Carmine Marceno photo provided

scholarships. This year's donation of \$30,000 paved the way for the foundation to support the continued education of three Southwest Florida students.

"This contribution allows us to change the lives of the youth in our community," said Marceno. "Every student deserves the opportunity to pursue higher education and to fulfill their dreams. We are proud to support the Tommy Bohanon Foundation and their mission to make a positive impact in our community."

The Tommy Bohanon Foundation has partnered with the Collaboratory to assist

with the scholarship application and selection process. Students are able to complete a single application through the Collaboratory that will match them with the scholarship funds they are eligible for. The Tommy Bohanon Foundation Scholarship Fund requires that students have an athletic interest and plans to pursue higher education. Eligible students will participate in an interview process before the final selection is completed by the foundation.

For more information, visit www.TommyBohanonFoundation.org or contact Katie Bohanon at 671-0441 or katie@tommybohanonfoundation.org.

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Estates

and more than 20 acres of botanical gardens with plants and trees from around the world.

"July 4th is a great day for families to visit, learn about two American icons, and enjoy some ice cream along the river," said Mike Cosden, chief operating officer and vice president.

According to historical documents, Edison woke up early each Independence Day to spend time with his children and set off a giant firecracker in his yard. The children dressed in holiday costumes and they all tossed Chinese firecrackers. Edison even made his own fireworks with TNT added and called them "incendiary torpedoes." As part of the holiday celebration, the family had ice cream and watermelon, just as many American families do today.

Records of an invoice from 1893 on the Thomas Edison National Historic Park website lists the purchases made for the holiday. The list included "2 dozen packages Electric Torp., 1 Dragon's Nest, 1 Devil Among the Tailor, 1 Surprise Box, 1 Floral Fountain, 1 dozen Rockets, 1 dozen BR Candles, 1 pound Colored Fire and 1 Firework Balloon 20 foot."

Tickets for self-guided tours are \$25 for adults, \$20 for teens (ages 13 to 19) and \$15 for children (ages 6 to 12); children age 5 and younger are admitted at no charge. Guided-tour tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for teens and \$18 for children. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.edisondord.org or call 334-7419.

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ALL FAITHS UNITARIAN CONGREGATION
Service 9, and 11 a.m. Children's RE, Adult Education Forum 10 a.m., 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, 8210 Cypress Lake Drive, 481-2099.

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

BIBLESHARE
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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN
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CROWN OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
Sunday 8 and 10:45 a.m. Jan 1 – Easter; 9

a.m. after Easter – Dec 31. www.crownoflifelutheran.com. 5820 Daniels Pkwy, 482-2315.

REDEEMER CHURCH
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Seaoats prevent dune erosion and are protected by law
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Seaoats

by Gerri Reaves

Iconic seaoats (*Uniola paniculata*) is one of the most beautiful native plants common to South Florida's coastal areas.

This perennial clumping grass is also extremely important in protecting the shores from erosion. Thus, it's protected by law, so don't even think about collecting those pretty seed heads.

Thick rhizomes, which are horizontal root-like structures, creep and root at the nodes. Sand collects at the nodes, thus stabilizing dunes. The root system can grow up to 30 feet or more.

The base of the grass provides another major benefit: safe nesting sites for sea turtles, of which all species are under threat.

The stout jointed stems, or culms, of sea oats reach three to six feet tall.

The flat leaf blades are sheathed and linear with tufts of hair where the leaf joins the stem. Measuring a yard or longer, the leaves roll inward toward the flexible point.

Nodding, or arching, golden tan terminal panicles resemble wheat waving in the breeze. About 18 inches long, they contain flattened oval spikelets with a braided or woven-basket appearance.

Each spikelet has 20 to 30 florets.



Spikelets have a braided or woven-basket appearance

Seaoats blooms all year long in South Florida, most prolifically in summer.

Beach residents can't go wrong with this valuable plant. It protects property, survives hurricanes, endures full sun, thrives in poor soil and requires no maintenance.

If you want to establish seaoats on your property, obtain seeds or plants from nurseries authorized to sell legally protected species.

Sources: *Common Grasses of*

Florida and the Southeast by Lewis L. Yarlett, *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer, *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio, *Growing Native* by Richard W. Workman, *A Guide to Florida Grasses* by Walter Kingsley

Taylor, *National Audubon Society Field Guide to Florida* by Peter Alden et al., *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell, and www.regionalconservation.org.

Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.*

Documentary Salutes Activist

WGCU is celebrating a humanitarian, activist, educator, author/playwright and friend, Robert Hilliard, with a documentary based on his life.

Hilliard was born into Depression-era Brooklyn, New York, which would profoundly influence his life. A U.S. Army veteran, he was wounded twice before becoming an Army journalist. His attention to the plight of concentration camp survivors in Germany drew the attention of hundreds of citizens and even President Harry Truman, who took action to lift them out of the hunger, thirst and lack of medical attention in which they were living.

Hilliard would go on to earn a doctorate from Columbia University, write 35 books of nonfiction and poetry and have a guiding hand in what became the Public Broadcasting Act. He was on hand in the Oval Office when President Lyndon Johnson signed the act in 1967.

Producer of the 30-minute documentary is Melanie Pefinis,



Robert Hilliard during his days as an Army journalist
photo provided

a Southwest Florida writer and documentary filmmaker who has worked in multicultural environments including Japan, England, Portugal, France, Africa, Malaysia, Thailand, Jamaica and Central America. She has a range of experience working with public broadcasting.

A Force for Freedom: The Robert Hilliard Story airs on WGPU PBS at 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 29.*

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Run From The Storms To Stay Safe



by Capt.
Matt Mitchell

With our summer rain pattern now in overdrive, watching both the sky and the weather radar on your phone is more important than ever. These fast-moving

thunderstorms are dangerous, often packing lightening, strong winds and heavy rains. The last place you want to be is out on a boat during one of these storms. Lately, after roughly 2 p.m., your chances for being chased off the water are pretty good.

Drifting the passes during lower tide periods has been great for catching snook, redfish and even a few trout. The bait of choice has been small to medium grunts and pinfish rigged with just enough weight for them to skip along the bottom while the boat drifts on the current. Depending on the speed of the drift, you may need to change the size of the sinker so you are making contact with the bottom. Make long casts uptide and keep the line tight with the tip up, so the strike will bend the rod. This method is deadly all summer long.

When we have higher tides, mangrove fishing has been the better choice. Look



Big trout are eating up jigs on the flats

photo provided

for the fish to be way up under the trees, back in the shade. Favorite baits for this include a well-trimmed pinfish along with cut ladyfish and mullet. Making that perfect low skip cast to get the bait way up under the trees will often make all the difference between catching and not.

While set up against the mangroves, we cut smaller chunks of ladyfish or mullet and chummed to draw the redfish in. Another way that works really well during these hot water periods is a jumbo frozen shrimp fished under a float. Throw this rig

up to the mangroves then let the line out and reel it in to let the float drift down the shoreline. When the water is as hot as it is now, fish get lazy and eat a dead bait quicker than anything else.

Trout fishing out on the flats has remained strong with locating small fry bait and feeding birds being the key. Jigs have been working better for me than even live baits. Glass minnow jigs and soft plastics cast around the bait schools have been catching lots of trout along with a mixed bag of mackerel, jacks and ladyfish. Many

swim jigs only require a slow retrieve to get bites. Seems like most of the fry bait schools have been up on the edges of the bars that are in close proximity to grassy flats. Some days the best action has been as shallow as two to three feet.

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

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CROW Case Of The Week:

North American River Otters



by Bob Petcher

The North American river otter (*Lontra Canadensis*) is equally adapted to water and land, but tends to make a burrow near the water's edge.

At CROW, a juvenile female North American river otter was transferred from the Tampa Bay Raptor Center after being found alone in a drainage gutter in Brandon. The orphaned otter was in good health and joined two other orphaned river otters to be raised together.

The Tampa Bay Raptor Center is one of many wildlife partners that CROW works with.

"Tampa Bay Raptor Center has worked with us for many years," said CROW Rehabilitation Manager Breanna Frankel. "We transfer animals back and forth depending on the situation. They assist us with live prey testing for some of our young raptors. If they need our help – or vice versa – they just call our hospital."

The three young otters have since been moved to the outdoor otter



Patient #21-871 joins patients #21-448 and #21-488 poolside

photo by Brian Bohlman

enclosure which features a large, deep pool. The pool facilitates the learning of vital skills needed in the wild, like swimming and hunting for fish.

"All three got along immediately," said Frankel, when asked about their compatibility. "We typically don't have any issues after the first day or two. They initially make some warning/nervous vocalizations to each other and may be a bit protective of their food, but they overcome that quickly. Since our little female was ill for a long time, she didn't have the energy to play and wrestle with the young male we initially

admitted. When this female was brought in, she and our young male started to play immediately."

The otters reportedly have voracious appetites and eat lots of fish.

"Currently, our otters are eating anywhere from 20 to 50 fish a day – 10 to 15 each – depending on the size of the fish," said Frankel. "Otters in the wild will also eat eggs, small mammals, crustaceans, amphibians and more. We offer them everything from fish to eggs to frozen/thawed mice to ensure they have a wide array that they are used to."

To fulfill the need for live fish for

the otters, CROW is seeking dedicated volunteer anglers to help.

"We are looking for any type of freshwater fish, preferably invasive species fish. We've seen a bit of bluegill, Mayan cichlids and tilapia so far. Anglers would have to catch them and keep them live while transporting them to our clinic, which can easily be managed in a large Tupperware storage bin with a bubbler/aerator attachment," said Frankel.

"These juveniles had no introduction to live fish prior to coming to the clinic, so ensuring they have the necessary survival skills is critical for their release. A release is considered successful when that animal is able to sufficiently survive after being returned to the wild. We, as their caretakers, are responsible for their success, and you can help them succeed, too. Even if you only have time to go fishing one time, that's better than nothing. Some people bring three fish, some people bring 15, but it all goes to a good cause. So, if you have the time, our otters will appreciate it. Please email me (bfrankel@crowclinic.org) to coordinate a drop-off, and thank you to everyone involved so far."

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.

Volunteers Needed For Beach Cleanup

Keep Lee County Beautiful is holding a beach cleanup on Monday, July 5 from 8 to 10 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help gather the fireworks and other debris left behind from Independence Day celebrations. Now that it is rainy season, it is important to collect this trash before it has a chance to pollute the waterways.

Keep Lee County Beautiful will provide all the supplies, you just need to show up and be ready to help make a difference. Granola bars, sunscreen and water will be provided, courtesy of community sponsor Whole Foods Market.

