



A Comedic Approach To Historic Adventure

by Di Saggau

Theatre Conspiracy is known for its cutting edge productions and plays you don't see anywhere else. In keeping with that theme, now showing is *Men On Boats* by Jaclyn Bakhaus, with ingenious direction by Rachael Endrizzi. In keeping with the tradition of Backhaus' acclaimed play, the cast is composed entirely of women who stand just as tall, assertive and unchallenged as men.

Billed as "mostly a comedy," this is history as you've never seen it before... a true(ish) history of an 1869 expedition, when a one-armed captain and a crew of crazy yet loyal volunteers set out to chart the course of the Colorado River. Capt. John Wesley Powell's (Shelley Sanders) goal was to gain scientific information for a natural history museum. At that time, no one had mapped the Colorado River because no one had lived to bring back maps of it.

Each actor introduces themselves at the beginning of the play, Anna Grilli as Dunn, Shaun Cott as Sumner, Tiffany



A scene from *Men On Boats*

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Campbell as OG Howland, Anne Reed as Hawkins, Stacy Stauffer as Hall, Holly Zammerilla as Old Shady, Kay O'Connell as Bradley and Kendra Weaver as Goodman. The crew on four wooden boats undertakes a dangerous expedition with monstrous rapids and waterfalls. They lose rations in the river and boats

are routinely damaged, one irreparably.

As the cast weaves about the stage in their boats shifting right and left in quick fashion, we start to feel what they are going through. When they pass over the falls, the stage goes dark except for strobe lights on the faces of the frightened crew, which brought

huge laughs from the audience. There are many humorous moments, including when Powell comes across an Indian chief (played by Tiffany Campbell) who has a few snide remarks about the generosity of the United States government.

Upon reaching the gigantic walls of the canyon, Powell exclaims: "Isn't it grand?" He actually named the Grand Canyon. Just prior to the end of their journey, three men leave doubting they could survive the punishing rapids that lie ahead. That was a huge mistake.

Portraying a crew of various temperaments, undertaking a trip down a river with hidden challenges is quite a coup and the cast handles it expertly. We admire these bold pioneers with all their natural bravery and fearfulness. While the stage is small, they are able to make us believe they are roaming wide-open spaces.

September 23, 2003 marked 100 years since the death of Powell, one of America's greatest explorers. Treat yourself to an evening of clever and crazy fun. *Men On Boats* plays through October 31 at Theatre Conspiracy in the Alliance For the Arts, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For tickets, call 939-2787 or visit www.artinlee.org/theatre.✱



John McKerro as Prospero and Isabel Isenhower as Miranda

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Shakespeare Classic Comedy At Lab Theater

The Laboratory Theater of Florida brings William Shakespeare's *The Tempest* to the stage from November 5 to 20, with two half-price preview nights on November 3 and 4.

Shakespeare's classic comedy about betrayal and family will lead you on a magical journey. Trapped on an island

by a jealous sibling and aided by a variety of spirits, Prospero plans to avenge his banishment and provide for his daughter, Miranda.

Adapted and directed by Annette Trossbach, the play features John McKerro (Prospero), Isabel Isenhower (Miranda), Esther Obain (Ariel), Justin Larsche (Caliban), Art Keen (Alonso), Jack Weld (Sebastian), Kagan Vann (Ferdinand), Renee Freeman (Gonzala), Robert Barner (Adrian/Boatswain), Ken Bryant (Francisco/Master), Daniel

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Double The Fun At Arts On Tap



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Arts On Tap returns as a two-day festival at the Alliance for the Arts on Friday, November 12 and Saturday, November 13.

The benefit features local craft beer, art experiences and a performance by two-time Grammy-nominated hip hop group Nappy Roots.

On Friday, local craft brewers will be pouring their award-winning libations, while participants bid on silent auction items, play twisted pub games, listen to live music and mingle with members of

the band. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Unlimited sips will be poured by Bone Hook Brewing, Coastal Dayz Brewery, Crazy Dingo Brewing, Eight Foot Brewing, Fort Myers Brewing, Hopsized Brewing, LaBelle Brewing, Millennial Brewing Company, Palm City Brewing, Point Ybel Brewing, Riptide Brewing and Flying Eagle Kombucha. Unlimited bites will be supplied by Arts and Eats, Death by Tacos, Green Cup and The Standard.

On Saturday, Nappy Roots will

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Trailways Terminal On Cleveland



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

The \$235,000 Trailways bus terminal and restaurant opened on March 31, 1965 on Cleveland Avenue with a formal ceremony and “favors and refreshments.”

This postcard image captures the squeaky-clean florescence of the restaurant, with decorative tile work, flashy wallpaper on the counter fronts, terrazzo floors and harvest yellow and orange colors of the period.

This vintage scene invites you to take a spin on a barstool and peruse the menu, or take a seat in a swanky vinyl booth and play a juke box tune on the wall box.

The new terminal built of brick, stone, aluminum and glass was but one new development spurred by the upgrading and four-laning of five miles of Cleveland between the then-new Caloosahatchee Bridge and Page Field.

Plans for the new terminal had gotten seriously underway when the Collier Development Corporation bought the Cleveland Avenue site in May 1964 for \$94,000.

The terminal moved from downtown, where it was located on the Monroe Street side of the west wing of the Collier Arcade (originally the Post Office Arcade).

The new terminal offered round-the-clock passenger service and express shipping and also had a snack bar and an 80-seat restaurant. A tour office organized independent escorted tours to any spot in the country.

There were eight canopied passenger loading areas and a spacious waiting room.

Trailways advertised the “easiest travel on earth.” Indeed, reclining seats, air conditioning and onboard restrooms makes bus travel of a half-century ago sound at least as comfortable as today’s air travel.

There were nine departures daily to Miami, 12 to Tampa, six to Jacksonville and five to Washington D.C.

Destinations with multiple departure times also included Atlanta, Chicago, New York City, Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles.

Bus travel to and from Fort Myers declined in the succeeding years, at least in part because of the construction of Interstate 75 and the first international airport.

Today, the former bus terminal retains some of the original features, but the extensive windows have been filled in or covered.

The next time you drive past Cleveland and Crawford, take a glance and remember when a bright new terminal promised travel in comfort and style.

Then visit the following research centers to learn more about the role of buses in Fort Myers transportation history.

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



The former Trailways terminal and restaurant still stands

photo by Gerri Reaves



This 1965 postcard image shows the restaurant of the new Trailways bus terminal at Cleveland and Crawford

photo courtesy SWFL Historical Society, Sara Nell Hendry Gran Collection

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. Call 332-8778 for the hours or visit www.leecountyblackhistorysociety.org.

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

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**Waldo**

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**Medusa**

Scarecrow Competition VIP Winners

The Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation and Lee County Parks & Recreation have named the VIP winners of the 12th annual Scarecrows in the Park competition, one of the featured attractions at the Lakes Park Fall Festival. The theme of this year's competition is Favorite Book Character.

The VIP Award winners this year are:

Waldo built by Lehigh Regional Medical Center;

Medusa built by the O'Hern Family; and

Wild Thing sponsored by Doma Title Insurance and built by Harns Marsh Elementary School.

Judges for the VIP portion of the competition included Frank Mann, Lee County commissioner; Jesse Lavender, director of Lee County Parks & Recreation; and Rachel Anderson, ABC7-TV reporter.

The VIP judges said they were impressed with the creativity, execution and humor conveyed in all the entries.

The public now gets to choose the People's Choice winners by depositing a ticket in the bucket in front of a favorite entry. Nearly 4,000 votes were cast the

**Wild Thing**

first weekend by visitors. Voting hours are 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday through Saturday, October 30.

The Fall Festival opened October 15 and runs through October 30. The scarecrows can be viewed in the Children's Garden.

Lakes Regional Park is located at 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.lakespark.org.✧

Market Event Returns To The Butterfly Estates

The Butterfly Estates will have vendors, music and fun for all ages at the Makers Market Event on Sunday, November 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafters, artists and makers will line up the north section of the complex, selling handmade items such as soaps, artwork, jewelry, apparel and more. The outdoors event will follow social distance protocols to ensure

everyone's safety. There is no charge for parking.

The butterfly house will be open to the public during the event. Staff will be on-site to conduct short presentations and answer questions. The use of a mask is mandatory inside the conservatory and all shops around the complex.

The three specialty shops at the Butterfly Estates will also be open and offering special discounts and other surprises.

The Butterfly Estates is located at 1815 Fowler Street in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.daascoop.com/events.✧

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Fort Myers Art:

Board Game Farce On Stage This Weekend



by Tom Hall

Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs is presenting a farcical live theater production, utilizing an adaptation of a film script, based on a popular board game. If you have yet to

deduce the title, it's *CLUE: On Stage* at the Performing Arts Center, Moe Auditorium & Film Center for its second nonconsecutive weekend.

The play, which ran October 15, 16 and 17, is back at the auditorium this weekend on October 29, 30 and 31 with 7 p.m. start times on Friday and Saturday, plus 2 p.m. matinees on both Saturday and Sunday. All tickets are \$30. There will be one intermission, a cash bar and ample parking all around the center.

Nine rooms and one small stage. Now, how is this supposed to happen again?

The play script is adapted from the Paramount Pictures film written by Jonathan Lynn and Sandy Rustin, and based on the board game from Hasbro, Inc., with additional material by Hunter

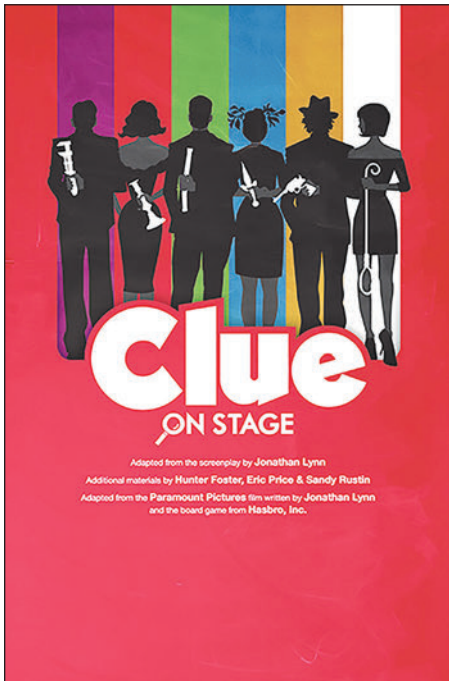


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Foster, Eric Price and David Abbinanti.

The colorful characters each arrive and assume their pseudonyms, having been invited by their blackmailer, Mr. Boddy. Someone must be killed to get the game afoot. The usual suspects of Professor Plum, Mrs. Peacock, Colonel Mustard and others are led by the butler through the maze of rooms and suspicious goings on.

Local actor Mia Figueora takes on the pivotal role made famous by Tim Curry in

the original motion picture.

Theater and Film Director Frank Blocker helms the daunting technical production with assistance from Toni Palumbo.

The Performing Arts Center, Moe Auditorium and Film Center is located at 10150 Bonita Beach Road in Bonita Springs. For more information, visit www.artcenterbonita.org.

*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.**

Changes To Waste Removal In Some Areas

As of Monday, November 1, residents of North Fort Myers, Pine Island and Matlacha only have to take their trash, recycling and yard waste to the curb once a week.

Waste Pro, Lee County's contracted hauler for the area, sent postcards to each of the 23,000 service addresses and listed the new service day for each address. Residents with questions can call Waste Pro customer service at 337-0800.

Residents also can use the search feature on the Lee County Solid Waste website to determine their new collection day at www.leegov.com/solidwaste. Posters have been distributed to libraries, recreation centers and businesses. Additionally, the county will use a billboard in North Fort Myers and a temporary digital sign in the greater Pine Island area to inform residents. Residents can also follow Lee County Government on social media for information about the changes.

"We continually look for ways to improve residents' experiences," said Doug Whitehead, Lee County Solid Waste director. "Same-day service minimizes the time residents have material sitting curbside and reduces collection vehicle traffic in neighborhoods to one day per week."

Same-day service previously had been introduced as a service enhancement in Lehigh Acres and is planned to expand throughout the county. The same-day service uses multiple trucks (trash, yard waste and recycling) to complete collections. Crews will also be on the

lookout for addresses still making the transition to same-day collection.