Groups will meet at three locations; Lynn Hall Memorial Park on Fort Myers Beach, Sanibel Causeway Islands and Bunche Beach.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome and any individual, family, school, group, place of worship, business or government entity may participate.

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Members of the Heart Central team accepting the award from Lee Health officials
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Hospital Team Earns Inaugural Reliability Award

Lee Health has established a new recognition, the High Reliability Award, that will be awarded twice a year to health system employees or teams that demonstrate a passion for delivering safe and high quality care to patients. The High Reliability Award is Lee Health’s most prestigious safety and quality recognition and its winners are handpicked by the health system’s chief officer leadership team for their excellence in leadership, continuous process improvement and cultivating a culture of safety.

The first High Reliability Award has been awarded to Lee Health’s Heart Central team. The Heart Central team monitors the vital signs of all hospitalized patients from centralized sites within each hospital campus 24/7 and provides notification to bedside nurses or emergency response teams. Heart Central maintains a stellar

track record of safety and has experienced zero telemetry-associated serious safety events since the introduction of its process improvement journey over four years ago. System Nursing Director of Heart Central Kristy Desfosses and members of her teams at Lee Memorial Hospital, Gulf Coast Medical Center, Cape Coral Hospital and HealthPark Medical Center accepted the award on behalf of their colleagues.

“It is an honor to recognize Lee Health’s Heart Central team with our first ever High Reliability Award. This team exemplifies what it means to create a culture that makes patient safety the top priority. The High Reliability Award recognizes more than just their past accomplishments, but also their commitment to innovating patient care and continual improvement. Creating a safe environment for our patients requires an ever-evolving 24/7 commitment to excellence, and Heart Central has set the gold standard,” said Dr. Stephanie Stovall, interim chief quality and patient safety officer at Lee Health.✴

Donation Provides Meals For Children

Blessings in a Backpack SWFL recently received two donations from Nor-Tech Hi-Performance Boats that will help provide weekend meals to close to 200 school children in Lee and Collier counties. The Cape Coral boat manufacturer donated a total of \$31,000 from two separate philanthropic endeavors.

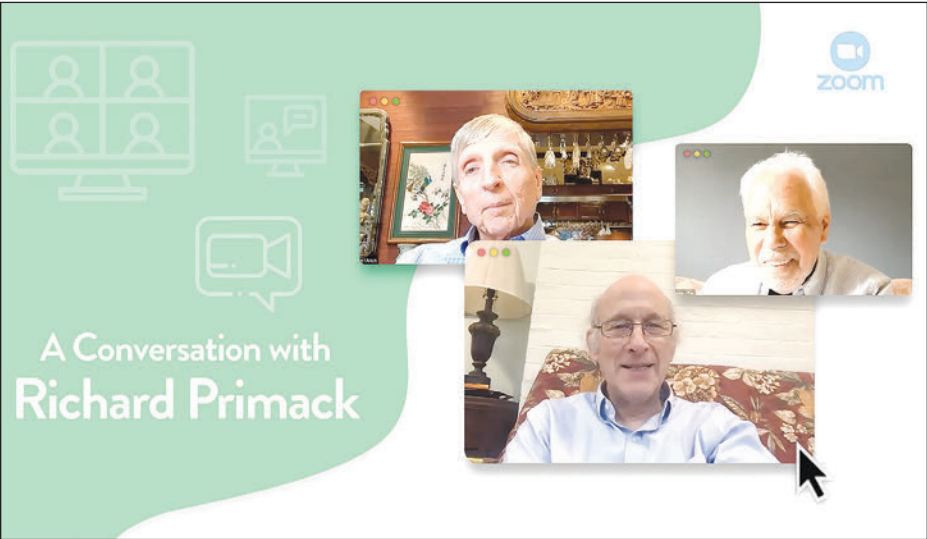
As part of the company’s 30th anniversary celebration, Nor-Tech raised \$80,000 for local charities. The funds were evenly divided among four nonprofits. Blessings in a Backpack was selected as one of the four to receive the donation. An additional \$11,000 was raised for Blessings as Nor-Tech’s first-ever Charity of the Month.

“We are so fortunate to have businesses in our area that care enough to help,” said Cecilia St. Arnold, Blessings in a Backpack managing director. “It’s companies like Nor-Tech Hi-Performance Boats that help Blessings fulfill our mission of taking care of our youth. We’re honored Nor-Tech selected us as one of their charities.”

Nor-Tech Hi-Performance Boats was started by two friends from Norway, Trond Schou and Nils Johnsen, who spent their childhood in the 1970s running around boatyards in Norway dreaming of fast cars and boats. After moving to Florida, they opened their business in Cape Coral in 1990. Nor-Tech now employs 155 people and has a 55,000 square feet production facility in Cape Coral.

The funds from Nor-Tech will help feed 250 children at J. Colin English Elementary School in North Fort Myers

Experts Address Global Warming



From left, Bill Ulrich, Richard Primack and Dennis Paulaha
photo provided

William Ulrich, founder of GlobalConscience.World, vows to build a movement of people working together to advance awareness and understanding of the current climate crisis. His goal is to discover remedies that are essential to creating a healthier, greener environment for future generations. Ulrich and co-founder Dennis Paulaha, PhD, economist, have recently launched an interview series to do just that. “I’m dedicated to interview every environmental and climate change expert I can to show the world the negative impact of climate change,” said Ulrich.

In the nonprofit’s first episode, Ulrich and Paulaha speak with Boston University professor Richard Primack, PhD, biologist, about how climate change is causing cherry trees to blossom earlier than they have in the last 1,200 years in both Japan and Washington, DC.

“There are more than 100 weather observatories around the country where people are also recording cherry blossom festival times,” said Primack. “One thing which people have been noting is that the cherry blossom festivals are getting earlier because the climate is warming. Cherry blossoms are the best biological indicator of climate

change.” Primack notes he is conducting other research in the state of Massachusetts, where he lives, that includes looking at flowering times of plants, leaving out times of trees and the migration time of birds in the spring and the fall. All of these are being used as indicators of climate change – in spring, things are happening earlier and in the autumn, things are happening later.

Primack said, “The changing climate is having a diversity of effects. It isn’t just temperature that’s changing, we also see the sea levels rising, and frequent droughts in many areas of the United States, particularly the Western United States, and a lot of our agricultural and forestry systems are changing. Because of warmer winters and a lack of frost during the winter, we’re now seeing a lot of insect outbreaks in ways which we didn’t see in the past.”

The full Richard Primack interview may be viewed on the Global Conscience YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CT0mhVrvDoI>. If you are an environmental expert who is interested in an interview with GlobalConscience.World, contact the organization at 470-6345. For more information, visit www.globalconscience.world.✴

in the upcoming school year. “This donation is not for Blessings in a Backpack; it’s for our children who aren’t always sure where their next meal will come from, it’s to help reduce the worry and strain of the parents and family, and it’s for the betterment of our community,” added St. Arnold. “We can provide this assistance because of the help and participation we receive from the wonderful local businesses located in our communities.”

It only takes \$115 to provide meals for 36 weekends for one school-age child. This past school year, Blessings was able to feed 5,300 children. Its goal for the upcoming year is to provide weekend meals for 6,000 children. Gifts of all sizes are welcome through the donations portal at <https://swfl.blessingsinabackpack.org> or via mail at P.O. Box 61402 Fort Myers, FL 33906. All contributions are tax-deductible.✴

College Graduate

Javonte Johnson of Fort Myers graduated during a recent virtual commencement ceremony at Central Penn College, located in Summerdale, Pennsylvania. Johnson graduated with a bachelor of science degree in business administration.✴

Local Named To President’s List

Julie Nichols of Fort Myers earned president’s list honors during the spring 2021 semester at Illinois Central College. President’s list recognition is achieved with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.✴



High school seniors with Red Sox officials

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Red Sox Foundation Scholarships

The Boston Red Sox recently honored 14 local public high school seniors in an on-field presentation celebrating each of their receipt of a \$5,000 college scholarship by the Red Sox Foundation.

This was the sixth consecutive year of the local scholarships. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year's presentation was held after Spring Training, but included each recipient receiving a customized bat with their name engraved, an on-field photo in front of the Green Monster at JetBlue Park at Fenway South and a reception in a suite overlooking the park.

The students said they are planning to attend schools including FGCU, University of Florida, Florida State, UCF and are planning a diverse field of majors from law, nursing, biological engineering, pediatric oncology and business to political science, graphic design, computer science and construction management.

Scholarship funds are raised from proceeds from the annual Swings For The Sox golf tournament held each fall to benefit the Red Sox Scholarship and other efforts. In the past nine years, the Red Sox Foundation has raised more than \$446,160 for local nonprofits and scholarships.

"I barely graduated high school and I never graduated college, so this is a pretty important thing for me because I was adopted and I was able to get my limited education by my own choice, not by my parents," said David Doran, owner of DLD Builders LLC of Naples, who was the title sponsor of the Swings For The Sox for the sixth consecutive year. "Financial aid is an important thing, because every student should be able to achieve their dream. I look forward to reading things about these students in the future, because they can change the course of the world."

"We want to thank the Red Sox Foundation as this is six years that they have given scholarships to all 14 high

schools, and soon it will be 15 with Gateway High School," said Clayton Simmons, executive director for high schools for the School District of Lee County. "This is a huge commitment by the Red Sox, and this is what it looks like when there's a good partnership with the community and the school district and all the great things that can happen for our kids."

"We are very proud that all the money we raise locally through our annual golf tournament and more, stays locally right here in Southwest Florida," said Brennan Whitley, senior manager of Florida business operations for the Boston Red Sox. "Education remains an area of focus for the Red Sox Foundation. These students were chosen based on academics, community service and overall need."

According to Whitley, 211 applications were received this year for the 14 scholarships. The recipients are:

Gabriella Dominicus, Bonita Springs High
 Julia Lin, Cape Coral High
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 Michelle Miranda, South Fort Myers High.✱

Dean's List

Connor Fewster of Fort Myers has been named to the dean's list for earning high honors for the spring 2021 semester at the University of New Hampshire. Fewster is majoring in business administration-finance.

Students named to high honors must earn a semester grade point average of 3.65 to 3.84.✱

Auto Shop To Give Away Two Vehicles

Due to the 2021 pandemic, Legendary Automotive & Truck Services officials are planning to give away two vehicles and will continue to do so each year following. One of the vehicles will go to a veteran on the Fourth of July and the other to a deserving community member a couple of weeks after Thanksgiving.

"It's definitely the right thing to do to give back to our community that gives so much to us here at Legendary," said owner Jason Stretch. "At Legendary, we service and repair vehicles. It is what we do. What better way to help someone than with reliable transportation."

The car will be given away at a co-hosted Fourth of July Block Party with City Tavern, located at 2206 Bay Street in downtown Fort Myers. The July 4 event features music and vendors at 4 p.m., Chili Dog Eating Contest presented by Feltman's of Coney Island at 6 p.m., the Legendary Automotive Car Giveaway benefiting a local veteran at 7 p.m. and fireworks at 9 p.m.

All event proceeds will benefit the local American Legion Post #38, which provides food, services and basic necessities – from household items to money for the electric bill – to local



Legendary Auto owner Jason Stretch gives 2020 winner Ramona Miller the keys to her new ride

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military veterans in need. It relies solely on donations.

Anyone interested in competing in the Chili Dog Eating Contest, contact Legendary Automotive at 277-1004 or City Tavern at 226-1133.

If interested in donating to the cause or if you have a quality used vehicle to donate, visit www.legendaryfl.com and click on the "Community" tab.✱

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Book Review

White Ivy



by Di Saggau

White Ivy is a dazzling and sophisticated debut novel about a young woman's obsession with her grade school crush. Ivy Lin is a liar and a thief, though she doesn't look the

part. She was raised for a while by her maternal grandmother, Meifing, a petty thief. Ivy moved to Massachusetts from China when she was 5 years old to live with her parents. Meifing followed later and managed to teach Ivy a few tricks of her trade.

Years later, Ivy is a poised young woman, but restless due to her feelings about her upbringing and her family. In Boston, she runs into her old boyfriend's sister, which results in reconnecting with Gideon. Ivy feels it's fate. She attaches herself to his family and attends fancy dinners and special getaways to the Cape.

Ivy doesn't feel she fits in and doesn't like her looks. She would have "traded her face a thousand times over for a blue-eyed, blond-haired version, instead of her own Chinese one with its too-thin lips, embarrassingly high forehead, two fleshy cheeks like ripe apples before the

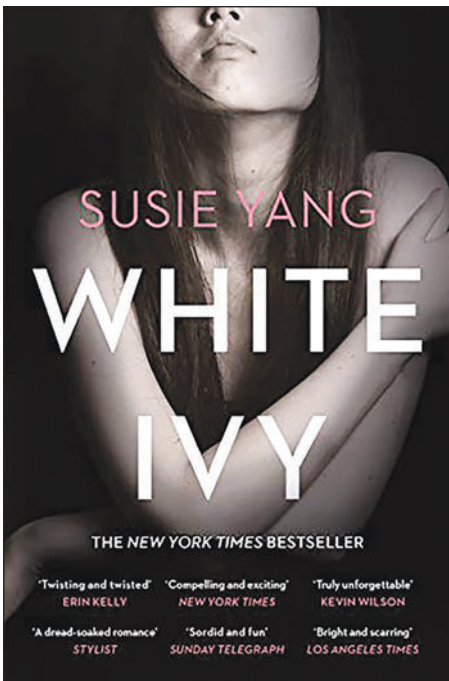


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autumn pickings." Her mother, a bitter woman, doesn't help her insecurities. She often aims her vicious mean streaks at her daughter.

Ivy becomes a first-grade teacher, even though she doesn't especially like children. Just as she feels her life is about to change for the better, someone from her past comes on the scene, threatening what she has worked so hard to create.

Yang moves us through a plot that

has wonderful twists and she makes Ivy an unforgettable narrator. We also get insights into the immigrant experience, exploring class, race, family and identity.

White Ivy gives us a look into the dark side of a young woman who is determined to achieve success at any cost. Ivy is an intelligent, broken and deeply insecure woman who will enthrall readers.✧

School Smart



by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSF

Dear Shelley, Fireworks season is upon us and a question that parents often ask themselves is, at what age is it OK to take a young child to

the fireworks? Fireworks, while a time-honored tradition, can be somewhat frightening for children younger than 5, and it's very wise to prepare your children ahead of time. It's smart to discuss the event before you go.

Typically, children (and adults) are less anxious when they know what to expect. Explain that you attend the show at night, that fireworks are pretty lights in the sky, followed by a big, booming sound. Also, describe where you will be viewing the fireworks and include how long it'll take to get there, how long the fireworks show will last and how many other people might be present. You may also prepare your child by watching a video of fireworks at home before you go.

It's also a good idea to pack your child's special toy or blanket to help them adjust to the new environment, and a pair of earplugs or noise canceling headphones in case the noise is upsetting. Letting them have a comforting toy or item should help them to enjoy the show a bit more.

If your child does become anxious, don't make fun of them, or compare them to their sibling who's having a great time. You should stay close by and coach them through each firework until they start to understand the pattern. While the name of the various types of patterns are listed, it might be fun for you and your child to come up with your own names for these popular patterns. Following are some descriptions, (courtesy of PBS) of the most common fireworks that you and your child can look for, discuss and hopefully enjoy.

Peony – The most common type of firework, the peony shell is characterized by a spherical break of colored stars that burn without generating a trail of sparks, or tail effect.

Chrysanthemum – Similar to a peony, a chrysanthemum has a spherical break of colored stars, though its stars leave behind a trail of sparks.

Willow – The willow resembles a chrysanthemum, but with long burning silver or gold stars that produce a soft, dome-shaped weeping willow-like effect.

Diadem – As a type of peony or chrysanthemum, a diadem has a cluster of stationary stars at its center.

Palm – This shell contains a few large comet stars which, in bursting, create large tendrils that give it the appearance of a palm tree.

Crossette – A crossette produces stars that each break apart into four smaller stars, creating a crisscross effect.

Horsetail – The horsetail shell is identifiable by its break, which resembles a short tail.

Ring – A ring shell emits stars in a halo-like shape. Smiley faces, stars and other such identifiable shapes are common variants.

Roman Candle – A Roman candle is a long cylinder that can discharge either a single large star or a series of them between short intervals.

Cake – With a fuse that sets off a variety of effects in succession, a cake is essentially many Roman candles fused together. Cakes vary widely in size, though some can contain over 1,000 shots.

And if nothing is making your child comfortable, it's time to go home and watch a fireworks display on TV with the sound off.

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Fireworks

the Passport parking app or at www.ppprk.com;

Park at the Lee County park and ride lot on Pine Ridge Road and ride the trolley from 3 to 11 p.m.;

Watch the fireworks from one of the town's 26 beach accesses that are spread along Estero Boulevard toward the south end of the island;

Parking is available at Newton Beach Park with beach access, restrooms and showers, tiki huts, picnic tables and an accessible ramp;

Reserve a spot at Matanzas Harbor Mooring Field and experience the show on a vessel in Estero Bay.

Matanzas Pass Bridge will be closed from 9 to 11:30 p.m. to oncoming traffic. Opening is subject to the direction of the Lee County Sheriff and traffic detail. Big Carlos Pass Bridge on the south end of Estero Island will remain open throughout.

Personal fireworks are not permitted anywhere in the town, and glass and bottles are not permitted on the beach.

The Fort Myers Mighty Mussels will hold a Fireworks Extravaganza at Hammond Stadium after the 7 p.m. game versus the Brandenton Marauders. For more information or to reserve tickets, visit www.milb.com/fort-myers.✧

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The \$25,000 Red Sox donation raised Lee Health Foundation's grand total to over \$250,000 photo provided

Boston Red Sox Foundation Gives To Nonprofits

The Boston Red Sox Foundation recently presented two local nonprofits with \$25,000 each.

"Due to COVID, we were not able to host annual fundraisers for the Lee Health Foundation and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Lee County this past year," said Jay Fandel, senior manager of Florida Ballpark Operations Boston Red Sox. "We have partnered with both of these nonprofits for years and after such a tough year, our foundation wanted to continue our support through these donations."

Each year during Spring Training, the Boston Red Sox Foundation supports the Lee Health Foundation through its Boston Red Sox Celebrity Classic Golf Tournament, Tee Party Dinner and Auction, and Dinner on the Diamond as well as the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County's Evening with the Red Sox. For more than two decades, the Red Sox have helped these organizations raise

millions of dollars for their programs.

"Fortunately, since it's been such a long-standing tournament partnering with the Boston Red Sox and The Forest Country Club, donors and community residents were willing to support this year even without an event," said Katy Martinez, director of development for Lee Health Foundation. "We're so thankful for the \$25,000 donation from the Boston Red Sox Foundation, as well as the many generous supporters that helped us raise over \$250,000 this year. The funds raised will help bring a pediatric neurosurgery program to Golisano Children's Hospital."

"Everyone is really looking forward to the tournament returning next year," said Brenda Lanza, director of membership and marketing for The Forest Country Club, which has hosted the golf tournament for 27 years.

"We are so thankful to the Boston Red Sox for giving back to their community while promoting the importance of our youth living a healthy and active lifestyle," said Denise Gergley, CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County. "Our members are extremely grateful for this generous donation and the Red Sox continued support."✱✱

Nonprofits In The Spotlight Online

If you are looking to join a nonprofit board, support a fundraiser or volunteer for a good cause in Lee, Collier or Charlotte county, visit the nonprofit page at www.swflinc.com/nonprofit-news.

Nonprofit members of SWFL Inc. regularly submit event flyers, press releases and other updates to the page.

For more ways to connect with area nonprofits, visit The Hub at SWFL Inc., which features a new nonprofit display table every week. The Hub is a community work and meeting space open weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. It is located inside the SWFL Inc. building at 25071 Chamber of Commerce Drive in Bonita Springs.

If you work or volunteer with a

nonprofit that you'd like to see featured with SWFL Inc., contact Sara Freck at sara@swflinc.com, or learn more at www.swflinc.com/membership/nonprofit.✱✱

Bank Hires Loan Coordinator

Katherine Keuvelaar has joined Sanibel Captiva Community Bank as a residential loan processing coordinator in the residential loan operations division at the Bridge Branch, located at 9311 College Parkway in Fort Myers. She is responsible for processing personal loan files.

Prior to joining the bank, Keuvelaar worked in sales for the automobile and wireless services industries. She graduated from Flagler College with a bachelor's degree in fine arts.✱✱

Marketing Firm Wins Awards



From left, Teri Hansen, Nicki McTeague, Olivia Orth, Jonathan Price and Melissa Mitchell photo provided

Priority Marketing earned two international Telly Awards recognizing the firm's work in video production.

Founded in 1979, the Telly Awards is a premier global competition honoring excellence in local, regional and cable television commercials, as well as non-broadcast video and television programming. Winners represent some of the most respected advertising agencies, television stations, production companies and publishers around the world.