For more information, or to find your waste collection day, visit www.leegov.com/solidwaste or call 533-8000.*

Comic Con Back In November

The SW-FloridaCon, a collectors mecca convention, will be held at Crowne Plaza Fort Myers at Bell Tower Shops on Sunday, November 28. Doors open at 10 a.m. Other events include first wrestling bell at noon, Cosplay contest at 4 p.m. and live Sailor Moon concert at 6:30 p.m.

The comic con will have over 125 exhibitors that cater to a wide-spectrum of interests including comic books, magazines, toys, gaming, video games, movies, records, wrestling, television, anime, manga, cosplay, artwork, sketches and apparel. A roster of comic industry professionals and fandom-related celebrities are expected to be in attendance.

Tickets are \$20 each, and free for children under age 11. Masks will be optional for admission to the show. Temperature will be taken at registration. There will also be hand sanitizer stations throughout the show.

Crowne Plaza Fort Myers at Bell Tower Shops is located at 13051 Bell Tower Drive in Fort Myers. For more information or tickets, visit www.swfloridacomicon.com.*

Dean's List

John DeSarno of Fort Myers and Tracy Aldrich of Cape Coral were named to the dean's list for the summer term at University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC).

To be eligible for the honor, a student must have completed at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5.*

Dean's List

Moriah Wolff of Fort Myers and Zachary Trantina of Cape Coral were named to the dean's list for the summer 2021 quarter at Palmer College of Chiropractic's Florida campus in Port Orange.*

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Arts On Tap

perform on the outdoor stage. Guests can purchase craft beers from brewers and fare from food trucks. There will be live art experiences and lawn games leading up to the concert. Gates open at 5 p.m.

A \$100 ticket grants access for both days. General admission to the Nappy Roots concert is \$25. VIP experiences for up to four people are available for \$500.

The event is sponsored by PDS

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Arts On Tap is a fundraiser for the Alliance for the Arts, a nonprofit visual and performing arts center located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 939-2787 or visit www.artinlee.org/ontap.*

Kiwanis Delivers Books For Students



From left, Fort Myers Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Club Secretary Kim Berghs with Heights Elementary School Assistant Principal Anika Carter, Assistant Principal Lindsey Thorstad, fourth grade teacher Janet Elrubai and Principal Douglas Palow photo provided

The Fort Myers Metro-McGregor Kiwanis provided 511 world atlases to local third and fourth graders at Heights Elementary School, Orangewood Elementary School and Rayma C. Page Elementary in Fort Myers as well as Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Littleton Elementary in North Fort Myers. The books are used in school curriculum and for individual students to keep as their own.

The club delivered the books in-person to students in the past, but due to COVID-19 restrictions, the books were supplied to school administrators to distribute. "We have been told by administrators how appreciative they

are to receive these books," said Karen Hurst, club president. "Students can't believe the book is theirs to take home. The club has also received many thank you notes from the students."

The world atlases were funded by the Kiwanis volunteers and also with local fundraising efforts through the club's Delicious Dining Discount coupon book. The coupon book costs \$25 and includes discounts at 46 local restaurants in Lee County. Most discounts are valid through November 15.

For more information call Linda Petrik, membership chair, at 357-2053, visit www.metro-mcgregor.com or email linda3petrik@gmail.com.

Reading Festival Returns In March

The 23rd annual Southwest Florida Reading Festival will feature more than 20 acclaimed and bestselling authors at the Fort Myers Regional Library campus on March 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

After a fully virtual event in 2021, the Lee County Library System is returning to the original, outdoor format. Fans have the opportunity to listen to and meet

a diverse lineup of bestselling authors, participate in contests and activities, and find the latest in books and technology. In addition to author appearances and autographing sessions, there will be food truck vendors, storytelling programs, arts and crafts, youth writing contests and a free book for every child and teen.

"Last year's virtual reading festival drew people from all over the world, but I know our local community will really appreciate having the authors back in their hometown again next year," festival organizer Melissa Baker said.

Some virtual components will carry

over into this next festival, including reading and activity challenges with chances to win prizes. Leading up to the festival, the library system also will feature virtual author presentations, an online book discussion and grab-and-go festival bingo.

"The Southwest Florida Reading Festival is a wonderful way to spend the day, interacting with authors and learning more about library services," said Mindi Simon, director of the Lee County Library System. "Held on Cornog Plaza, with programs for all ages and virtual options too, we pride ourselves on this fun-filled event."

Attendees who want more exclusive access to meet and mingle with this year's festival authors can do so at An Evening with the Authors, a fundraising dinner scheduled to take place at the Edison Restaurant, Bar and Banquet Center on March 4. More details will be shared soon on the festival website.

The Southwest Florida Reading Festival is community supported through donations, sponsorships and grants.

Fort Myers Regional Library is located at 2450 First Street. For more information, the full author list or to make a secure online donation, visit www.readfest.org or by calling 533-4832.

Free Salute To Veterans Concert

The Southwest Florida Concert Band will perform a free concert, Salute to our Veterans, at South Fort Myers High School auditorium on Sunday November 7 at 2 p.m.

The 40-member community band will perform a show of patriotic music and more. The program will start with a salute to the Armed Forces including the five main branch songs and *Hymn of Freedom*. The band will play some traditional American folk songs and a rousing Sousa march called *Liberty Bell* as well as the memorable *Homefront*, *Songs of World War II* for the veterans to sing along to. The first concert of the season will conclude with *The Stars and Stripes Forever* by John Phillip Sousa.

All concerts are free with donations accepted. To protect the health of patrons, all audience members must wear masks during performances until further notice.

South Fort Myers High School is located at 14020 Plantation Road in Fort Myers. For more information on the group, the scholarship program, mask requirements and other performances, visit www.southwestfloridaconcertband.org.



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Estates Offers Free Admission On Veterans Day

Edison and Ford Winter Estates is offering free admission to United States veterans on Veterans Day, November 11. Free admission includes a self-guided tour of the historic homes, gardens, laboratory and museum. To receive free admission, veterans must present a veteran identification card or their DD214 papers. As a special treat for veterans, a five-piece brass band from Brass Music Elements will perform at the Banyan tree from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

With admission, families can view the Birds of Southwest Florida exhibit in the Caretaker’s House, which features multiple illustrations from John James Audubon, along with quotes from the Edison and Ford families. Another highlight is the botanic research laboratory, a National Historic Chemical Landmark.

In the gardens, visitors can see hundreds of trees and plants from all over the world. Because of the warm climate, many plants bloom during the fall and winter months when visitors and snowbirds are in the area. The site is also home to five trees on the official Florida Champion Tree Register, which recognizes the largest known tree of each species in the state.

Throughout the site, there are several areas of defined specialty gardens,

including the Moonlight Garden, filled with white flowers and a reflecting pool; Clara Ford’s Rose Garden; the Succulent Garden, with an agave plant that was an offspring from Thomas Edison’s plant; a shade garden; a butterfly demonstration garden; and an area dedicated to Florida native plants.

Edison and Ford Winter Estates is located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For tour times, tickets or more information, visit www.edisonford.org or call 334-7419.*

Nonprofit Hosts Annual Dinner And Auction

This year in Lee County, there are approximately 2,789 people without a place to call a home. To help raise funds and awareness to end homelessness, the Lee County Homeless Coalition will hold its 16th annual Dinner and Silent Auction at the Crowne Plaza Fort Myers at Bell Tower Shops on November 13 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Tickets are \$75 for coalition members and \$85 for non-members. Sponsorship opportunities ranging from \$350 to \$2,500 include tickets and recognition at the event. In addition, members of the community can help the Lee County Homeless Coalition by donating items for the silent auction. Proceeds from the dinner support the coalition mission to benefit those experiencing homelessness

or at risk of homelessness.

This year’s master of ceremonies is NBC-2 News Anchor Peter Busch. Special guest speaker will be Kathleen Smith, public defender of the 20th Judicial Circuit. Live music will be performed by The Paul Allodi Band. This year’s theme is “Our Heroes” and guests are encouraged to wear their favorite hero hat.

“The annual dinner and auction provides an opportunity for the Southwest Florida community to come together and help raise funds for our fellow residents who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness. We appreciate

the tremendous effort and support from partner agencies. We need the help of the Lee County community to make an impact with the children, families and the 2,789 individuals who are faced with homelessness this year,” said Therese Everly, executive director of the Lee County Homeless Coalition. “We continue to need silent auction items and sponsorships for this event.”

Crowne Plaza is located at 13051 Bell Tower Drive in Fort Myers. For tickets, sponsorship information, donation of silent auction items or to donate to the coalition, call 322-6600 or visit www.leehomeless.org.*

Refuge Center To Hold Auction

The Animal Refuge Center will hold its 27th annual Starlight Auction at the Marriott Sanibel Harbour Resort and Spa on Saturday, November 27. The Starlight Auction is ARC’s signature event and main fundraiser for Southwest Florida’s largest no-kill shelter.

The Starlight Auction is an opportunity to celebrate this year’s successes and support the shelter’s efforts to help homeless pets in need. Individual tickets are \$100 per person. Admission includes a cocktail, dinner, dessert and a chance to participate in both a silent and live auction.

The live auction features more than a

dozen items including jewelry, weekend getaways and an African safari. A special item will allow guests to support surgeries for animals in need in the new medical center. The silent auction will feature more than 100 baskets. Some are for cat owners and some for dog owners. Others include golf outings, hotel stays and gift certificates. Bidding will open online for all the available items several days ahead of the event.

Sponsorships are still available for businesses and individuals interested in supporting the Animal Refuge Center. They start at \$300 and go up to \$5,000.

The Marriott Sanibel Harbour Resort and Spa is located at 17260 Harbour Pointe Drive in Fort Myers. To purchase tickets, visit www.animalrefugecenter.com.*

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Plant Smart

Endemic, A Particular Kind Of Native

by Gerri Reaves

The wildflowers pictured here are three of the state's many endemic species: rockland shrubverbena (*Lantana depressa*), Miami lead plant (*Amorpha herbacea* var. *crenulata*), and Tampa mock vervain (*Glandularia tampensis*).

Florida joins Texas and California as the states with the most endemic species, with an estimated 11 percent of flora classified as such.

Being endemic means that a plant's range is a specific area and that it has a restricted distribution. The range can be broad or narrow.

In fact, the range can be so narrow as to be found only in one small geographical area or specialized habitat.

Specialized habitat and loss of habitat are but two of the reasons endemics might end up on the state's endangered species list, as these flowers are.

The native range of that pretty yellow-flowered shrub, rockland shrubverbena, is the pine rocklands of Miami-Dade County, a restricted area that is also under threat.

Furthermore, this species' gene pool



Rockland shrubverbena's gene pool is contaminated due to hybridization with native and nonnative lantanas

photos by Gerri Reaves

is contaminated by hybridization with other lantanas, including the invasive multicolored *L. camara*.

In fact, all three subspecies of *lantana depressa* are listed as endangered in the state.

Miami lead plant also faces the challenge of having a very limited range, the pine rocklands on the Miami Rock Ridge.

Such habitats exist only in South Florida, the Florida Keys and some islands of the Bahamas, and are designated as globally imperiled.



Miami lead plant is thought to have a very limited historic range

Lead plant is also listed federally as endangered.

Tampa mock verbena's natural habit is pine flatwoods and coastal dunes, specifically hammocks where live oaks and cabbage palms predominate.

Such habitat is more plentiful, but also attractive to humans. Thus, the main reason for this flower's endangered status is loss of habitat to development and agriculture.

Gardening with endemics highlights a difference of opinion among native plant enthusiasts.

While cultivating and stabilizing



Tampa mock vervain's endangered status is due mainly to habitat loss

populations of imperiled plants is generally recommended, some experts advocate not cultivating plants outside their native range.

Sources: *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer, *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio, *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell, *The Shrubs and Woody Vines of Florida* by Gil Nelson, *Wildflowers of Florida Field Guide* by Jaret C. Daniels and Stan Tekiela, www.fnps.org, and www.landscape.org.

Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.✧

'Ding' Darling Photo Contest

The 9th annual "Ding" Darling-Theodore Cross High School Photography Contest is open to high school students in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties. Deadline for entries is February 15. Prizes include a Canon digital SLR camera package, photography opportunities to be announced, and copies of *Waterbirds: Portraits and Anecdotes from Birding*

Adventures by contest namesake, the late Theodore Cross.

Digital image entries can be shot from any outdoor venue in the state of Florida. A writing component to the contest requires entrants grades nine through 12 to submit a 100-word description of the "moment" captured and how it reflects what nature and wildlife mean to the photographer.