Priority Marketing earned Telly Awards for the following videos:

Silver (Branded Content – Cause

Marketing category): Kids' Minds Matter Secret Garden Gala 2020

Bronze (Branded Content – Corporate Image category): Priority Marketing Agency Video

"No medium is more powerful than video as it uses sound and motion to evoke emotion," said Priority Marketing President and Senior Creative Director Teri Hansen, APR. "The Telly Awards recognize the best professional video content across all platforms, and our team is extremely proud to win these prestigious awards."

Priority Marketing has won 14 Telly Awards since 2006.✱✱

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Will Power

Providing A Monthly Stipend



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

Don and Theresa were married for 15 years, each had children from a prior marriage. They lived at a continuing care retirement community (CCRC) that required ongoing monthly payments that included life care. The couple agreed that if Theresa survived Don, his estate would pay \$1,500 toward her monthly expenses for the rest of her life.

"I want you to put that in my trust," Don instructed, "then leave the rest to my two children in equal shares."

"How much should I carve out of your estate from which to pay the monthly amount?" I asked.

"You don't understand," Don continued, "I want my estate to pay \$1,500 a month until she dies, the rest will go to my children."

"Do your children have to wait until Theresa's death to inherit?" I asked.

"No!" Don said, looking increasingly exasperated.

"Well, in order for your personal representative to know how much to distribute to your children at your death, we need to know how much to carve out of your estate to hold from which to pay the \$1,500 a month," I explained.

"How should I know that?" Don said, scratching his head.

How much, indeed.

I have seen several will and trust documents that don't make sense because they call for distributions over an unknown time period, such as in this example, for the life of Theresa. Unless we know exactly how long Theresa is going to live, it's only a guess how much to hold aside for her care.

The issue becomes that much more complex when it's laid out as an obligation under a nuptial agreement. It becomes even more complex as in one case that I encountered where the monthly stipend was to increase annually by Consumer Price

Index (CPI).

The way I tackled it in one case was to create a formula at the time of Don's death. The first step directed the trustee use the Social Security Administration's Actuarial Life Table to estimate Theresa's life expectancy at the time of Don's death. Then, a conservative internal rate of return on the investments over the period was used, and a CPI estimate added to that to determine the amount that would be carved out to make the distributions.

In case Theresa had a condition that would affect her life expectancy, the trust required her to be medically examined after Don's death and to share that report with the trustee. If that exam indicated an issue that would adversely affect her life expectancy, then the trustee was directed to use a life insurance morbidity table in determining the amount to carve out from which to pay the monthly payments.

You can see that there are a number of variables involved. Another option I drafted into the document let the trustee purchase a commercial annuity rather than make the calculation. Because Don wanted whatever was left at the end of Theresa's life to be distributed to his children, the annuity would have to include a remainder provision.

Another issue that had to be addressed is how the monthly amounts were to be satisfied. Since income trapped in an irrevocable trust is taxed at a higher federal tax rate, the ordinary income would first be distributed to Theresa, then capital gains, then the principle.

I bring up this case because in another that landed on my desk, the clients had attempted to draft these provisions themselves using an online program. It was an expensive mess for the family.

Rather than promise a monthly amount, spouses in this situation could always agree to set aside a specific dollar amount to satisfy the obligation. That dollar amount may be too much or not enough, but in so doing, the trustee would be absolved from making the inquiries necessary to calculate the carve out.

Sometimes what seems like a simple direction can be anything but. That's why it's so important to seek competent, experienced legal advice. Next time you want a monthly or annual amount distributed to a beneficiary, consider the issues and alternatives that might be much easier to administer.

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School Officials Attend Summer Conference

Lee County School Board members Debbie Jordan, Betsy Vaughn, Melisa Giovannelli, Chris Patricca and Cathleen Morgan joined approximately 350 school board members, district superintendents and other education leaders in Tampa from June 9 to 11 to participate in the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) FADSS annual Summer Conference.

The conference involved an executive officers meeting, committee meetings, board of directors' meeting, networking breakfasts and an opening general session that included keynote speaker Brandon Fleming, assistant debate coach at Harvard University and founder/CEO of the Harvard Diversity Project, who spoke on Critical Thinking for Critical Times. The general session was followed by the FSBA General Membership Business Meeting, breakout sessions covering topics such as response to the community during COVID-19, learning during the pandemic, elevating student voice, addressing mental health during and post COVID-19, great governance and the intersection between education and industry.

Dr. Helen Fagan, founder of Global Leadership Group and a faculty member and program lead at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, spoke on Becoming Inclusive – A Worthy Pursuit in Leadership. The conference ended with a briefing on the 2021 Legislative Session including implications for policy changes.

"After the year we have had, it was wonderful to come together and collaborate with board members and superintendents from other districts," said Jordan. "School boards directly affect student learning, and we were able to gain

knowledge that will position us for success next school year."

At the conference, Patricca was sworn in as FSBA president. She will serve a one-year term for the 2021-22 school year. "Over the last 16 months, board members and superintendents have navigated through uncharted waters while simultaneously dealing with constantly changing conditions in our schools," Patricca said. "Through these unprecedented times, we continued to provide high quality educational leadership to the school districts and the communities we serve. It was vital for school district leaders to convene in-person to share challenges and successes and receive professional development in best practices for public education leadership, which ultimately results in success for all students. As a result of coming together in-person, FSBA members have an even stronger commitment to high student achievement and a better understanding of how best to serve our communities as we emerge from this pandemic together."✧

Kiwanis Creates Virtual Reading Videos For Youth

The Fort Myers- Edison Kiwanis has adapted its existing Reading Rocks program to accommodate current pandemic restrictions and also allow the club to keep reading to children over the summer, wherever they are. Club members have created videos of them doing virtual readings of books appropriate for preschool and elementary school students. To view the Reading Rocks videos, visit www.edison-kiwanis.com/ReadingRocks.html.

"Historically, once a month, members would visit with a local school, read a

story and distribute a book to each of the students in the class to take home," said club member Harris Segel. "We will be happy to get back into schools in the future, but we wanted to fill that gap until that is possible. This also allows us to share the joy of reading with students outside of the schools we typically serve." Schools served in the past include North Fort Myers Academy of the Arts, Tice Elementary and Edison Park Elementary.

The Fort Myers- Edison Kiwanis is looking for more service-minded individuals and business professionals who would like to make an impact on the community through volunteering. Meetings are being held every Thursday at 8 a.m. at Perkins in North Fort Myers and via Zoom.

For details on joining the club, call Harris Segel at 939-4027 or email hsegel@edison-kiwanis.com.✧

Airport Traffic

During May, a record-breaking 946,366 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers. This was an increase of 562 percent compared to May 2020 and more than 30 percent above May 2019. Year-to-date, passenger traffic is up 34.9 percent compared to last year.

The traffic leader in May was Southwest Airlines with 212,214 total passengers. Rounding out the top five airlines were Delta (193,971), American (124,336), United (122,108) and JetBlue (94,007).

Southwest Florida International Airport had 9,203 aircraft operations, an increase of nearly 175 percent compared to May 2020. Page Field saw 12,097 operations, a 24.7 percent increase compared to May 2020.

Southwest Florida International Airport

served nearly six million passengers in 2020 and is one of the top 50 U.S. airports for passenger traffic. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for airport operation or construction. For more information, visit www.flylcpa.com or www.facebook.com/flylcpa.✧

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Reptile

iguanas and tegus must be permanently microchipped and owners must have applied for a no-cost permit. All other entities must come into compliance with the new rules by July 28 as well, including entities possessing the regulated species for research, educational exhibition, eradication/control or commercial sale purposes. Additionally, entities with these species will have 180 days to come into compliance with the new outdoor caging requirements. The 180-day grace period for upgrading outdoor caging ends October 26, 2021.

More than 500 nonnative species have been reported in Florida. Approximately 80 percent of these species have been introduced via the live animal trade with more than 130 established in Florida, meaning they are reproducing in the wild. Since most nonnative invasive fish and wildlife find their way into Florida's habitats through escape or release from the live animal trade, it is important to create regulations to prevent high-risk nonnative invasive wildlife from becoming introduced or further established in Florida's environment.

For more information on how these new rules will impact pet owners, commercial sellers, exhibitors, trappers and other groups, or to learn more about Tag Your Reptile Day events, visit www.MyFWC.com/ReptileRule.

More information about nonnative species in Florida can be found at www.MyFWC.com/Nonnatives.✧

Superior Interiors

Subtle Interior Design Tips



by Linda Coin

Often, the difference between a run-of-the-mill room and a truly extraordinary one is subtle. You can't quite put your finger on what sets the latter apart, but there is just something

about it that makes sense. It is cohesive without being monotonous, engaging without being cloying and well-appointed without being stiff.

Much of it comes down to experience and creativity. Designers have a wealth of knowledge in making rooms look their best, and the intrinsic artfulness to transform a vision into reality. Their ability to walk into a space and figure out how to get the most out of it is borne of years of practice and resists easy categorization. However, there are some principles that help guide top-notch interior decoration.

In a small or medium-sized room, you generally want to choose one point of visual focus. In a larger room, you might go with two, but anything more than that and you run the risk of creating cacophony. A space without a focal point is dull, but one with too many can be distracting. Antiques, unique finds,

and large paintings are all good choices. They naturally draw the eye and are worth showing off. Use one of them to anchor a room and make the other pieces secondary. Visitors will naturally have their attention drawn to the star of the space, without being distracted by too much going on.

One of the readiest tells of amateur design is thoughtless rug placement. You have three basic choices (all on, front on, or all off) when it comes to putting your furniture on an area rug, and you should always be deliberate when deciding which to go with. Whichever of these you choose, make sure that you are consistent. If some of the furniture is on the rug and some of it is off, the room could look sloppy.

If you want to create a dynamic visual contrast in your room, you don't always need to use a variety of colors. Sometimes, using furniture and accessories in different textures is a better, more cohesive method of breaking through the monotony. The worry with these shades is that they will come off as bland and uninteresting. Avoid this pitfall by switching up the materials, mix and match raw silk, velvet, cotton and linen for a visual depth that goes beyond hue. Some of the sheens will absorb sun, whereas others will reflect it, allowing you to play around with the influence of light on the space.

Shopping for new furniture on your own can be difficult, particularly because you see it out of the context of your own room. Something that didn't seem onerous in the store can completely dwarf the rest of your pieces. Or, it could have

stood out when you bought it, but seemed far too small and forgettable once you brought it home. You should have items of various scale in the rooms you design, and always have a keen understanding of how new pieces will fit into that scheme. Your best bet for doing this well is to bring pictures and measurements whenever you go shopping, or to simply consult with a design professional who can help guide you through the process.