Guidelines and prize information are posted at www.dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/photo-contests. Call DDWS at 472-1100 ext. 4 for more information.✧

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Bait And More Bait



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

From the beaches to the sound and everywhere in between, the amount of baitfish we are seeing is amazing. This makes catching bait easy but, even more importantly, it's a major sign of our currently healthy waters. One of the things that makes Pine Island Sound such an incredible fishery is the amount of bait it produces. With so much food here to support lots of healthy game fish, it is one of the best inshore fisheries in the state.

Fishing during the lower morning tide periods this week was amazing. Fast-moving water in and around the passes along with mangrove creek systems all proved to be the right call to catch lots of fish. Snook remained the main target though we did catch some redfish and trout in the mix, too. Our mangrove snapper bite is slowly winding down as it does this time of year. Look for more and more snook to make the way to the back country over the next few weeks.

One of my favorite things to do with so much bait in the live well is to live chum. A whiffle ball bat or aka chum bat is standard equipment on most guide



Gary Biltgen with a quality redfish caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell

photo provided

boats. I put a dozen or so shiners in the bat at a time, then I give it a shake to slightly stun the bait before pitching it to a shoreline.

This quickly tells you if there are feeding fish in the area and also draws the fish out from the mangroves. When the fish fire off, it's just a matter of

making a quick well-placed cast to the pop of a surface feeding fish, and the bite is often as quick as you can close the bail.

When rigging to shiner fish, the simpler the better. I tie a line to line knot using three to four feet of 25-pound or 30-pound test fluorocarbon leader. To that, I tie a loop knot to a 1/0 or 2/0 hook depending on the size of the bait. Hook the shiner through the cartilage between the nostril and the eye. The lighter the setup, the more natural the bait can move and the more strikes you will get.

With the bait migration in full swing, the beaches are offering anglers a great mixed bag of species. As our water temperature is now in the magical 70s, look for more and more Spanish mackerel, king mackerel and Bonita to be surface feeding on these bait schools. This visual bite is easy fun fishing and can be nonstop when throwing spoons and live baits. With stone crab season now in full swing, there are plenty of crab pots out there making tripetail a great option too.

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.✱

Hogfish Harvest Season To Close

Hogfish recreational harvest will close in state and federal waters off the east coast of Florida and Florida Keys on Monday, November 1. This closure includes all state and federal waters south of Cape Sable, which is on the gulf side of Florida, and up the Atlantic coast. The Keys/east Florida hogfish season is open from May 1 through October 31.

Recreational harvest remains open in state and federal waters north of Cape Sable in the gulf. If you plan to fish for hogfish anywhere in Florida state or federal waters from a private recreational vessel, you must sign up as a state reef fish angler (annual renewal is required).

To learn more, visit www.myfwc.com/srfs. Sign up at www.gooutdoorsflorida.com.✱

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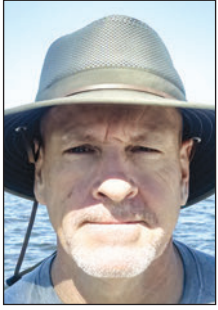
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CROW Case Of The Week:

Barred Owl



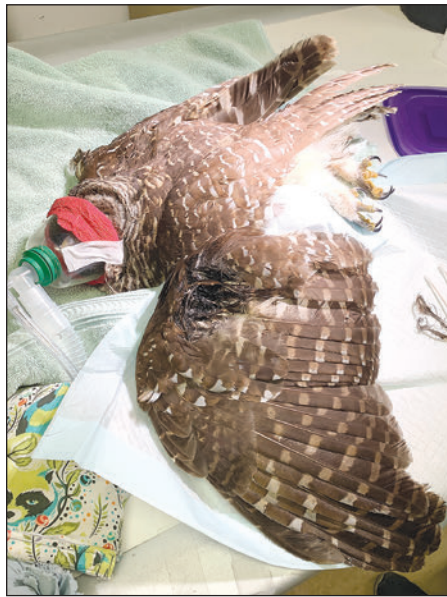
by Bob Petcher

The barred owl (*Strix varia*) is affectionately called a hoot owl. It is a large raptor with a stocky body, round head, no ear tufts and what could be called a menacing look.

Barred owls utilize keen vision and a heightened sense of hearing to hunt down prey, which can range from rodents to birds to small amphibians to freshwater crustaceans, like crayfish. They are very territorial and can be aggressive toward any animal or person in their area.

At CROW, an adult barred owl was admitted after being found caught in a barbed wire fence in Alva. Upon examination, the patient had multiple lacerations on both hind feet, several broken feathers and another deeper laceration on its patagium – known as the fold of skin in front of the main segments of a bird's wing.

"The patagium is an important structure of the wing, providing aerodynamics related to flight," explained Dr. Charlotte Cournoyer, CROW veterinary intern. "Without the patagial ligament, flight is significantly compromised."



Patient #21-5309 prior to the surgery to repair its wounds, left, and post surgery with bandage, right

photos by Haillie Mesics

Veterinarians were concerned that the patient had suffered a broken wing but found no evidence after a physical examination and radiographs. The owl's wounds were then clean and bandaged. Two days after intake on October 16, the patient underwent surgery to repair the wounds.

"The wound on the patagium was showing continued necrosis – dying of tissues – thus we debrided the area, which is the process of removing dead tissues. We also flushed the wound which removed surface bacteria," said



Dr. Cournoyer. "We are now in the process of daily bandage changes with debridement as needed under anesthesia.

"With each bandage change, we apply topical antimicrobial therapy to fight infection and keep the underlying tissues moist. The area is just starting to show healthy tissues, but the patient will continue to need daily bandage changes until the wound is resolved."

Each time the bandage is off, the patient undergoes treatment for its injured wing.

"We are performing physical therapy of the wing at each bandage change and currently, the range of motion is still normal," said Dr. Cournoyer. "Physical therapy involves putting each joint through range of motion. We will continue this until the wound is resolved. We expect a full return to normal flight."

The barred owl also received a wrapping as a preventive measure.

"We placed a body wrap on the affected wing so that the patient would not disturb the bandage," said Dr. Cournoyer, "however, there is no evidence of a wing droop or nerve damage at this time."

The patient has been recovering well and will continue to be closely monitored. It is too soon to tell if the owl will return to the wild in the near future.

"At this time, the patient is still in the midst of intensive care with oral antibiotic and pain therapy, daily bandage changes and physical therapy," said Dr. Cournoyer. "We hope that this therapy will, in the future, lead to the patient being able to move outside for flight training and subsequent release."

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.

Red Snapper Quota Met

Florida's recreational red snapper quota in gulf state and federal waters was met during the June 4 through July 28 open season, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

The gulf red snapper season was 55 days this year, which is the longest summer season for Florida since FWC was delegated the ability to set the season for private recreational anglers in gulf federal waters off Florida by the federal government. This season was chosen to maximize harvest opportunities during summer, which is when red snapper fishing is most popular, and to allow

as much of Florida's 2021 quota to be harvested as possible.

Because the FWC cannot allow recreational harvest of gulf red snapper once Florida's quota has been reached, gulf red snapper harvest will not reopen this fall for Florida anglers fishing from private recreational vessels in gulf state and federal waters, or for for-hire operations that are licensed to fish in state waters but are not federally permitted.

While many Florida anglers were hoping for a fall season, the FWC looks forward to a successful season in 2022.

For updates on snapper regulations, visit www.myfwc.com/marine and click on "Recreational Regulations" and "Snappers" under the "Regulations by Species – Reef Fish" tab.*

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Final Days For Zonta Auction

submitted by Sue Denham

The October fundraiser hosted by the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva has entered its final week: Zonta’s Peek at the Unique Auction went live on October 1, with bidding open online, around the clock, until October 31 at 5 p.m. With just a few days left to get in on the fun and help empower women in Southwest Florida, visit www.32auctions.com/ZontaPEEK21. All proceeds from Zonta fundraisers are awarded in grants to area nonprofits whose programs mirror Zonta’s

mission. The process for this year’s awards is under way and grants from earlier fundraising will be distributed in December. With all auction items donated, all dollars raised will go the organizations that need help, so every dollar counts in these difficult times. With the holiday season almost upon us amid news of shortages, retail stockpiling and delays in delivery, the women of Zonta are offering an opportunity to lock up some holiday giving while supporting a vital cause: improving the lives of women and girls. The auction offers an array of items including excursions, adventures, art and private lessons, items that purchasers can purchase for themselves, or give as gifts. Treat friends to a painting party with Sanibel artist Laura Ball, or take a private lesson in flyfishing with expert Joe Mahler. Check out theater packages and tours of Sanibel’s favorite destinations. Host friends and family at a private party for 20 at Tino’s Grill. For gifts, peruse beach picnics, beach reads, wall art, beauty collections and fused glass – many items crafted by Zonta members. It’s easy: find items you like and keep bidding right up to closing, or choose the “Buy Now” option to secure your item. You can pay safely online and arrange to pick up your items or have them shipped to you. Zonta hopes this unique collection will pique your interest and help the club to continue its important work. If you don’t need to shop, consider a contribution to the cause. Go to www.zontasancap.org.



There will be Bonsai demonstrations, workshops and raffles photo provided

Bonsai Society 40th Annual Show And Sale

View the best Bonsai specimens created by local practitioners of the art at the 40th annual Fort Myers Bonsai Show and Sale at the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Center on November 6 and 7. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. In addition to the exhibit, the show features Bonsai-cultivating workshops and demonstrations, raffles of Bonsai trees and accessories, vendors of Bonsai-related items and friendly docents to offer information and insight. Bonsai is an ancient art. A Bonsai is a miniaturized tree grown in a dish, resembling its large counterpart found in nature. Literally, the word Bonsai means “A Tree in a Tray.” Since 1973, members of the Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida have been cultivating and creating nature-inspired small trees based on this art form, which originated in the Far East over 1500 years ago. The Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Center is located at 2166 Virginia Avenue in Fort Myers. Parking is available on Larchmont Street. For more information and a full schedule of show events, visit www.bonsaiswfl.org.

Indie Films Review

Thank God For Indie Mondays continues on Monday, November 1 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; the show begins at 7 p.m. Join host Eric Raddatz, co-host Melissa DeHaven, with WGPU’s John Davis, filmmaker Wendy White and Florida Repertory Theatre Associate Artistic Director Jason Parrish. Watch and then weigh in on how they feel about short indie films screened. Special guests, musical acts and interviews will be announced prior to each Monday night. For tickets, visit www.sbdac.com/tgim-landing-2022 or pick up at the door.

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Handbag Happy Hour Fundraiser

Handbag Happy Hour will be held at Shell Factory & Nature Park on Thursday, November 18. The time is to be determined. Celebrity handbags and others will be auctioned to benefit Valerie’s House and The Nature Park Environmental Education Foundation at The Shell Factory. “We are so excited to bring this fabulous event back after a 15-year hiatus,” said Pam Cronin, event chair and owner of The Shell Factory and Nature Park. “We have several celebrity handbags and more than 100 new and previously loved handbags from celebrities and local supporters.”

Cronin and her committee are currently soliciting new and gently loved handbags, pet items and men’s accessories for the event that will be located in the lobby and Players Circle Theatre within the Shell Factory. Slipping into the Season is the theme for this year’s event. Adult and holiday beverages and appetizers are included in the ticket price of \$50 per person. Downtown Diva Stephanie Davis will be the emcee for the live auction of a few select celebrity handbags. The majority of items will be offered in a silent auction. Sponsors include The Shell Factory and Nature Park, Florida Weekly and Susan Bennett Marketing & Media, LC. Shell Factory & Nature Park is located at 16554 North Cleveland Avenue in North Fort Myers. Tickets may be purchased online at www.shellfactory.com or by calling 995-2141 ext. 110.

Science Center 25th Anniversary

The IMAG History & Science Center is marking its 25th anniversary of serving the Southwest Florida community this year with An Evening of Celebration and Inspiration on Saturday, November 13 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. The black-tie optional gala will include a cocktail reception, hands-on activities, live science and animal shows and other entertainments, presentations and displays and silent auctions. The IMAG History & Science Center is located at 2000 Cranford Avenue in Fort Myers. For tickets, visit www.theimag.org.

Men’s Club Monthly Breakfast

Bayside Estates Men’s Club will host its monthly pancake breakfast in the Bayside Recreation Hall on Sunday, November 14 from 8 to 11 a.m. All are welcome. The breakfast will include scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, orange juice and all the pancakes you can eat for \$6. For \$1 more, get a made-to-order omelette. Bayside Estates is located at 17601 San Carlos Boulevard in Fort Myers.



Members of KWW Chapter 155 with FSW Foundation and Veterans Services staff

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Korean War Veterans Support Scholarship Fund

The Korean War Veterans (KWW) Association, Southwest Florida Chapter 155, recently presented the Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) Foundation with a check for \$10,000, fulfilling their endowed scholarship fund goal. The group began supporting FSW students with scholarships in 2007 and, in 2011, decided to raise the funds needed to create a legacy for their group and ensure their scholarship would be permanent.

A social media post in August by KWW Chapter 155 President Bob Kent of their \$1,000 annual donation

to FSW Foundation led to the group's fulfillment of their goal. The daughter of the late John "Mouse" Kloeker, a former member of KWW Chapter 155, saw the post and filled the group's goal gap with the donation, made in memory of Kloeker.

"I was so surprised she saw it and contacted me about donating," Kent said. "We are so excited to have this completed and to honor Mouse."

KWW Chapter 155 funded their yearly donations to FSW through various fundraisers and donations by members.

"We are so pleased to honor this group for their achievement and for their dedication to providing scholarships at FSW," said Keith Callaghan, FSW Foundation executive director. "Not only have they served our country, but they will continue serving our students for years to come."☆☆

Local Writer Wins Award For Fiction

Marty Ambrose of St. James City won a Royal Palm Literary Award (RPLA), according to the Florida Writers Association (FWA).

Ambrose's winning entry, *A Shadowed Fate*, won a gold award for published historical fiction.

The awards were announced at FWA's remote awards ceremony. The annual competition, which received 577 submissions, was RPLA's 20th.

"Even in these difficult times, writers are writing – and marvelously," said

Chris Coward, RPLA chairperson. "And the RPLA team rose to the challenge."

In all, the competition covered 27 adult genres and five youth genres, with published and unpublished entries considered separately.

"It is our sincere wish that all RPLA awards help the winners to market their manuscript or published book. We also hope that the detailed feedback from

the judges, which all entrants receive, is useful as well," Coward said.

"I was so honored to win this year," Ambrose said. "The Florida Writers Association is an amazing group of professionals who support authors in every part of the state."

For more information and a complete list of 2021 winners, visit www.floridawriters.org.☆☆

FSW Students Named Scholars

Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) students Alexis Isherwood and Mia Aragon were named 2021 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise scholars. They are two of 207 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society members to be named scholars and will receive \$1,000 scholarships from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

The Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship Program helps new PTK members defray educational expenses while enrolled in associate degree programs. Scholars are encouraged to assume leadership roles by participating




Alexis Isherwood

in PTK programs and are selected based on scholastic achievement, community service and leadership potential. More than 900 applications were received.

A total of \$207,000 is awarded through the Leaders of Promise Scholarship program. The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation provides \$200,000 in funding for the scholarships, with \$25,000 set aside for members who are veterans or active members of the United States military. The remaining amount is supported by donations to the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation and provides seven Global Leaders of Promise scholarships, earmarked for international students.

"The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation has a long history of providing financial assistance to outstanding students at community colleges," said Jane Hale Hopkins, president of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. "We are proud to partner with Phi Theta Kappa to make it possible for more deserving students to achieve their educational goals and support tomorrow's leaders of the global community."☆☆



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Book Review

We Were Never Here



by Di Saggau

Emily and her best friend, Kristen, are on their annual reunion trip. The first page finds them drinking pisco sours in the mountains of Chile. I hadn't thought about that drink in

many a moon.

The two friends, now almost age 30, have been close since college and always take a yearly trip to somewhere off the beaten path. On the last night of this trip, Emily enters their hotel suite to find that Kristen had killed a man who she brought back to their room. She claims self-defense. We learn that the scene is similar to what happened a year ago in Cambodia. Emily helps her friend cover it up and heads back home to Wisconsin.

Kristen lives in Australia, but all of a sudden she appears on Emily's doorstep as if nothing ever happened. Emily learns new things about the friend she thought she knew so well, and she starts to question her motives. As more twists and turns take place and the truth slowly reveals itself, both Emily

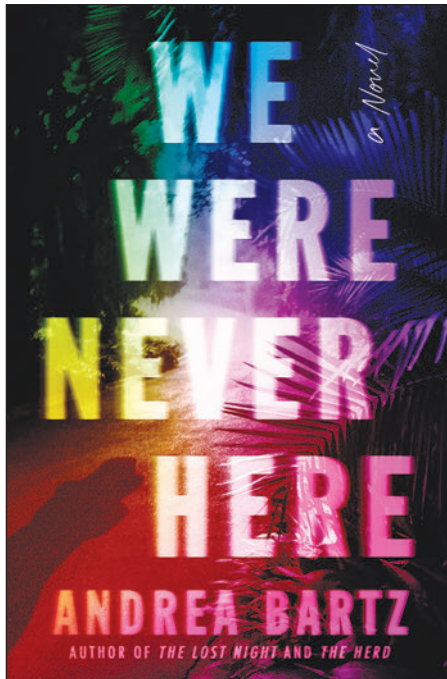


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and the reader discover even more secrets.

Andrea Bartz has written a psychological thriller about a chilling frenemyship between two women involved in an inescapable grip of the past. Her writing keeps readers on their toes, questioning many things and searching for hidden meanings in every talk between Emily and Kristen. Emily decides to distance herself from Kristen, but the more she tries to do this, the

more Kristen tries to stay connected. She starts popping up in places she doesn't belong, constantly reminding Emily of the secrets they share and how they need each other.

Author Steph Cha said, "Andrea Bartz takes a friendship with boundary issues and adds an extra-special

ingredient, the permanent, secret alliance of two people who have gotten away with murder. An observant, suspenseful, and deeply scary novel."

We Were Never Here is about a creepy relationship between two women and a twisty plot that builds to an unexpected conclusion.*

School Smart



by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSP

Dear Shelley, What is the importance of oral reading fluency? What does it mean and why is it important? I hear so much about it but don't really

understand it. Thank you.

Amy R, Cape Coral

Amy,

The National Reading Panel defines fluency as the ability to read text accurately, at an appropriate rate and with expression. Readers are considered skilled when they can fluently process both word recognition and comprehension effortlessly.

Fluency development is usually emphasized and practiced during the early- to mid-elementary school years, though studies have shown its effectiveness for older readers as well.

Reading fluency is important because when students read more fluently, they comprehend better. Students who are not yet fluent have to spend their "reading energy" into decoding each word in the text and don't have the energy to understand the greater meaning. Becoming automatic at word-level reading allows students to focus on meaning and background knowledge instead.

You may hear the words fluency and automaticity regarding oral reading. These words may at times be used interchangeably, but there are differences. Automaticity refers to the speed at which students can process a word: recognize the letters of the word, associate sounds with the letters, blend the sounds together, say the word and ultimately retrieve the word's meaning. Skilled readers can automatically process the word in a second or less. However, reading fluency goes beyond word automaticity and includes the intonation, phrasing and expression that students use when reading text.

It's also important to note that automaticity factors in math as well. Without being automatic at basic computational skills, students cannot tackle higher-order mathematical concepts efficiently.

It's important to understand that fluency is not entirely about being a fast reader. In fact, speed readers may lack comprehension. There may be times when reading slowly, particularly with unfamiliar or technical information, is

essential for comprehension. Reading fluently is, then, a combination of three elements: accuracy, reading rate and expression.

Here are some reading behaviors that identify the differences between fluent from non-fluent readers:

Fluent readers read quickly, read words automatically, pause at punctuation marks, sound like they are speaking and read with appropriate intonation and expression.

Non-fluent readers read slowly, laboriously, they read word by word, do not pause at punctuation marks, sound choppy and read in a monotone.

If you think that your child needs help with oral reading, it's important to speak with the teacher. However, as a parent, there are a couple of things you can do to help your child practice oral reading. Here are two research-based strategies to use at home for practice.

As a parent, you can model fluent oral reading when you read to your child. Read the text aloud with emphasis on expression and intentional pausing.

Have your child read a selection aloud to you three times through. Repeated oral practice has been shown to demonstrate improved oral reading fluency in both younger learners and older struggling readers.

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

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Lab Theater



Sabiston (Trinculo), Amanda Collins (Stephanie/Juno), Beth Garner (Ceres/Mariner), Samadhi Salazar (Iris/Fairy), Jayden Davis (Fairy), Zach Hendra (Sprite) and Lorelei Davis (Fairy).

Tickets are \$30 each or \$10 for students with valid student ID. Seating is limited for safety. Masks are required for all patrons for the entire stay at the theater. Starting November 1, a negative PCR test will be required. Patrons may present their vaccination cards in lieu of test results.

Lab Theater is located at 1634 Woodford Avenue in downtown Fort Myers. For more information, tickets or a full policy on mask requirements, call the box office at 218-0481 or visit www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com.*

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Industry Appreciation Award Winners

The recipients of the 29th Industry Appreciation Awards were recognized at the Caloosa Sound Convention Center in Fort Myers recently.

The Business Resiliency and Innovation Award was presented to both Fort Myers Brewing Company and Sanibel Captiva Community Bank. The two businesses successfully pivoted operations, products and services to not only be resilient but to help the needs of the community in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Community Steward of the Year Award was awarded to Cushman & Wakefield/Commercial Property Southwest Florida. The award is given to a company whose financial, volunteer and active involvement in community organizations and programs create a better quality of business and civic life in Lee County.

The Innovator of the Year Award was presented to both Cigent Technology and Energy Harness Corporation. The award recognizes a local business that develops advanced or innovative technologies that have a positive impact on Lee County's growing economy and within its industry.

The Manufacturer of the Year

Award was presented to Storm Smart. The award honors a Lee County manufacturing business that exhibits excellence and growth in leadership, performance, profitability and workforce relations.

The Startup of the Year Award was awarded to Two39 Work. The award is given to a company founded in Lee County in the last three to five years that has demonstrated continued financial and staffing growth while leading and overcoming challenges.

The Small Business of the Year Award was awarded to Stickboy Creative. The award is presented to a company with up to 50 employees that has been in business a minimum of six years in Lee County and offers high-quality products and services with superior customer service.

The Large Business of the Year Award was presented to Stevens Construction, Inc. The award is presented to a company with more than 50 employees that has been in business a minimum of six years in Lee County and offers high-quality products and services with superior customer service.

A Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Gary Griffin, president of B&I Contractors, Inc. A Fort Myers native, Griffin served as both chairman of the Horizon Council and president of the Horizon Foundation, a strong advocate for Lee County businesses and economic development.✪

Grant Alloted For Career Programs

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida has received a \$30,000 Workforce Development grant from the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation to help further its work and career readiness programs for middle and high school students throughout Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties.

"With this grant, we have the opportunity to continue our work in the community and provide workforce readiness programming for approximately 14,000 students from eighth to 12th grade," said Angela Fisher, president and CEO of Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida. "We are honored to be entrusted with these funds by the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation and are thankful for their contribution in helping the future leaders of our community gain the skills and knowledge they need to succeed."

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida partners with schools, local businesses and volunteers to provide beneficial and interactive programs that address community issues, such as workforce readiness, skill gaps and college readiness. During the 2020-21 school year, the organization provided nearly 126,000 hours of instruction to nearly 13,900 students in 576 classes throughout Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties.

"It's a pleasure to support an organization like Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida that is dedicated to

assisting the next generation of leaders in our community," said Mary Beth Geier, Florida director of the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation.

To learn more about Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida and its programs, visit www.jaswfl.org, call 225-2590, or email info@jaswfl.org.✪

Donations Made To Food Bank

Midwest Food Bank (MFB) of Florida recently received a generous contribution from Publix Super Market Charities that will be used towards an essential fleet trailer.

In 2020, the Midwest Food Bank Florida truck drove over 170,000 miles, rescuing over \$52 million worth of food, which fed 2.4 million hungry people in Florida. In a weekly route, this truck rescues over 200,000 pounds of food, transporting it back to Lee County and Polk County warehouses. An essential component to this fleet and the success of the Midwest Food Bank Florida food relief rescue and distribution is the 53-foot trailer. Carrying an average of 40,000 pounds of food supplies per trip, this equipment ensures people of Southwest Florida do not go hungry.