When you're redesigning a room or moving into a new house, it can be tempting to make painting the walls the first thing you do. Sometimes, this makes sense, but it is well worth considering

switching the order and leaving repainting until the end.

There are thousands of paint colors out there, and dozens even within the same general color scheme. A particular hue might be perfect to start with, but as you bring in more pieces to complete the room, it could be slightly off from ideal. If you take the time to finish planning the space before painting, you avoid these issues and can be assured that you are choosing the perfect color.

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

Continental Women's Club Scholarships

The Continental Women's Club of Greater Fort Myers recently awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to each of two graduating senior girls from Lee County high schools.

The recipients are Gabriela Fortuna and Victoria Mercado-Lues. Gabriela graduated from South Fort Myers High School and will attend Tallahassee Community College. She plans to major in Asian studies with an emphasis in business and international management.

Victoria graduated from Cape Coral High School and will attend the University of South Florida. She will major in art and plans to work as either a freelance artist or a children's book illustrator.



Gabriela Fortuna



Victoria Mercado-Lues

The Continental Women's Club of Greater Fort Myers was established in 1975. Membership is open to women living in Lee County who are interested in both social and philanthropic endeavors. The club started awarding scholarships in 1998 and has helped 51 high school seniors by contributing over \$63,000 in scholarships.✴

New Research Center Opens At Shell Point

Shell Point Retirement Community has opened the Neuropsychiatric Research Center (NPRC) of Southwest Florida – Shell Point. The new outpatient research facility, located within the Larsen Pavilion, combines the strength of Neuropsychiatric Research Center, an Evolution Research Group Portfolio Site, and Florida's largest continuing care retirement community to conduct high-quality clinical trials in Alzheimer's disease and other neurological disorders.

During an open house in May, guests toured the new NPRC – Shell Point site and met Dr. Vinod K. Bhatnagar, who will lead a team of board-certified physicians that includes Dr. Wendy Bond and Dr. Andrew J. Cutler. The NPRC – Shell Point team will offer cutting-edge research opportunities and education for the residents of Shell Point and throughout Southwest Florida.

"As families navigate cognitive conditions like Alzheimer's and dementia, and neurological disorders, such as Parkinson's, NPRC – Shell Point will offer the education and support they need," said Christy Skinner, vice president of healthcare at Shell Point. "Shell Point is proud to share this learning opportunity not only with our residents, but our regional community as well."

Alzheimer's is the most common

form of dementia, a general term for memory loss and other cognitive abilities serious enough to interfere with daily life. Alzheimer's disease accounts for 60 to 80 percent of dementia cases. According to the Alzheimer's Association, an estimated 6.2 million Americans age 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's dementia in 2021.

As part of its diversification of central nervous system disease trials, NPRC – Shell Point will also offer an inpatient unit to serve even a greater population of volunteers desiring to participate in clinical research trials and fight back against Alzheimer's, memory loss and other central nervous system disorders. Research will also branch into chronic conditions like diabetes and cardiovascular conditions.

For more information about NPRC – Shell Point, visit www.nprc-SWFL.com or call 790-0080.✴

New Nonstop Flight This Fall

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Frankly Speaking



by Howard Prager

Playoffs heat up, another no hitter, Olympic trials. Let's start with the Stanley Cup featuring the top city in sports, Tampa Bay (really? yes!) and one of the original six, the

Montreal Canadiens, who had the worst record of the 16-playoff contenders in this years' Stanley Cup. The last time these teams met was in 2020 when Tampa swept the series going 4-0. Two games will have been played by the time you're reading this, as the Lightning attempts to become the first team to repeat as champions since the Penguins in 2015-16 and 2016-17. The Canadiens haven't won the cup since 1993, a year after the Lightning franchise was founded. They own the record with the most wins of any team with 24. Founded in 1909, the Canadiens are the longest continuously operating professional ice hockey team worldwide and the only existing NHL club to predate the founding of the NHL. A storied franchise versus an expansion franchise is the backstory of this series.

On the hoops side, I got a chance to see the Bucks take on the Hawks and

then fizzle at the end of Game 1 in the Eastern Conference Finals. In Game 2, the Bucks came back strong to win, then went on to win the first game in Atlanta Sunday night in Game 3 for a 2-1 lead. So home court appears to be no advantage As of this writing, Phoenix is one game away from winning the Western Finals, and would have at least a few days to recover before the Finals begin. Although the NBA honchos would prefer to see the LA market in the Finals, the Suns have never won a Finals and were last in the finals in 1993. The Bucks won a Finals back in 1971 on a team with Kareem and the "Big O" Oscar Robertson handing out a team record 668 assists. In winning the championship in only their third season, the Bucks set a record for going further and faster than any other expansion team in professional sports history.

I'll stay with basketball a minute to talk about the next "Dream Team," led by the Nets' Kevin Durant. Of the playoff teams mentioned, the Suns are represented by Devin Booker, and Khris Middleton and Jrew Holiday are from the Bucks (this isn't like the All Star game where each team is represented). It does appear that the Olympics will take place, but with no fans in attendance. Personally, I don't think it's fair to Japan to go ahead with the games under these circumstances, but the IOC has spoken, so the U.S. (and other countries) are in their trials to determine team members.

The Chicago Cubs are one streaky team this year, playing either great or awful baseball. Last week, they recorded their first combined no-hitter, dating back to 1876. A combined no-hitter was last done in 2019 by the Astros. In fact, the three relievers who came in to relieve starter Zach Davies had no idea that they were taking part in a no-hitter, each throwing one inning: Ryan Tepera, Andrew Chafin and closer Craig Kimbrel. On another historical note, it was the first no-hitter thrown against a lineup with three former MVP Award winners – Mookie Betts, Cody Bellinger and Albert Pujols.

The good news story of the week comes from CBS News reporter Steve Hartman, taking us back to Chris Nikic who was the first person with Downs Syndrome to complete an Ironman last year. Since then, 21-year old Nikic has been a hero to 14-year old Caleb Prewitt, another person with Downs Syndrome. At first, Prewitt couldn't even bike without assistance. But Nikic took him under his wings, like a mentor or even older brother, to Caleb's delight. They train together, and Nikic's pushing has helped Prewitt reach his first goal – being invited to Florida's Special Olympics triathlon team, the youngest person to do so. "Just the fact that he was so warm and inspiring helped Caleb realize that these are things that I can do, too," said his mom Karen. Concluded Steve Hartman, "Heroes come in many different shapes, sizes and abilities. But they all have the

same superpower: To lift the hopes of others." As we enter into our July 4 holiday, let us all lift the hopes of those around us as we thank and celebrate those who brought us the freedom we all enjoy every day.

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Blood Donations Urgently Needed

Lee Health is seeking blood donations to help replenish supply levels. Current blood supplies are critically low, and Lee Health's blood centers are in urgent need of donors. As home to the region's only trauma center, it is vital that the health system's blood supply remains at healthy levels in order to quickly care for patients needing an urgent transfusion. Blood and blood products are not only used in the trauma center, but also to treat cancer patients, premature babies, anemia and a variety of other conditions.

All blood donated at Lee Health stays within the health system to care for patients in Southwest Florida.

For more information on how and where to donate, visit www.leehealth.org/our-services/blood-centers.✪

Seminar On Crisis Planning And Communication

The Southwest Florida Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA) invites business leaders and PR/marketing professionals to attend the upcoming in-person crisis communication seminar. The event will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13 at Dave and Buster's, located at 13499 Cleveland Avenue in Bell Tower Shops, Fort Myers.

A crisis hitting your organization is scary. Even scarier is not being ready to effectively communicate about it. A 2021 study found that 69 percent of leaders experienced at least one corporate crisis between 2014 and 2019, but only 45 percent had a crisis communication plan to help guide them through various scenarios. And, 95 percent said their crisis preparation needs improvement.

Every communicator needs to be prepared for anything. While you can't anticipate what happens, you can gain the basic skills and best practices to help you and your organization communicate through a crisis.

This tabletop event will include a small-group setup, led by crisis communications experts from a variety of industries:

Mary Briggs, APR, CPRC, system director, marketing and brand

management, Lee Health, Betsy Clayton, APR, CPRC, director of communications, Lee County Government,

Victoria Moreland, chief communications and marketing officer, Lee County Port Authority,

Trish Robertson, APR, CPRC, communications officer, Collier County Supervisor of Elections; and

Jessica Walker, APR, CPRC, marketing and public relations manager, Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Company.

Participatpns will tackle real-life scenarios any PR professional could be faced with in their careers and leave with takeaways on how your next crisis doesn't have to be a disaster.

Cost is \$25 for students, \$30 for members and \$40 for future members. Register online by July 9 at www.fpraswfl.org.✪

School Board Seeks Committee Members

The Lee County School Board is looking for members to join its citizens advisory committees. These committees meet on a regular basis to provide input, support and advice to the board.

The committees on which members of the public may serve include: Construction Advisory Committee

(CAC); Continuous Systemic Improvement (CSI) Advisory Committee; Curriculum Advisory Committee (CUAC); Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee (EDAC); Finance Advisory Committee (FAC).

Anyone interested in serving on one of these committees should fill out an online application. School board members will choose and approve new members at their September 8 meeting. Members serve for two years and may be appointed to serve additional terms on the same committee.

In appointing members to the advisory committees, the school board

will make every effort to reflect the diversity of the community population whenever possible. In addition, board members will seek to appoint citizens with knowledge and skills that are beneficial to specific committees. All advisory committee meetings are open to the public and will be videotaped and uploaded to the district's YouTube channel. Each committee will be subject to the Sunshine Law.

Online applications will be taken continually to be considered for appointments made when vacancies occur throughout the appointment year(s) on each of the committees.✪

SPORTS QUIZ

1. What former NBA player and coach served as head coach of the Utah Utes men's basketball program from 2011-21?
2. Traktor Chelyabinsk, Dinamo Minsk and Lokomotiv Yaroslavl are teams competing in what ice hockey league?
3. Against what boxer did Riddick Bowe win consecutive fights – both by disqualification for low blows – in 1996?
4. In 1955, driver Pierre Levegh died in a crash and 83 spectators were killed by debris at what famous motorsports endurance race?
5. What University of Miami Hurricanes running back suffered torn knee ligaments in the 2003 Fiesta Bowl and would miss his entire rookie season with the Buffalo Bills?
6. What long-distance relay running series includes races named Bourbon Chase, Wasatch Back, Northwest Passage, Del Sol and Reach the Beach?
7. First awarded in 1962, the King Spud Trophy is the prize in the college basketball rivalry between what two teams?