The goal of Publix Super Markets Charities is to endeavor to meet the needs of the people in the community. Midwest Food Bank Florida acts as the middle-man, bridging the gap between large, nationwide food distributors with excess, and local hungry people in need. This shared mission has resulted in a

dedicated and impactful partnership. Both working towards the elimination of hunger.✪

Hospitals Ranked Among Best

Lee Health hospitals have been recognized on a national platform for the high-quality care they provide to the Southwest Florida community.

HealthPark Medical Center and Gulf Coast Medical Center will be featured in *U.S. News & World Report* "Best Hospitals" by the American College of Cardiology.

Every year, *U.S. News & World Report* "Best Hospitals" helps patients and caregivers find the best medical centers for themselves and their families. In the 2022 guidebook, the American College of Cardiology (ACC) recognizes the more than 2,000 hospitals, centers and health systems that participate in the National Cardiovascular Data Registry (NCDR) and/or have been awarded accreditation by the college for their commitment to optimizing patient care and outcomes.

Using this national recognition, the ACC highlights hospitals, centers and health systems that are leaders in implementing the highest standards of patient care and protocols to ensure positive health outcomes. Communities know that they can rely on those institutions recognized to deliver superior

cardiovascular care for patients.

"Being recognized in this list shows our commitment to always providing our patients with the highest quality of cardiovascular care," said Dr. Richard Chazal, medical director of the Lee Health Heart and Vascular Institute and past president of the American College of Cardiology. "Our hospitals are national leaders in the way we deliver care, and this recognition is a testament to the excellence our team delivers every day."✪

County Citizen Advisory Meeting

The citizen advisory committee of the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization will meet in the Cape Coral Public Works Building on Thursday, November 4 at 3 p.m.

Topics for the meeting include the review and approval of the transportation improvement program amendments, the TIGER Project data collection scope of services and the Crash Outreach scope of services.

The committee will also review and comment on the draft tentative work program for fiscal year 2022-23 through 2026-27, proposed 2045 long range transportation plan amendments and candidate projects for upcoming funding cycles.

The Cape Coral Public Works Building is located at 815 Nicholas Parkway East in Cape Coral. For more information, visit www.leempo.com.✪

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Spousal Lifetime Access Trusts Explained



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

The proposed federal tax legislation reduces our gift/estate/generation skipping transfer tax exemptions from the present \$11.7 million to approximately \$6 million. Even if the legislation is not enacted, the current exemptions sunset on December 31, 2025, resulting in a similar reduction.

The Wall Street Journal, *The New York Times*, *Forbes*, *Money* and a variety of other publications post articles about Spousal Lifetime Access Trusts (SLATs) as a means for married couples to consume their exemptions before they're reduced. Consequently, individuals tend to believe SLATs are form documents that are all similar. Lawyers who aren't well versed in the tax law may in fact, create such forms.

Here, I'll explain SLATs in greater detail, so you'll be a well-informed client. A SLAT is a technique where spouses each place investment assets into an irrevocable trust for the other. It's important to note that SLATs are irrevocable, which means just that. Once you have signed and funded the trust with assets, it's difficult to undo the transaction without adverse consequence.

The main idea behind this strategy is that you wish to consume your lifetime gift tax exemptions before proposed legislation is enacted. As you know, your gift and estate tax exemptions work together. What you use during lifetime you can't use at death. You also have Generation Skipping Transfer Tax (GSTT) exemptions that can be used before they're reduced.

When consuming your GSTT exemption, you're not necessarily "skipping" your children. Instead, you're placing assets in a trust for your children that can continue on for your grandchildren without being included in your children's estate for federal estate tax purposes. You're "skipping" them for tax purposes, which is a good thing.

Congress doesn't want you skipping your children. That's why SLATs that terminate at your children's level is not good planning. (Same logic for your revocable trust planning, but that's for another column.) What's important to know is that the GSTT is a "penalty tax" in that it is imposed on transfers that benefit two generations or more below yours above your applicable exemption. Once your GSTT exemption is consumed, any additional transfers are assessed a tax at the highest marginal estate tax rate in addition to the estate tax.

Consequently, your attorney needs to review any prior federal gift tax return Form 709s that you have filed to determine how much gift/estate tax exemption you have remaining, as well as how much GSTT exemption you have. Those two numbers may

not be the same, which consequently affects the SLAT implementation.

With a SLAT, generally, the income earned on the investments transferred to the trust may be paid to your spouse. In other words, Husband's SLAT for Wife could pay Wife income while vice versa. Attorneys and their clients must be mindful of the IRS' Reciprocal Trust Doctrine. If the two SLATs look similar, were created at the same time and funded with similar assets, this doctrine invalidates the transfer.

As I've stated previously, while many believe a SLAT defines one specific type of trust, there are many options when creating one. Consequently, it's common for one individual's SLAT to have very different provisions than another's. Moreover, everyone has different assets that they'll use to transfer into their SLAT. Unrealized gain, dividends, interest, growth and other variables play into the success of the strategy.

Remember that gift transfers during life do not receive a step up in tax cost basis when the transferor dies. Contrast this with post-death transfers, which do receive a step-up. As an example, if I own 100 shares of ABC Company and my tax cost basis is \$50,000 but their current fair market value is \$100,000, if I put them in a SLAT during my lifetime for my wife and then it is distributed to my children, they take the same \$50,000 basis that I have. If they were to sell the shares for \$100,000, then they would recognize a \$50,000 capital gain. If, on the other hand, I die holding those same shares, and bequeath them in trust to my wife and then children, they receive a step-up to \$100,000. Consequently, if my wife as trustee sells the shares after my death for \$100,000, then the trust doesn't recognize capital gain.

This example illustrates why it's important for you to consider the tax cost basis relative to fair market value of the assets you intend to use to fund the SLATs. Growth should also be considered, and whether assets are appropriate for long-term holding.

The amounts that you transfer into your SLATs will largely be dependent upon several factors, including your comfort level and risk tolerances.

Income tax planning for your children can also be incorporated into SLATs. Hopefully, this income tax planning is also present for your children in your revocable living trust shares for them, and any other trusts you've created. Strategies exist that enable your children to determine whether they wish to be the taxpayer for income tax purposes or whether they want their trust share to be the taxpayer.

Good planning also incorporates "sprinkle" provisions, which enable your children to distribute income to their children (and one day, grandchildren) which enables them to get money where it's needed for education, home purchases, business startups, healthcare costs and the like. The income tax liability follows the distribution, so if your grandchildren are in a lower income tax bracket, then the family save taxes. Further, when making these distributions of income, it is not a gift, preserving your children's ability to use their federal gift/estate tax exemptions on their own assets.

Finally, it's important that your estate plan contain provisions enabling for the merger of like-kind trusts shares, which in turn minimizes your children and grandchildren's tax return reporting requirements.

So, as you can see, there's more to SLATs than standard boilerplate. If you have a larger estate that might be subject to tax, it's important to consider this technique before your exemptions are reduced.

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New Assistant Director Hired

The City of Fort Myers Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) has hired Phyllis R. LeFlore-Calloway as assistant director. In her new position, she will be responsible for assisting the CRA director in the operations of the agency and the implementation of projects and programs contained in the community redevelopment plans. LeFlore-Calloway will be involved in all facets of the organization including policy making, project management, budgeting, planning, personnel management and public relations.

"Phyllis is fully invested to serve the Southwest Florida and City of Fort Myers communities," Fort Myers CRA Executive Director Michele Hylton-Terry said. "Her experience in the legal industry and familiarity with community needs will provide the necessary resources and tools needed to assist in the continued growth



Phyllis R. LeFlore-Calloway

of the agency."

She began her career with the city of Fort Myers in 2018, serving as the legal administrator and advisor in the city's attorney office. In April 2021, she was selected to serve as the city's interim city manager. ✨

Bank Assistant Earns Certification

Laura Ann Marsh, human resources (HR) assistant for Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, has been certified as an HR generalist by the Independent Community Bankers Association.

The certification represents the body of knowledge needed to serve as an effective human resources generalist. The eight-part program is designed to provide human resources professionals the skills they need to be effective.

Marsh joined the bank in April as a customer service representative and teller at the McGregor Branch and was promoted to her current role in



Laura Ann Marsh

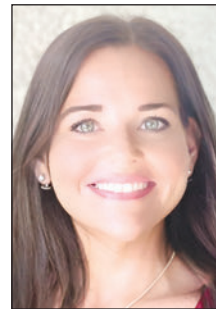
July. She is responsible for preparing payroll transactions, maintaining human resources records and assisting in the administration of employee benefits. ✨

Public Relations Specialist Named

Spiro & Associates Marketing, Advertising, Public Relations and Brand Architecture hired Kelly LaMagna as its new senior public relations specialist.

LaMagna brings a professional marketing and communications background, a passion for writing and strong knowledge of the area to Spiro & Associates. She is responsible for public relations communications projects for assigned clients, from business meetings to news media pitches, press release development and dissemination.

LaMagna is a 31-year resident of Cape Coral and a graduate of Mariner High School, Florida SouthWestern State College and Hodges University, receiving a degree in healthcare administration and



Kelly LaMagna

cardiopulmonary sciences.

"I have always been interested in getting into marketing full-time," said LaMagna. "The main reason is I want to learn and grow."

LaMagna is a Hampton Roads, Virginia native. ✨

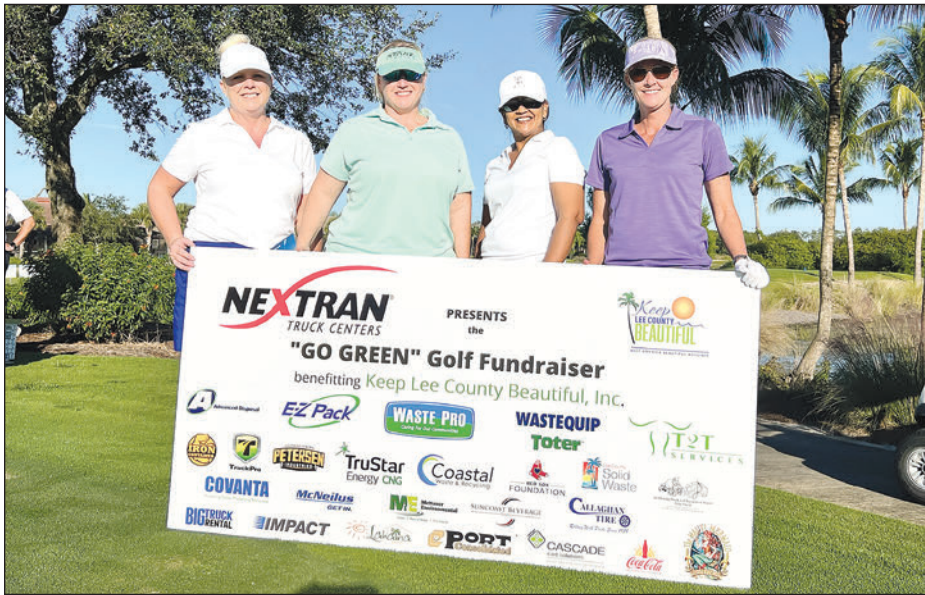
Chamber Adds Board Members

SWFL Inc. added six new members to its board of directors: Angel Cerritos of Bonita Springs YMCA; Chad Commers of SVN KOVA; Joe Nugent of Joe The Home Pro; Nick Weidenmiller of Presstige Printing; Rigoberto Rincones Gomez of Hodges University; and Craig Klingensmith of London Bay Development

The board is responsible for executing the organization's vision of building a vibrant and prosperous business community. The new positions are active until October 2024.

SWFL Inc.'s executive board is represented by Marci Seamples of Naples Zoo, chairman; Alaina Streblow of Suncoast Credit Union, chair-elect; Jennifer Hamilton of Gravina, Smith, Matte and Arnold, treasurer; Danville Leadbetter of London Bay Homes, secretary; and Suzanne Bradach of Lee Health, immediate past chairman. ✨

Golf Fundraiser Breaks Record



Golfers from Mettauer Environmental

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The 30th annual GO GREEN Golf Fundraiser, held at The Plantation Golf & Country Club on October 15, was the most profitable ever for Keep Lee County Beautiful, Inc. (KLCB) with a net profit just shy of \$40,000.

The tournament, organized by an all-volunteer board of directors, was sold out with 144 golfers. Proceeds will improve and expand KLCB programs to protect and preserve the environment.

Thanks go to the golfers, supporters and volunteers who made the event possible as well as presenting sponsor Nextran; VIP sponsors, Advanced Disposol, Callaghan Tire, Coastal

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Visit www.klcb.org for more information.✱✱

Mighty Mussels Among Teams In Marvel Deal

Minor League Baseball (MiLB) has secured a three-year partnership with Marvel Entertainment, one of the world's most prominent storytelling brands, for an event series that will play out in ballparks across all levels of MiLB starting in 2022.

The announcement was made at the Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes exhibit at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, which celebrates Marvel history with more than 300 artifacts including original comic book pages, sculptures, costumes and interactive displays.

The new partnership will feature 96 MiLB teams participating in an event series called Marvel's Defenders of the Diamond during the 2022 through 2024 baseball seasons. The deal was facilitated by AthLife, Inc., Marvel's longtime sports representative.

In each of the three years of the partnership, all 96 participating MiLB teams will host at least one Marvel Super Hero-themed game as part of the campaign, where teams will wear special edition Marvel super hero-branded jerseys on field during the game with other Marvel-themed activities and promotions taking place throughout the game.

Marvel will create a Marvel's Defenders

of the Diamond comic book that will be distributed in participating MiLB ballparks throughout the partnership. Co-branded merchandise and other surprises will be unveiled in 2022.

Fort Myers Mighty Mussels are among the many teams participating in the promotions. Visit www.milb.com/marvel for the latest updates on the series.✱✱

Calusa Blueway Fishing Tournament

The Calusa Blueway Kayak Fishing Tournament will return to Matlacha on Saturday, November 13 from noon to 4 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Candlelighters of Southwest Florida, a charity that supports children with cancer or blood disorders and their families.

The tournament features door prizes, raffles, food, live music and silent auctions, with weigh-ins from noon to 3 p.m. and a ceremony beginning at 4 p.m. It is organized by Gulf Coast Kayak and hosted by The Olde Fish House Marina at 4530 Pine Island Road in Matlacha.

Local sponsors have donated the gold (\$1,000), silver (\$500), bronze (\$250) and 12th place (\$100) cash prizes this year. The top female angler will win a Body Glove Performer iSUP. All anglers

will have an equal chance of winning one of two Body Glove iSUPs as a door prize.

All fishing will be catch, photo and release. Anglers must fish from paddlecraft on Lee County waterways. The tournament will begin at safe light November 13.

Scotty's Bierworks in Cape Coral will host the mandatory captain's meeting

and registration on Friday, November 12 at 7 p.m. All anglers must be present. Registration begins at 6 p.m. The entry fee is \$50 per angler.

Race details and registration can be found on the Calusa Blueway Kayak Fishing Tournament Eventbrite.com page. Weigh-in updates will be posted on Gulf Coast Kayak's Facebook Live page.✱✱

Golf Tournament For Hope Hospice

The Italian Open Golf Tournament benefiting Hope Hospice will be held at Lexington Country Club on Saturday, November 13.

Chaired by Jerry Cucuru, the foursome format tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. or 1 p.m. and includes 18 holes of golf. Afterwards, there will be a three-course Italian dinner featuring prizes, a silent auction and awards.

Registration for the tournament begins Monday, November 1 at the Lexington Pro Shop or by calling 437-3380. Non-member registration is \$150; Lexington Country Club members are \$110 plus cart fees. The event is limited to 300 participants, with all players receiving three complimentary gifts at registration.

Since the Italian Open Golf Tournament's inception nine years ago, Lexington Country Club has raised more than \$200,000 in support of Hope's mission of improving the quality of life for

every person experiencing serious illness by providing exceptional, comforting care.

Lexington Country Club is located at 16257 Willowcrest Way in Fort Myers. For more information, contact Head Golf Professional Danny Loucks, PGA, at 437-3380.✱✱

Amberjack Season To Close

The recreational harvest of greater amberjack in Gulf of Mexico state and federal waters will close on Monday, November 1 and will remain closed through April 30, 2022. The season is scheduled to reopen May 1 to 31, 2022.

This seasonal harvest closure is intended to help conserve the gulf greater amberjack population and rebuild this fishery for the future.

For more information about recreational fishing, visit www.myfwc.com/marine and click on "Recreational Regulations."✱✱

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Frankly Speaking



by Howard Prager

One brief note. What an exciting game between Illinois and Penn State going to 9 OTs before Illinois eked out a victory, upsetting No. 7 in the country. The longest game in college football history.

There is another sportswriter in my family. My mom. Sally Prager passed away last week at 94. Mom taught me all about sports, especially her favorites: baseball, bowling and tennis. I've paid tribute to her in my book and in an essay published several years ago called *Mom taught me the score*. She grew up in New York City and loved the (NY) Giants, despite the fact that her uncles were all Yankee fans. Over 70 years ago, she wrote a sports column for a barbershop journal for several months. Thinking that men wouldn't want to read a women's column, she wrote under the name of Lee Davis and her column, *Sports Slants*, was primarily about baseball. In a tribute to her, here is her column from October 1948 all about changing managers. Hope it brings back memories of names gone by and perhaps similarities to what happens today as underperforming teams, or

teams who don't get far in the playoffs, still discard managers frequently.

"Ranking among the first in unsteady employment is managing a ballclub. Pilots are hired and fired in rapid succession – Durocher at Brooklyn, Ott, Chapman, Neun – to help the team, so it is said. But the main object is to rouse the public. To the owners, the managers are the window displays and in order to interest and intrigue the fan, a new display must be put up periodically. The first Durocher-Shotton game packed Ebbets Field, though neither man had a blessed thing to do with the contest.

"The whole business is exaggerated to a ridiculous standpoint. Sewell, Frisch, Ruel, Dressen, Hartnell, Fitzsimmons, McKechnie (four times), Southworth – scores of them were fired recently. The Indians tried to trade (Lou) Boudreau last winter and Connie Mack, the "grand old man of baseball," would have been gotten rid of long ago, if only he did not happen to be the boss.

"Leading the NL managers in regular service is Charley Grimm, in his fifth season with the Chicago Cubs. Aside from Mack, the only AL with a steady managing job is Steve O'Neil of the Detroit Tigers. Both Charley and Steve were fired before.

"Exactly how important is a manager? Ford Frick says a star manager means 10 games' difference from a poor one. But there are no bad ones. There are some who are better than others such as Joe McCarthy and Billy Southworth because of their ability to handle players.

But Bill Terry, who won three pennants in five years, maintains that any bright, experienced player could be a successful foreman of a baseball ranch, provided the owner stocked it well.

"Bill wanted to be a GM, for it is that office which bolsters the team, not the manager, and he was for the Giants from 1937 to 1942. Branch Rickey, once kicked out as manager of the St. Louis Browns, is the man who started the farm system and shifted the responsibility of the teams from the field to the front office. McGraw, Chance, Moran, Clarke, Fielder Jones and others had more to say about the make-up of the team. Now a manager has to use only what is given to him. Durocher was acclaimed a mastermind when he ordered a bunt to beat the Boston Braves, a stunt used often by high school coaches. Ott won a game a while ago by springing four bunts in a row.

"Little difference is noticeable when a change of managers takes place, but change owners or general managers and zoom! Ruppert, Barrow, MacPhail, Rickey, Yawkey, Veeck, Stoneham, Wrigley – these are the men who control the outcome when a new skipper is appointed.

"Johnny Neun is one of the best player-developers in the business, but with the popular Bucky Walters at the helm of the Cincinnati Reds, the absence of star hurlers will be forgotten this year. The Polo Grounds was one of the few remaining places where permanent managers were common but the front office fell in line with the practice of giving the fans a new face. The office likes to consider the Ott case closed, but though there was much approval, there was more disapproval than is usual in most cases of a manager change.

"Leo Durocher started the New York boys running and throwing the ball with more pep. Johnny Mize stole several bases in the first few days and the fans said a new regime had begun. Pennant talk became popular. But pitchers still get knocked out and the lads have their batting slumps. Managers are not so important that the Giants found it "necessary" to bring a guy from Ebbets Field (Brooklyn) to the Polo Grounds (Manhattan). The final standings will be

proof of the pudding."

Thank you Mom, for your insights and knowledge, for the places and people you saw, and for your love of life. I'm lucky to be your son.

Our good news story of the week is from CBS. Jasen Bracy is a unique 15-year-old starting quarterback. Bracy developed retinal cancer as a toddler. By the time he turned seven, his sight was gone. He played sports, but really loved football. His parents said no way. But Bracy became his own agent. "Once he got his own phone, he figured how to call the teams around the area and started asking the coaches," his dad said. "The way he was on the phone, I just said, 'Come on we'll figure it out,'" said David Nichols, coach for the Modesto Raiders.

Bracy memorized every play and where every player is supposed to be. He did so well the coach made him quarterback. "It's all memory. It's all about having trust in the player, the receiver and the team," Bracy said. "I have to trust them 100 percent." His dad guides him from the sidelines with a walkie talkie, which Bracy can hear through his helmet.

"I don't even want a team to know that I can't see because they might ease up on me," he said.

He recently led the Raiders to a victory against one of the teams that turned him down. He said his ultimate goal is to make it all the way to the NFL. He'll find a way, I'm sure.

Howard Prager is the son-in-law of longtime columnist Ed Frank. Prager is a sports enthusiast from the Chicago area who also writes and blogs about leadership. Email comments to press@islandssunnews.com.

Sports Highlight

Senior kicker Andrew Kibler of Cape Coral booted a career-long 49-yard field goal in overtime to send the Manchester University Spartans to a stunning 27-24 upset of the Franklin College Grizzlies on October 2.

Kibler is a graduate of Mariner High School. He is majoring in digital media at the North Manchester, Indiana college.

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SPORTS QUIZ

1. The Las Vegas Posse, Shreveport Pirates, Memphis Mad Dogs and Birmingham Barracudas were teams that briefly played in what league during the 1990s?
2. Name the head coach who led the Notre Dame Fighting Irish women's basketball team to nine Final Four appearances and two NCAA championships from 1987-2020.
3. What team sport designed for visually impaired athletes was introduced as an official event at the 1976 Summer Paralympics in Toronto?
4. What TV personality and former NFL player authored the book *Everyone Can Be a Ninja: Find Your Inner Warrior and Achieve Your Dreams*?
5. In 2002, what New York Yankees outfielder took teammate Derek Jeter's bat and glove and sold them to a memorabilia dealer?
6. What Ole Miss running back was selected by the New Orleans Saints in the first round of the 2001 NFL Draft?
7. What catcher holds the record for the longest last name in Major League Baseball history with 14 letters?

ANSWERS

1. The Canadian Football League (CFL).
2. Muffet McGraw.
3. Goalball.
4. Akbar Gbajabiamila.
5. Ruben Rivera.
6. Deuce McAllister.
7. Jarrod Saltamacchia.

Doctor and Dietician

Fall Foods
For Fighting

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

We are not talking about getting into an actual fight – we are talking today about fall foods that help you fight infection and stimulate your immune system to stay healthy. Fall is here and the temperatures are dropping slightly to a more tolerable level to the point where we may even be able to sit outside for a meal on the lanai. Right? Unfortunately, with fall, typically comes the “germ” season and increased incidence of infections – especially with the kids back in school. We encourage you not to take this lightly and do all you can to stimulate your immune system to stay strong and healthy – and it starts with eating healthy food. Our Farmer’s Markets are up and running now, so there is ample opportunity to find some lovely delicious fresh veggies and fruits.

What are some of the best superfoods to consume this fall? Here is our list: pumpkin, butternut squash, kale, apples, Brussels sprouts, beets, figs, kumquats, maitake mushrooms, pears, radicchio, sweet potatoes, pomegranates, tomatoes, bell peppers, cinnamon, garlic and ginger. These foods contain all sorts of essential nutrients such as vitamin C, folate, antioxidants, zinc and beta-carotene. We encourage you to try to find ways to incorporate these power-packed superfoods into your regular eating plans.

There are so many ways to consume these delicious foods. Here are a few of our favorites:

Pumpkin – Using fresh pumpkin allows you to scrape out those delicious pumpkin seeds and clean them, toss with a little olive oil and sea salt, and roast them – what a great snack. We also like using organic non-sweetened canned pumpkin puree for its ease of use. You can boost the nutritional value of your morning smoothie or oatmeal with some pumpkin and/or pumpkin seeds; make pumpkin bread or muffins (or even brownies); mix into coconut milk curry with veggies; create a creamy soup with pumpkin, chicken broth, celery, onions, and carrots; and our recent favorite, add some pumpkin into pasta sauce and/or to increase the nutritional value and add richness of flavor. (So good – you must try it).