ANSWERS

1. Larry Krystkowiak. 2. Kontinental Hockey League (KHL). 3. Andrew Golota. 4. 24 Hours of Le Mans. 5. Willis McGahee. 6. Ragnar Relay Series. 7. The Idaho State Bengals and the University of Idaho Vandals.

Doctor and Dietician

Nutritious Picnic Fare



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

Holiday picnics are so much fun, especially when great food is involved. We love getting together with family and friends to celebrate America's Independence Day. Instead of always consuming high-fat, processed foods, take some time to consider nutritionalizing your picnic fare. We are blessed with a foodie group of friends who love to eat healthy, delicious food. We are regularly trying new ways to make our get-togethers healthier. Here are some of our favorites:

Potato Salad: Instead of mayonnaise-based potato salad, consider making it with a mayo-free herb olive oil dressing. We like to use red skin potatoes or baby Yukon gold potatoes. Boil them until fork-tender, about 10 minutes. Drain. Make a vinaigrette-based dressing by simply whisking together extra virgin olive oil, vinegar (we love balsamic, apple cider, and lemon), seasonings of your choice (our top choices are fresh chopped garlic, basil, oregano, and parsley with some lemon zest), salt/pepper. Other great herbs are dill, cilantro, chives, tarragon, and mint. Mix it up a bit. Add the dressing to the warm potatoes to allow time for the flavors to enhance. Favorite additions to the potatoes include avocado, capers, celery, onion, hard-boiled eggs, pickles, bell pepper, olives, radishes, or even

chopped fruit such as pear, apple or pineapple.

Charcuterie Boards: For us, it's all about the board – we just love making charcuterie boards. They make great picnic fare as well. Our board favorites include roasted veggies, an assortment of cheeses, olives, dried and/or fresh fruits, crusty GF bread or crackers, and nitrate-free meats, and smoked salmon or white fish. These pair well with a delicious chilled white or rose wine.

Grilled Proteins: We are so blessed that one of our friends loves to grill a wide array of things that are great to take to the beach or backyard, including ribs, steak, chicken, salmon and shrimp. Preparing these ahead of time and eating them at room temp or cold makes for an easy, healthier version. Marinating in an olive oil herb (the green stuff) for a few hours before grilling takes it to a whole new level.

Salads In A Jar: Mason jar salads have become a favorite when we go fishing or picnicking with our friends. Put the dressing in the bottom, then add the hard veggies like onions, carrots, radishes, etc., lettuce or spinach, bleu cheese, pecans, tomatoes, or whatever you like in your salad. Grab and go. Dump onto a plate and top with your grilled proteins. Healthy and delish!

Fresh Fruit: Fresh fruit makes such a wonderful healthy dessert. We love making fruit salad with a drizzle of lime juice, vanilla and a pinch of salt. Fruit skewers are also a fun way to make individual servings. Banana, strawberry and banana look great for July 4th – or add a baby mozzarella ball. Another fun thing to do is make fruit-yogurt parfaits in individual small mason jars or cups.

We wish our readers a wonderful upcoming holiday weekend and hope that you can use these tips to make those picnics just a little healthier.

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Ross Hauser, MD, and Marion Hauser, MS, RD, established Caring Medical in 1991. Caring Medical Florida and the Hauser Neck Center are located in Fort Myers. They can be reached at info@caringmedical.com.✱

dearRPharmacist

Get Control Of Headaches Once And For All



by Suzy
Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: Recently, I was headed to meet a friend for lunch, and she texted me last minute she had a migraine. I turned the car around,

went home, grabbed a copy of my *Headache Free* book and dropped it off for her. When I checked on her the next day, she was way better than she normally would be 24 hours after the episode. She said she had tried a couple of the quick hacks I recommended in my book and improved, so today's article is dedicated to migraines, and the migrenades that cause them!

A "migrenade" is my term for substances that go off like a grenade in your brain, and trigger a migraine. It's a made up term that works well and is immediately understood. All the pain-causing cytokines in your body should be considered migrenades, because they are responsible for the pain and inflammation associated with headaches. One of them is NF Kappa B, which is discussed below. But first of all, I suggest you minimize or eliminate these most powerful migrenades if you ever want to feel better:

- Artificial sweeteners and dyes
- Any clothing that requires dry cleaning
- Monosodium glutamate (MSG)
- Vegetable oil which contains bromine
- Fancy dryer sheets
- Perfume that contains synthetic chemicals

By the way, you can make your own dryer sheets by taking some cotton and putting a few drops of your favorite essential oil and tossing it in the dryer

with your clothes. I like lavender mixed with either wild orange or lemon essential oil. The possibilities using natural essential oils are limitless and this trick won't harm your endocrine glands.

Now, let's cover two important nutrients that support your endocrine glandular health.

Iodine – Iodine is one of the components that helps make thyroid hormone. Low thyroid hormone is one cause for migraines, so iodine or a good thyroid supplement could be helpful at reducing frequency.

Ashwagandha – This herb comes from a shrub native to India, and it's also called Indian ginseng. The extract helps make thyroid hormone and provide antioxidant protection. One of my favorite supplements for thyroid (and adrenal) health is "winter cherry" or ashwagandha, known botanically as *Withania somnifera*. I often suggest it as an option for people cannot sleep because it is so sedating. This herb is a strong antioxidant and will protect your DNA.

Earlier, I mentioned NF Kappa B as a natural compound in your body, but one that is associated with migraines. Activation of this substance is also associated with facial pain, autoimmune diseases, depression, anxiety, attention deficit, diabetes, chronic infections, obesity and just the mere fact that you're aging.

Fortunately, there are natural compounds that slow down this pathway, reducing pain. Among the best are probiotic supplements, a cup of green tea, lipoic acid, omega 3 fish oils, curcumin, lipoic acid, resveratrol and a few others. The popular medication for diabetes "metformin" also happens to dampen down this pathway. If you'd like to read a more comprehensive version of this article, please sign up for my newsletter at www.suzycohen.com and I'll email you more information.

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

Data Released On Homelessness In Lee County

The Lee County Homeless Coalition is an advocacy group made up of individual stakeholders and agencies who are engaged to ensure that homelessness is rare, brief and one-time. The coalition represents the Continuum of Care, a local planning body that coordinates housing and human services funding for homeless families and individuals. Once per year, the coalition, with the help of many volunteers, conducts a Point in Time (PIT) census to count the homeless and provide data to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The PIT count is also used to gather the information that allows local

service providers to target services to meet the specific needs of the homeless in local communities.

The PIT count, which asked people where they slept the night of January 26, 2021, included both sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and families. The PIT count documented 394 homeless persons, of whom 57 (14.47 percent) were chronically homeless according to the HUD definition. HUD defines chronic homelessness as "an unaccompanied adult homeless individual with a disabling condition who has either continuously been homeless for a year or more or has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years." Among the 394 homeless persons surveyed, 29.44 percent reported having a disabling condition. Also, among the 394 were 30 families with 65 children. There were 39 veterans recorded in the PIT

count, 35 of which were active in a Rapid Rehousing program working with a case manager to obtain housing. Data obtained through the Lee County Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and PIT count found that during the year, there were an estimated 2,789 people experiencing homelessness in Lee County.

Housing and service programs for the homeless are provided in part through Continuum of Care funds from HUD. The 2020 Continuum of Care funding announcements were made in January 2021. Lee County was awarded funding to sustain existing programs and begin new programs that provide housing and services to persons experiencing homelessness. These programs are operated by Lee County Human and Veterans Services, Community Assisted and Supported Living, Lee County Housing Development Corporation, Jewish Family and Children Services,

Saint Vincent de Paul, Goodwill Industries of SWFL, and The Salvation Army. The total awarded amount was \$1,997,727.

The Lee County Homeless Coalition thanks all the volunteers who assisted with this year's PIT count.✱

Dean's High Honors List

Nolan Reese of Fort Myers was named to the dean's high honors list during the spring 2021 semester at Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio. Reese is majoring in petroleum engineering.

To be recognized for the dean's high honors, full-time students must complete at least 15 credit hours with a grade point average of 3.75 or better in a given semester.✱



Emergency	911
Lee County Sheriff's Office	477-1200
Florida Marine Patrol	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
Poison Control	1-800-282-3171
HealthPark Medical Center	1-800-936-5321
Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce	332-3624
Foundation for Quality Childcare	425-2685
Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce	454-7500
Fort Myers Beach Library	463-9691
Lakes Regional Library	533-4000
Lee County Chamber of Commerce	931-0931
Post Office	1-800-275-8777
Visitor & Convention Bureau	338-3500
ARTS	
Alliance for the Arts	939-2787
Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall	481-4849
BIG ARTS	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	278-4422
Cultural Park Theatre	772-5862
Edison Festival of Light	334-2999
Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade	332-4488
Florida West Arts	948-4427
Fort Myers Harmonica Band	610-653-7940
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers	288-2535
Gulf Coast Symphony	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater	472-6862
SW Florida Symphony	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy	936-3239
Young Artists Awards	574-9321
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS	
American Legion Post #38	239-332-1853
Angel Flight	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center	731-3535
American Business Women Association	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL	https://www.audubonswfl.org/
Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR	482-1366
Caloosahatchee Folk Society	321-4620
Cape Chorale Barbershop Chorus	1-855-425-3631
Cape Coral Stamp Club	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists	415-2484
Embroiderers Guild of America - Sea Grape Chapter	239-267-1990
FM UDC Chapter 2614	728-3743
Friendship Force Of SW FL	561-9164
Garden Club of Cape Coral	239-257-2654
Horticulture and Tea Society	472-8334
Horticultural Society	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation	939-7278
Navy Seabees Veterans of America	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL	667-1354
Sons of Confederate Veterans	332-2408
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association	561-2118
Kiwanis Fort Myers Beach	765-4254 or 454-8090
Kiwanis Fort Myers Edison	694-1056
Kiwanis Fort Myers South	691-1405
Iona-McGregor	482-0869
Lions Club Fort Myers Beach	463-9738
Lions Club Fort Myers High Noon	466-4228
Lions Club Estero/South Fort Myers	898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County	768-0417
Organ Transplant Recipients of SW Florida	247-3073
POLO Club of Lee County	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society	472-6940
United Way of Lee County	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour)	211 or 433-3900
AREA ATTRACTIONS	
Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum	395-2233
Burrough's Home	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates	334-7419
Fort Myers Skate Park	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site	239-992-0311
Langford Kingston Home	239-334-2550
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center	765-8101
Skatium	321-7510
Southwest Florida Historical Society	939-4044
Southwest Florida Museum of History	321-7430
True Tours	945-0405

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PUZZLES

Answers on page 23

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!