Butternut Squash – This delicious fall veggie can be roasted, steamed, baked, or broiled – even veggie haters find that they like it. Cubed and roasted with some olive oil, sea salt and smoked paprika is one of our favorite ways to make it. Making it into a delicious creamy soup, adding chunks to your chili or vegetable soup, or mixing it with sauteed spinach or kale and pasta are some of our other favorites.

Brussels Sprouts – Come on, we’ve all had soggy sprouts in our youth that tasted terrible. But now, they have become the best veggie out there. The easiest way to make them is tossing with olive oil, sea salt and pepper, and roasting in a 425-degree oven. A more delectable way to make these nutrient-packed babies is to roast them as above, then toss with some goat cheese, dried cranberries, and chopped pecans. Talk about delish. We also like shredding them and making a B-sprout slaw using a Veganaise and apple cider vinegar-based dressing, along with some shredded carrots, onions and raisins.

These fall fighters are not only good for your health but are seriously delicious. Let’s get out to the Farmer’s Market and pick up some of these fall fighters to keep ourselves strong and healthy this season.

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Ross Hauser, MD, and Marion Hauser, MS, RD, established Caring Medical in

dearPharmacist

A Supplement
For Gallstones
And Liver Health

by Suzy
Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: You may not have heard of the medication Ursodiol, but it’s a gallstone dissolver. It’s also something you produce every day of your life.

Let me clarify. Ursodiol is a drug and also a human chemical made in the liver.

It reduces cholesterol production to some extent and, even better, it dissolves the cholesterol crystals in bile which would otherwise cause more stone formation. Ursodiol goes by the initials of UDCA, and it’s related to a supplement called TUDCA.

Your gallbladder is on your right side and it’s a small pear-shaped organ that holds a fluid called bile. This bile is made in your liver, and you need it to digest food, fats and vitamins. You don’t think about your gallbladder until it gets inflamed, or develops painful stones. Gallstones can be very painful to a person, producing uncomfortable symptoms. With all the Halloween treats coming soon, I am worried about everyone’s gallbladder.

Ursodiol was first identified in the bile of bears. That’s how it got its name. Fun fact, the genus known as “ursus” includes polar bears, black bears and others. So when they found this UDCA in bear bile, they named it ursodiol. Pharma

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then went on to purify a form that could help people who suffer with gallstones, bile duct and other gallbladder diseases. Dietary supplement makers have TUDCA, which is just a taurine molecule joined with the UDCA, hence TUDCA. It’s sold in some health food stores, but mostly online.

There was an interesting animal study where researchers sought to investigate the effects of TUDCA on gallstone formation. The scientists fed rats a high fat diet, and then enhanced their diet with TUDCA supplementation. They evaluated several biomarkers during the study, and concluded that TUDCA could help the rodents with their gallstones by improving probiotic status and reducing cholesterol crystal formation. Serum total cholesterol went down in a statistically significant manner also.

Other studies on TUDCA have shown it could play a beneficial role in fatty liver, insulin sensitivity, weight loss and adipogenesis.

If you suffer with gallbladder disease or liver problems, there are many things you can do. For example, changing your diet to one that is high-fiber and low fat. You can try omega 3 fatty acid supplements, and exercising more if physically able. You can drink carrot juice; studies suggest this is helpful. There is much more too. If this topic interests you, sign up for my free newsletter and I’ll email you a free recipe ebook, as well as the longer version of this article. Just a note of caution, there is no medical advice here. If you have or develop any gallbladder inflammation, pain, serious problems or a real intestinal disorder, please seek proper medical attention and care.

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.✱

Superior Interiors

Farmhouse
Bathroom Of
Your Dreams

by Trinetta Nelson

Redecorating your home comes with the opportunity to express yourself creatively, show off your sense of style and refresh your living space when it’s necessary. Areas like the living room,

family room and kitchen get the most traffic between live-in family members and guests, so reviving these spaces on a regular basis is a must. The same goes for

the bathroom on the main floor; while it may be one of the smaller rooms in your house, it still deserves the same amount of attention as those with more space to roam around.

The bathroom is a station for relaxation and rejuvenation. Without the right style and design choices, it can give off an uncomfortable vibe that’s disjointed and stagnant. Modern farmhouse is a design scheme to consider if you’re not sure how to tackle this project, as it is described as a clean and homey design style.

Modern farmhouse is actually a hybrid style, combining modern color schemes, shapes and materials with the rustic warmth of untreated wood, hand-hammered metal, or clay pots. It can be interpreted in an infinite number of ways, with different levels of integration between modern coolness and farmhouse nostalgia. A modern farmhouse theme is equally warm, welcoming and simplistic, and can be easy to execute with the right

design elements and expertise.

Choose white and black (or another bold color). A clean slate will set the tone for the room, so choose a tone of white for the foundation. This will brighten up the space and allow you to get a bit more creative with the details. A bold color, most commonly black, can be used to emphasize the lines throughout the bathroom. You can also use a dark, muted color like forest green, navy or burgundy for a bit of character.

Pick accessories with a “less is more” mentality. Simplicity is the state of mind when it comes to farmhouse decor, and less is certainly more in this case. Invest in the accents and accessories that won’t only look great but will be fully functional as well. Stay away from countertop trinkets and focus instead on towels, bathroom rugs and light fixtures.

Hang a large mirror. The mirror is one of the defining statement pieces of a modern farmhouse bathroom. The larger, the better, as mirrors offer a

useful opportunity to bounce the natural light around the room and bring the space to life. Stick with a wrought iron or untreated wooden frame to stay on theme.

Use small lanterns and sconces. Speaking of lighting, your fixture choices can make or break the modern farmhouse scheme. Delicate lanterns and modern sconces against the natural lighting can illuminate the room to perfection while looking sleek and subtle.

Modern farmhouse design and decor is well known for its simplicity, but that doesn’t mean the project itself will necessarily be a walk in the park. If it’s been ages since you last redesigned your bathroom or you’ve never tackled a job like this on your own, you could benefit from assistance of someone with interior design skills, knowledge and experience.

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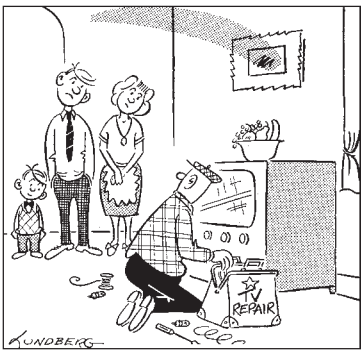
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PUZZLES

Answers on page 23



"How long has your picture been
_____ like this?"

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!

Rare

CREACS

Conduct

EATROPE

Gallery

RACEAD

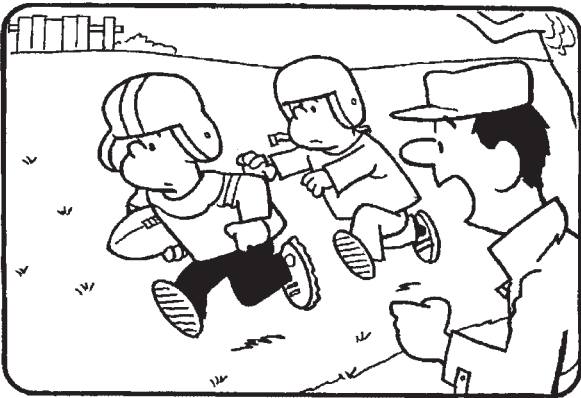
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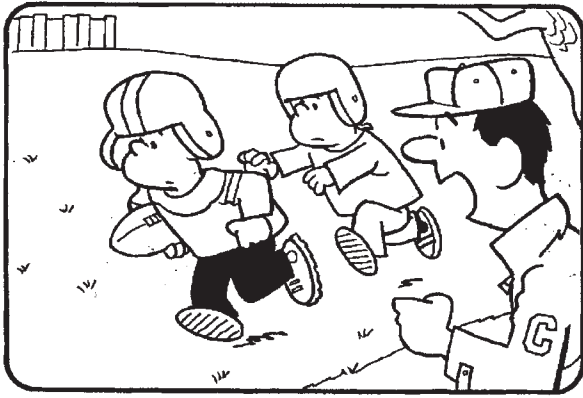
TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hedge is missing. 2. Cap is different. 3. Strap is missing. 4. Fence is different. 5. Letter is different. 6. Leg is moved.

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

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

PITIFUL PANTRY PROBLEM

- ACROSS**

1 Spot's threat

4 Bacteria-growing gel

8 Crevices

13 Having the most wisdom

19 Glasgow refusal

20 "Space Ghost" cartoonist Alex

21 Actress Kemper of "The Office"

22 Swollen and distended

23 Central North Carolina city

25 747, say

26 Often-used expressions

27 Start of a riddle

30 "Three Times —" (1978 hit song)

31 Hay unit

32 Be in great anguish

36 Trainee, e.g.

37 Riddle, part 2

42 Diplomat's skill

44 Former NBAer Ming

45 Gets wrinkles out of

46 See 71-Down
- 49 1930s-'40s prez

50 Church vestibule

53 Classical intro?

54 Riddle, part 3

59 It may take the cake

61 "— Sexy" (1992 #1 hit song)

62 Clapton of rock

63 Bernstein's "Candide," for one

67 Early Oscar winner Jannings

68 Riddle, part 4

72 Fought (for)

73 Look for a therapist, say

75 Poi base

76 River mouth deposit

77 Go via boat

78 Riddle, part 5

82 "— culpa!"

85 How a winding path proceeds

87 Part of RBI or ERA

88 Dir. from Ariz. to Ky.

89 Dazzling success

91 Despot Amin

92 Gives a hand
- 96 End of the riddle

100 "Woe is me!"

104 "The Mummies' Dance" singer McKennitt

105 No longer relevant

106 Classic arcade name

107 Riddle's answer

113 All-terrain military vehicle

116 Clipped, as a sheep

117 Many a magic trick

118 Give support

119 Sizable

120 Sulky state

121 Malt product

122 Some online greetings

123 Possessed

124 GI's "lullaby"

125 Longest river of Scotland
- 6 Razor option

7 Certain parallelogram

8 Drive back

9 "Maybe"

10 Shortcoming

11 Ex-Yankee

12 Appear

13 Miserly

14 Sound engineer's console

15 Smiling one

16 Swelled head

17 Resident of a gaming "City"

18 NFL scores

24 "It's the — an era"

28 Rowboat pair

29 Satisfied sigh

33 Victor's gloat

34 "Titanic" actor Billy

35 Petro-Canada rival

37 Time — half

38 Square type

39 Meg of "I.Q."

40 Three feet

41 "Poppycock!"

43 "Should that be true ..."

46 Brown, Penn and Harvard

47 "The Silence of the Lambs" director Jonathan
- 48 Shaw of swing

50 "Valiant attempt!"

51 Aspiration

52 Just-prior periods

55 Egg middles

56 Work fill-in

57 Goya's gold

58 Cedar

60 "Fat chance!"

63 — about (close to)

64 Mark in "piñata"

65 "Grand" Rockies peak

66 Wise saying

68 Herr's "no"

69 Pot for arroz con pollo

70 "Poppycock!"

71 With 46-Across, brand of frozen fries

74 Is in first place

76 "— be shy"

78 Bona — (real)

79 Lena of "Havana"

80 Grand — (auto race)

81 Drive out
- 82 Whine like a baby

83 Yodeling comeback

84 Banned orchard spray

86 Currency of Laos

90 Dined at someone else's place

92 Embellished

93 Haughty sort

94 Band's lineup of gig songs

95 Fills up

97 "Gas Food Lodging" director Allison

98 Tennis player Shriver

99 Appear

101 Lasso

102 Colorful ring of anatomy

103 Writer Sheldon

106 Lies against

108 Port of Norway

109 Turn to liquid

110 Trumpet, e.g.

111 Forearm part

112 Radar image

113 Color tone

114 Scanned market ID

115 Deg. for many an exec

King Crossword

- ACROSS**

1 Russian range

6 First lady before Michelle

11 Salem's state

12 Cancels

14 Mexican revolutionary

15 "Are you happy I'm back?"