"If you ask me, he's losing his _____."

Bandit

PARTIE

Delightful

VOLLEY

Quiet

ERENSE

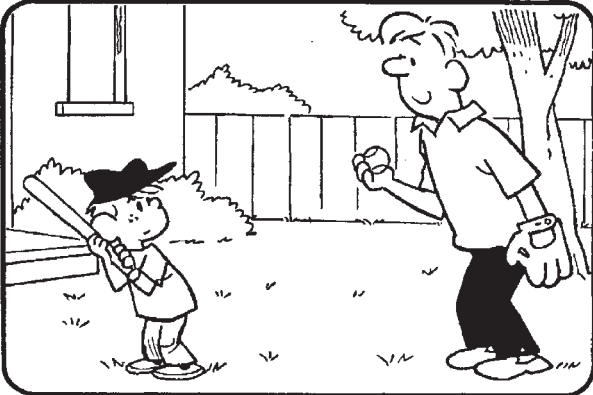
Joyful

DALETE

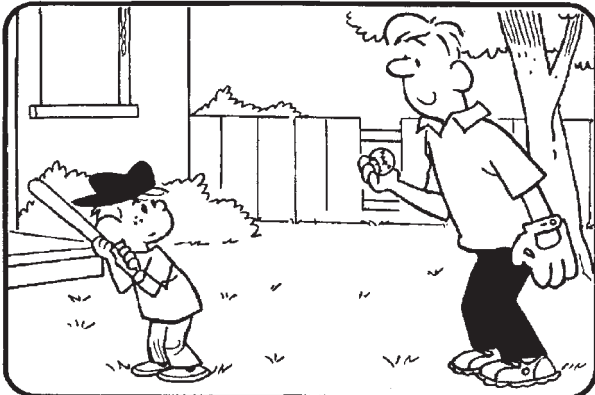
TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Window is wider. 2. Ball is different. 3. Fence is broken. 4. Cap is reversed. 5. Shoes are different. 6. Hedge is smaller.

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

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.

PUZZLES

Answers on page 23

Super Crossword

UNTHEMED #1:
MASSIVE MIDDLE

- ACROSS
- 1 City in Orange County, California

11 Extended animal shelter initiative

21 Regular guy

22 Well-practiced pieces

23 Good snorkeling sites

24 Within a single school

25 Have a brawl

26 — liver (dish rich in iron)

28 Secret agent

29 — -mell (confused)

30 Frozen water

31 Narrow sea routes

33 Title girl in a J.D. Salinger story

35 Swift feline

39 “Have a Heart” singer

41 Total up again

45 People giving accounts

49 Many Bosnians

51 Socratic “T”

52 Homer Simpson voicer Dan

56 Opiate, e.g.

58 Johnson of old comedy

59 Some rupee spenders

60 Most tranquil

61 Ring around the collar?

62 Cellars

64 “Mercy me!”

65 Ring around the collar?

67 Diet for a boxer

69 Get a move on

72 Discussion venue

74 Ponchos’ kin

76 — Fernando Valley

77 Major U.S. field yield

80 Soft, knit fabrics

81 Herr von Bismarck

82 She admired the Man of Steel

83 Perfume ingredient

85 Suffix with meth-

86 Soothing additives

88 Like needles with fibers through them

89 Resembling a hornet, say

91 “Republic” philosopher

93 Largest parts of brains

97 Memo start

99 “Dream on!”

103 Bk. after Exodus

104 Send cyberjunk to

107 Kind

109 Took illegally

110 Electric resistance measure

113 Long-life-cycle plants

116 Cabal boss

118 “Way to go, hero!”

119 Field of a retail boss

120 Gazpacho, basically

121 Warnings about shady deals

DOWN

1 Milk-derived

2 Affirm as true

3 Olympian

4 Distinctive stretches

5 Descend

6 Horrid giant

7 “Riddle me, riddle me —”

8 Thrust out

9 As of now

10 Model 3 car

11 Former Sony record label

12 Where lions lie

13 Makes a selection

14 Be guilty of

15 Waiters’ loads

16 24-hr. cash cache

17 Certain wig

18 Put to work

19 Verbal

20 Tony-winning Carter

27 Method of valuing inventories

31 Sedimentary rocks

32 She’s part of the fam

34 North Pole wife

36 One-named Art Deco artist

37 Summer top

38 Free of artificial ingredients

40 XXX, maybe

42 Affirms as true

43 Oration station

44 With 46-Down, held together with a plumbing adhesive

46 See 44-Down

47 Fill with love

48 Consign to an inferior rank

50 “Glass half full” outlook

52 Announce

53 Sector

54 Uses a wok

55 Bowl over

57 Alero’s make

62 — Center (Brooklyn arena)

63 World Cup sport

66 Electrojet particles

68 Lorna of literature

70 Sol followers

71 Hydroxyl compound

73 Corners on the market

75 Hook up (to)

77 Hawk’s nail

78 “Game of Thrones” actress

79 Lime discard

81 Bygone, quaintly

84 — Lingus (carrier to Dublin)

87 Announce

90 One of the Ewings on “Dallas”

92 Even choice

94 One on in-line skates

95 Acting king

96 Heads off

98 Rio — (mining company)

100 Fishing bait

101 Of a pelvis bone

102 Three-time Grand Prix champion

104 Roast rod

105 Colombian cash

106 William Saroyan’s “My Name Is —”

108 Deck in a boxing ring

110 Korbuto on a balance beam

111 Loaf end

112 Musical “Auntie”

114 Rabid fan

115 Hitter Gehrig

117 Whale pod

King Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 “Sad to say ...”

5 Armed conflict

8 Folksinger Joan

12 Jet speed measure

13 Greek mountain

14 Big name in scat

15 Docking site

16 Leftovers carrier

18 Screenwriter’s creations

20 Reddish horses

21 “I’m not impressed”

22 Martini liquor

23 Skilled

26 Flood protection

30 Gun the engine

31 Witty one

32 “As I see it,” to a texter

33 Sleazy hotel

36 Be nosy

38 Train lines (Abbr.)

39 Aunt, in Acapulco

40 Part of Hispaniola

43 Iced desserts

47 Cinched

49 October birth-

6 Big fusses

7 Cleaning cloth

8 Past

9 Jessica of “Dark Angel”

10 Flair

11 Turns sharply

17 Beam

19 Favorite

22 Joke

23 Canine cry

24 N.J. neighbor

25 First lady?

26 Droop

27 Life story

28 I love (Lat.)

29 Republicans

31 Existed

34 Camelot king

35 French cheese

36 — Lancelot

37 Bigwigs

39 Roman robes

40 Wasted no time

41 Con

42 “Suffice — say ...”

43 Shopper’s delight

44 Fencing sword

45 London gallery

46 Bridge coup

48 Inlet
- DOWN
- 1 Band boosters

2 Secular

3 Computer brand

4 Tempura choice

5 Shoebox datum

50 Words to a back-stabber

51 In the style of

52 Alpha follower

53 Couturier

54 “Of course”

55 Appear

56 Stone

57 Words to a back-stabber

58 In the style of

59 Alpha follower

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MAGIC MAZE ● — OUT

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: No Radio or TV Coverage Allowed

- Average
Bail
Break
Brown
- Carry
Cook
First-in, first-
Lock
- Psyched
Reached
Rounded
Scooped
- Shouted
Stamped
Stretch



Passion Fruit and Orange Margarita

photo courtesy Fresh From Florida



Passion Fruit and Orange Margarita

- 2 ounces freshly squeezed orange juice
- 4 ounces passion fruit juice
- 6 ounces tequila

- 2 ounces orange liqueur
 - 1 ounce freshly squeezed lime juice
 - ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 2 tablespoons fresh-cracked sea salt
- Prepare the glass by running a lime wedge around the rim. Invert glass, and twist rim in salt. Fill cocktail shaker with ice. Pour passion fruit juice, tequila, orange liqueur, orange and lime juices, and vanilla extract in cocktail shaker. Shake the mix vigorously, 50 times or more. Pour into glass; serve chilled.*

PETS OF THE WEEK



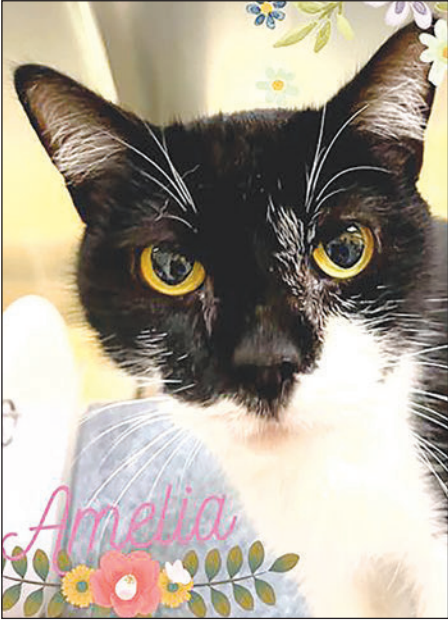
Dodge ID# A872566

photos provided

Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Dodge And Amelia

Hello, my name is Dodge. I'm a tan 2-year-old male pit bull mix. I'm 60 pounds of "Pittie Love." I'm looking for a family that I can run, play and cuddle with at the end of the day. I'm obsessed with Animal Services' kiddie pools – especially if you put a ball in it for me to chase. I will keep you entertained and be your loyal companion. My adoption fee is \$10. Hi, my name is Amelia. I'm a black and white 7-year-old female domestic shorthair. I'm a girl that knows what I want, and I am not afraid to tell you.



Amelia ID# A870438

I'm quite independent and will go about entertaining myself with watching the action around the shelter. When I want attention, I will let you know with typical cat behavior and meowing loudly. My adoption fee is \$10, and you can adopt a 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 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.*

My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2021

- Aries** (March 21 to April 19) You feel ready to face up to a major change, although it might involve some risks. A once-dubious family member comes around and offers support and encouragement.
- Taurus** (April 20 to May 20) Move forward with your plans, despite discouraging words from those who underestimate the Bovine's strong will. Your keen instincts will guide you well.
- Gemini** (May 21 to June 20) A misunderstanding is easily cleared up. Then go ahead and enjoy some fun and games this week. A Libra might have ideas that merit serious consideration for the future.
- Cancer** (June 21 to July 22) You might feel as if you're in an emotional pressure cooker, but the situation is about to change in your favor. Take time out for some well-earned fun.
- Leo** (July 23 to August 22) A shift in your workplace responsibilities creates resentment among some co-workers. Deal with it before it becomes a threat to your success on the job.
- Virgo** (August 23 to September 22)

- Expect some surprises in what you thought was one of your typically well-planned schedules. Deal with them, and then enjoy some lighthearted entertainment.
- Libra** (September 23 to October 22) Be careful: What appears to be a solid financial opportunity might have some hidden risks attached. A hazy personal matter needs to be cleared up.
- Scorpio** (October 23 to November 21) It's a good time to strengthen ties with family and friends. You might feel unsure about a recent workplace decision, but time will prove you did the right thing.
- Sagittarius** (November 22 to December 21) Just when you thought your relationship was comfortable and even predictable, your partner or spouse could spring a potentially life-changing surprise on you.
- Capricorn** (December 22 to January 19) Your usually generous self is overshadowed by your equally strong suspicious nature. You might be judging things too harshly. Keep an open mind.
- Aquarius** (January 20 to February 18) Love and romance dominate the week. Married Aquarians enjoy domestic harmony, while singles could soon be welcoming overtures from loving Leos.

- Pisces** (February 19 to March 20) An old health problem recurs, but it is soon dealt with, leaving you eager to get back into the swing of things. A favorable travel period starts this week.
- Born This Week:** You have an independent spirit that resists being told what to do. But you're also wise enough to appreciate good advice.

MOMENTS IN TIME

- On July 21, 365 AD, a powerful earthquake off the coast of Greece causes a tsunami that devastates the city of Alexandria, Egypt. It was not until 1995 that archaeologists discovered the ruins of the old city off the coast of present-day Alexandria.
- On July 22, 1598, William Shakespeare's play *The Merchant of Venice* is entered on the Stationers' Register. By decree of Queen Elizabeth, the register licensed printed works, giving the Crown tight control over all published material.
- On July 19, 1799, the Rosetta Stone is found in Egypt by a French soldier. The irregularly shaped black basalt slab contained fragments of passages written

- Greek, Egyptian hieroglyphics and Egyptian demotic. It held the key to solving the riddle of hieroglyphics, a written language that had been "dead" for nearly 2,000 years.
- On July 24, 1901, William Sydney Porter, otherwise known as O. Henry, is released from prison after serving three years for embezzlement from a bank in Austin, Texas. He began writing stories to support his young daughter while he was in prison.
- On July 25, 1917, in Paris, the exotic dancer Mata Hari is sentenced to death by a French court for spying on Germany's behalf during World War I. Since 1903, she had performed in Paris as a dancer, claiming she was an Indian priestess.
- On July 20, 1948, President Harry Truman institutes a military draft with a proclamation calling for nearly 10 million men to register for within the next two months. Truman's action came during increasing Cold War tensions with the Soviet Union.
- On July 23, 1976, members of the American Legion who were gathered in Philadelphia begin suffering from a mysterious form of pneumonia. Within

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FRIDAY
Cloudy
High: 84 Low: 76



SATURDAY
Few Showers
High: 83 Low: 77



SUNDAY
Chance Showers
High: 85 Low: 76



MONDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 88 Low: 82



TUESDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 87 Low: 79



WEDNESDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 88 Low: 82



THURSDAY
Sunny
High: 87 Low: 80

Redfish Pass Tides					Point Ybel Tides					Punta Rassa Tides					Cape Coral Bridge Tides				
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Sat	9:07 am	2:06 am	10:33 pm	4:01 pm	Sat	8:12 am	2:08 am	9:38 pm	4:03 pm	Sat	8:39 am	2:29 am	9:04 pm	3:26 pm	Sat	11:17 am	5:22 am	None	7:17 pm
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Tue	1:25 am	3:49 am	10:43 am	6:33 pm	Tue	12:30 am	3:51 am	9:48 am	6:35 pm	Tue	10:12 am	3:32 am	None	6:04 pm	Tue	3:35 am	7:05 am	12:53 pm	9:49 pm
Wed	2:32 am	4:18 am	11:17 am	7:15 pm	Wed	1:37 am	4:20 am	10:22 am	7:17 pm	Wed	12:20 am	3:18 am	11:09 am	6:59 pm	Wed	4:42 am	7:34 am	1:27 pm	10:31 pm
Thu	11:53 am	7:54 pm	None	None	Thu	10:58 am	7:56 pm	None	None	Thu	1:13 am	3:34 am	12:06 pm	7:52 pm	Thu	2:03 pm	11:10 pm	None	None

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WEEKLY NEWS
FROM THE BEACHES TO DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS

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School District Earns Certificate Of Excellence

The School District of Lee County has been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Financial Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2020. The certificate of achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

“The business services division takes our responsibility for accuracy in reporting and transparency very seriously,” said Chief Financial Officer Dr. Ami Desamours. “It is imperative to build trust with our community. Our financial accounting department worked incredibly hard to produce a report worthy of this accomplishment, and we are grateful for the recognition. We will always strive to uphold this standard of excellence for our school district.”

After the close of each fiscal year, state law requires that all local governments publish a complete set of financial statements presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States of America and audited by the Florida Auditor General, or a firm of licensed certified public accountants. The Florida Auditor General conducted the audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

Notifying the district of its certificate of achievement, GFOA Technical Service

Director Michele Mark Levine wrote, “We hope that your example will encourage other government officials in their efforts to achieve and maintain an appropriate standard of excellence in financial reporting.”

The Comprehensive Financial Audit is available for the public to read and review on the district’s website at www.leeschools.net.✱✱

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Moments In Time

10 days, 22 people were dead and hundreds were experiencing pneumonia-like symptoms. Their ailment would come to be known as Legionnaires disease.

NOW HERE’S A TIP

- Add a cinnamon stick or softener sheet to your vacuum bag when you change it. As you clean, you will distribute the good smell throughout your home.
- There’s been a lot of talk at my house about kitchen gadgets that do double duty, especially since I have made whipped cream for the first time – in my coffeemaker. I have a French press that I rarely use, until now. Add heavy whipping cream and a bit of sugar to the pot, and use the screen to whip the cream by rapidly pumping it up and down. Magic. – JoAnn
- “To save money on electricity costs, hang jeans and other heavy clothing to dry first. White or light towels and garments especially love the sun. When they’re mostly dry, pop in the dryer to fluff.
- “I love to eat pancakes, but I don’t

have time to make them every morning. I make a very large batch on Sundays and reheat them through the week. In order to recreate that fresh-from-the-pan crisp (which you don’t get if you microwave them), I put them in my toaster.” – PE in Ohio

- “I use an extra coffeepot to brew a pot of hot water. I use the water for both tea and instant oatmeal packets in the morning.” – MS in Nevada
- “Before I go to the beach, I freeze an ice-cube tray full of lemonade. Then, we use the cubes in our travel cups. It keeps the lemonade cool, and as it melts (which tends to be quickly), it doesn’t water down the drink.” – KH in South Carolina

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- On May 19, 1996, Kermit the Frog gave the commencement speech at Southampton College, Long Island University.
- TASER is actually an acronym for Tom A. Swift’s Electric Rifle. “Tom Swift” references the book character who is not just an inventor of amazing gadgets, but a childhood favorite of the Taser’s inventor, Jack Cover.
- The average high-school swimmer swims 1 million strokes per season.
- Researchers found that male bottlenose dolphins in Western Australia’s Shark Bay have formed “boy bands” that harmonize their mating calls together in order to better attract females.
- While working as an extra on the set of *The X-Files*, singer Michael Buble was fired for stealing a hot dog from the craft services table.
- The most common injury caused

by makeup is scratching the eye with a mascara wand.

- A local folk remedy in Boho, Ireland, involved placing soil from the local church under one’s pillow while sleeping to cure infections. The nature of the remedy proved more scientific than divine when, in 2018, a microbiologist found the soil contains a previously unknown strain of streptomycetes, which can be used to create antibiotics.
- Out at sea, a tsunami is only about 3 feet high, and could pass a boat without being noticed.
- At the 2011 World Scrabble Championships in Poland, a competitor demanded officials strip-search his opponent after a “G” tile went missing. The officials decided against it due to a lack of evidence of cheating.
- With every bottle of Laphroaig whisky, you’re entitled to a lifetime lease on a one-square-foot plot of land on the Scottish island of Islay, as part of Laphroaig’s loyalty program “Friends of Laphroaig.”

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“When you’re good at something, you’ll tell everyone. When you’re great at something, they’ll tell you.” – Walter Payton

TRIVIA TEST

1. **Television:** What city is the setting for the 1980s medical drama *St. Elsewhere*?
2. **History:** When was the first Veterans Day celebrated in the United States?
3. **Movies:** Who played the role of Lt. Dan Taylor in the 1994 movie

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Shore Fishing:



Don't Harm The Fish
by Capt. Matt Mitchell

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

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

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

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

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

Florida residents as well as out of state visitors need a fishing license to fish from shore.

4. **Psychology:** What fear is represented in the condition called chorophobia?
5. **Geography:** What is the southernmost city in Africa?
6. **Famous Quotes:** Who wrote this about fleeting summer, "Summer's lease hath all too short a date"?
7. **Science:** Which nerve transmits sound to the brain?
8. **General Knowledge:** What is the color papaya?
9. **Food & Drink:** In which U.S. state did Pepsi Cola originate?
10. **U.S. Presidents:** Which president received the Secret Service code name "General"?

1. Boston 2. 1954 3. Gary Sinsie 4. Fear
of dancing 5. Cape Town 6. William
Shakespeare, Sonnet 18 7. Auditory nerve
8. Orange 9. North Carolina 10. Harry
Truman.

1. Pirate 2. Lovely;
3. Serene; 4. Elated

Today's Word
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Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Metes And Bounds	Sanibel	2001	4,570	\$4,595,000	\$4,500,000	39
Shell Harbor	Sanibel	1975	3,616	\$3,300,000	\$3,300,000	0
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2017	3,543	\$3,200,000	\$2,850,000	61
Venetian Gardens	Fort Myers Beach	2014	3,216	\$2,895,000	\$2,850,000	7
Barefoot Bay	Bonita Springs	2005	6,590	\$2,895,000	\$2,750,000	160
Wildblue	Fort Myers	2019	4,319	\$2,413,360	\$2,413,360	124
Plantation Village Of Sanibel	Sanibel	1990	3,170	\$1,995,000	\$1,875,000	17
Flamingo Harbour Condo	Fort Myers Beach	1994	2,604	\$1,895,000	\$1,825,000	3
Heron	Sanibel	2000	4,054	\$1,648,000	\$1,648,000	5
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2014	2,765	\$1,590,000	\$1,590,000	300

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