16 Low digit

17 Omits

19 Soak (up)

20 1492 vessel

22 Rock's Brian

23 Spanish ayes

24 Devour

26 Religious doctrines

28 — Moines

30 Actress Long

31 Fairly shared

35 Snares

39 "— Smile Be Your Umbrella"

40 Director Howard

42 Half a sextet

43 Egg (Pref.)

44 Pale purple

46 Club —

47 "New World Symphony" composer

49 Recital piece

51 Bagel choice
- 52 Handsome guy

53 Hinder

54 Classical language

7 Black birds

8 Young — (tots)

9 Putin's land

10 Nearly

11 Ultraviolet filter

13 Old photo tint

18 Ky. neighbor

21 Actress McDonald of "Private Practice"

23 Brainy

25 Pod dweller

27 "Shoo!"

29 Picket-line

31 Trudges

32 Gunned, as an engine

33 Idle

34 "You've got mail" co.

36 Designer Giorgio

37 Bakery pan

38 Fizzy drinks

41 Twangy

44 Hobbling

45 Musical finale

48 Squealer

50 "Kidding!"

MAGIC MAZE ● AMUSEMENT RIDES

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: Creature With Eight Tentacles

- Booster

Fireball

Freefall

Frisbee
- Kamikaze

Log Flume

Monster

Orbiter
- Rainbow

Rotor

Speed

Tagada
- Tornado

Troika

Twist



Tomato Cornbread

photo courtesy Fresh From Florida



Tomato Cornbread
2 large tomatoes, chopped
1 box natural cornbread mix
1 onion, diced small
olive oil
1 cup jack cheese, grated
Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste

Prepare cornbread batter as indicated on the package. Preheat oven as listed on the cornbread box instructions. Preheat a large cast iron skillet over medium heat. Cook onion until tender in a small amount of olive oil, seasoning with salt and pepper. Fold half of the cheese into the cornbread batter. Pour batter into pan over the onions. Add remaining cheese to the top of the cornbread mixture. Sprinkle the tomatoes over the batter. Bake as directed on box. Remove from oven when golden brown and cooked throughout. Let cool slightly and serve warm.✪

My Stars ★★★★★
FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2021

Aries (March 21 to April 19) Mars, your ruling planet, begins a journey that will open up a growing number of possibilities. Put that surging Arian energy to good use and explore it to your heart's content.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) This is the time to prepare for a career move coming up next month. Update your resume. Get those proposals in shape. And don't forget to buff up that Bovine self-confidence.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) Your Gemini instincts will guide you to the right people who might be able to help you get over that career impasse that has been holding you back. Expect to make changes.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) You're getting closer, but you still have a ways to go before reaching your goals. Continue to stay focused, no matter how difficult it can be for the easily distracted Moon Child.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) Your Leonine pride might be keeping you from getting to the source of

a disturbing situation. Don't be shy about asking questions. Remember: Information is power.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) It's a good time to shake up your tidy little world by doing something spontaneous, like taking an unplanned trip or going on a mad shopping spree.

Libra (September 23 to October 22) This is a good week to get advice on your plans. But don't act on them until you feel sure that you've been told everything you need to know to support your move.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) Be careful. You might be probing just a little too deeply into a situation that you find singularly suspicious. The facts you seek will begin to emerge at a later time.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) This is a good week to make new friends and to look for new career challenges. But first, get all those unfinished tasks wrapped up and out of the way.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) Relationships need a fresh infusion of tender, loving care. Avoid potential problems down the line. Stay close to

PETS OF THE WEEK



Sabrina ID# A883990 photos provided Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Sabrina And Jackie

Hello, my name is Sabrina. I'm a blue 6-year-old female pit bull. I'm a girly girl, and I'm not afraid to show it. I like to dress up in my finest outfit and pose to get my picture taken. In other words, I am ready for my close-up. I'm a very affectionate gal who would prefer to snuggle up on the bench next to volunteers than go for long walks. My adoption fee is \$25.

Hi, my name is Jackie. I'm a calico 7-year-old female domestic shorthair. I'm a 'Super Senior' in years, but not



Jackie ID# A887595

in attitude. I have the personality of a teenager. I have your typical calico personality including my strong-will and playfulness. I love to show affection and will do so on my terms. My adoption fee is \$10, and you can adopt a feline friend for me at no additional charge.

Lee County Domestic Animal Services is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers. Adoptions are available by appointment Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Visit www.leelostpets.com 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.✪

loved ones as the month draws to a close.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) Aspects favor relationships, whether platonic, professional or personal. On another note: Be a mite more thrifty. You might need some extra money very soon.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20) This is the absolute right time to let those often-hidden talents shine their brightest. You'll impress some very important people with what you can do.

Born This Week: You are impelled by a need to find truth, no matter how elusive. You would make a wonderful research scientist or an intrepid detective.





MOMENTS IN TIME

- On November 5, 1605, King James I of England learns of a plot to blow up the Parliament building. Guy Fawkes had been found lurking in a cellar with 20 barrels of gunpowder. Fawkes revealed that he was part of a conspiracy to annihilate England's Protestant government and replace it with Catholic leadership.
- On November 7, 1774, Richard

Bache succeeds his father-in-law, Benjamin Franklin, as postmaster general. Benjamin Franklin was fired for opening and sending to a publisher Massachusetts Royal Governor Thomas Hutchinson's correspondence.

- On November 6, 1854, John Philip Sousa, "The March King," is born in Washington, DC. Sousa composed 136 marches, including *The Washington Post* (1889) and *Stars and Stripes Forever* (1896).
- On November 4, 1922, British archaeologists discover the tomb of King Tutankhamen in the Valley of the Kings in Egypt. The tomb contained a stone sarcophagus with three nested coffins. Inside the final solid gold coffin was the mummy of the boy-king Tutankhamen, preserved for more than 3,000 years.
- On November 2, 1947, the Hughes Flying Boat – the largest aircraft ever built – is piloted by designer Howard Hughes on its first and only flight. The massive wooden aircraft had a wingspan longer than a football field and was designed to carry more than 700 men to battle.
- On November 1, 1959, Montreal

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	FRIDAY Sunny High: 82 Low: 73		SATURDAY Sunny High: 80 Low: 74		SUNDAY Sunny High: 79 Low: 71		MONDAY Sunny High: 81 Low: 74		TUESDAY Sunny High: 76 Low: 67		WEDNESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 77 Low: 70		THURSDAY Sunny High: 78 Low: 69
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Redfish Pass Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	6:51 am	3:05 pm	11:05 pm	None
Sat	8:38 am	2:50 am	11:18 pm	3:57 pm
Sun	10:05 am	4:02 am	11:32 pm	4:41 pm
Mon	11:14 am	4:54 am	11:48 pm	5:19 pm
Tue	12:15 pm	5:40 am	None	5:52 pm
Wed	12:06 am	6:25 am	1:13 pm	6:21 pm
Thu	12:26 am	7:10 am	2:11 pm	6:47 pm

Point Ybel Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	5:56 am	3:07 pm	10:10 pm	None
Sat	7:43 am	2:52 am	10:23 pm	3:59 pm
Sun	9:10 am	4:04 am	10:37 pm	4:43 pm
Mon	10:19 am	4:56 am	10:53 pm	5:21 pm
Tue	11:20 am	5:42 am	11:11 pm	5:54 pm
Wed	12:18 pm	6:27 am	11:31 pm	6:23 pm
Thu	1:16 pm	7:12 am	11:56 pm	6:49 pm

Punta Rassa Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	5:55 am	2:45 pm	9:03 pm	None
Sat	7:10 am	12:17 am	10:03 pm	3:42 pm
Sun	9:23 am	3:41 am	10:58 pm	4:34 pm
Mon	11:06 am	4:56 am	11:40 pm	5:25 pm
Tue	12:17 pm	5:57 am	None	6:12 pm
Wed	12:11 am	6:48 am	1:10 pm	6:55 pm
Thu	12:37 am	7:35 am	1:59 pm	7:35 pm

Cape Coral Bridge Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	9:01 am	6:21 pm	None	None
Sat	1:15 am	6:06 am	10:48 am	7:13 pm
Sun	1:28 am	7:18 am	12:15 pm	7:57 pm
Mon	1:42 am	8:10 am	1:24 pm	8:35 pm
Tue	1:58 am	8:56 am	2:25 pm	9:08 pm
Wed	2:16 am	9:41 am	3:23 pm	9:37 pm
Thu	2:36 am	10:26 am	4:21 pm	10:03 pm

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From page 20

Moments In Time

Canadian Jacques Plante becomes the first NHL goaltender to wear a full facemask. Despite the coach’s objection, Plante put his foot down as he’d “already had four broken noses, a broken jaw, two broken cheekbones and almost 200 stitches” in his head.

• On November 3, 1976, *Carrie*, a horror film starring Sissy Spacek and based on Stephen King’s 1974 best-selling first novel, opens in theaters. It tells the story of a high-school outcast who uses her telekinetic powers to exact a violent revenge on prom night.

NOW HERE’S A TIP

- “If you heat a pita in the microwave first, it will be easier to open and will rip less. About 10 seconds should do it.” – ME in Georgia
- Baby have diaper rash? One of the best remedies is “air time” – that is, letting baby go without a diaper for a bit. Another simple soother is a baking soda bath. Try adding two to four tablespoons of baking soda to Junior’s bathwater.
- Use this tip to vacuum seal your meat for the freezer without any special equipment. Add meat pieces to a plastic, zipper-top bag. Fill a large pot several

inches deep with water. Seal all but an inch or so of the bag. As you lower the bag into the water (zipper top up) the air will escape through the unsealed portion. When no air remains, seal the bag and then remove from the water.

• “Have you tried this single-serving blender hack using a mason jar? Many standard-size blender blades can be screwed on to a pint Mason jar. If you’re one of the lucky ones, you can make single servings of smoothies to blend and go.”

– TU in South Carolina

• “Apply petroleum jelly to the panes of your windows before painting the trim. This works better than masking tape in many ways. It is easily removed, and even large paint flecks come right off.”

– PS in Illinois

• After you’ve cooked your chicken whole, remove the meat and throw the bones and remaining carcass in the slow cooker with three to four cups of water. Let it cook on low for several hours for a spectacularly flavorful broth.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

• Those having received at least one shot of the COVID-19 vaccine were eligible for a free marijuana joint in New York City and Washington, DC, thanks

to “Joints for Jobs.” The organization behind the 4/20 event hoped to help counter vaccine hesitancy.

• The first lawnmower was an adapted carpet-cutting machine.

• Theodore Seuss Geisel dropped out of Oxford before getting his PhD and called himself Dr. Seuss as a nod to his father.

• The four-penny coffin was one of the first homeless shelters created for the people of central London by the Salvation Army during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. For that amount, they received food and shelter, and could sleep in a coffin-shaped wooden box with a tarp.

• When you snap a whip, that sound you hear is the whip breaking the sound barrier.

• In 2015, a fan of the Australian band Peking Duk got backstage at their concert by adding himself as a family member on their Wiki page and showing it to security. The duo wasn’t upset, however, noting that they “ended up having a bunch of beers with him and he was an absolute legend.”

• Swedish wasn’t the official language of Sweden until 2009.

• The phrase “take something with a grain of salt” refers to an ancient Roman recipe for an antidote that protects

against poisons.

• Phobophobia is the fear of phobias, or the fear of fear.

• Lee Hadwin “sleepdraws” gorgeous works of art, of which he has no recollection afterward. He has been drawing in his sleep since he was four years old.

• The ancient Aztecs believed that Techichis, forerunners of today’s Chihuahuas, would absorb their owners’ sins while escorting them to the afterlife.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Quality is not an act. It is a habit.” – Aristotle

TRIVIA TEST

1. **Geography:** What is the only country that ends with the letter Q?
2. **Literature:** Which Truman Capote nonfiction book begins with the line, “The village of Holcomb stands on the high wheat plains of western Kansas, a lonesome area that other Kansans call ‘out there’”?
3. **Movies:** What were the words on the hot-air balloon in which the wizard leaves Emerald City in *The Wizard of Oz*?
4. **History:** Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution guaranteed the right to vote regardless of race?

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10/22 ★ 10/29

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- 5. **Medical:** What condition is the result of a decrease in red blood cells?
- 6. **Measurements:** How many tablespoons are in a ¼ cup?
- 7. **General Knowledge:** What do deltiologists study and collect?
- 8. **Television:** What is Netflix's highest rated original series in 2021?
- 9. **Science:** What is a person who specializes in plant studies called?
- 10. **Food & Drink:** Is eggplant considered a fruit or a vegetable?

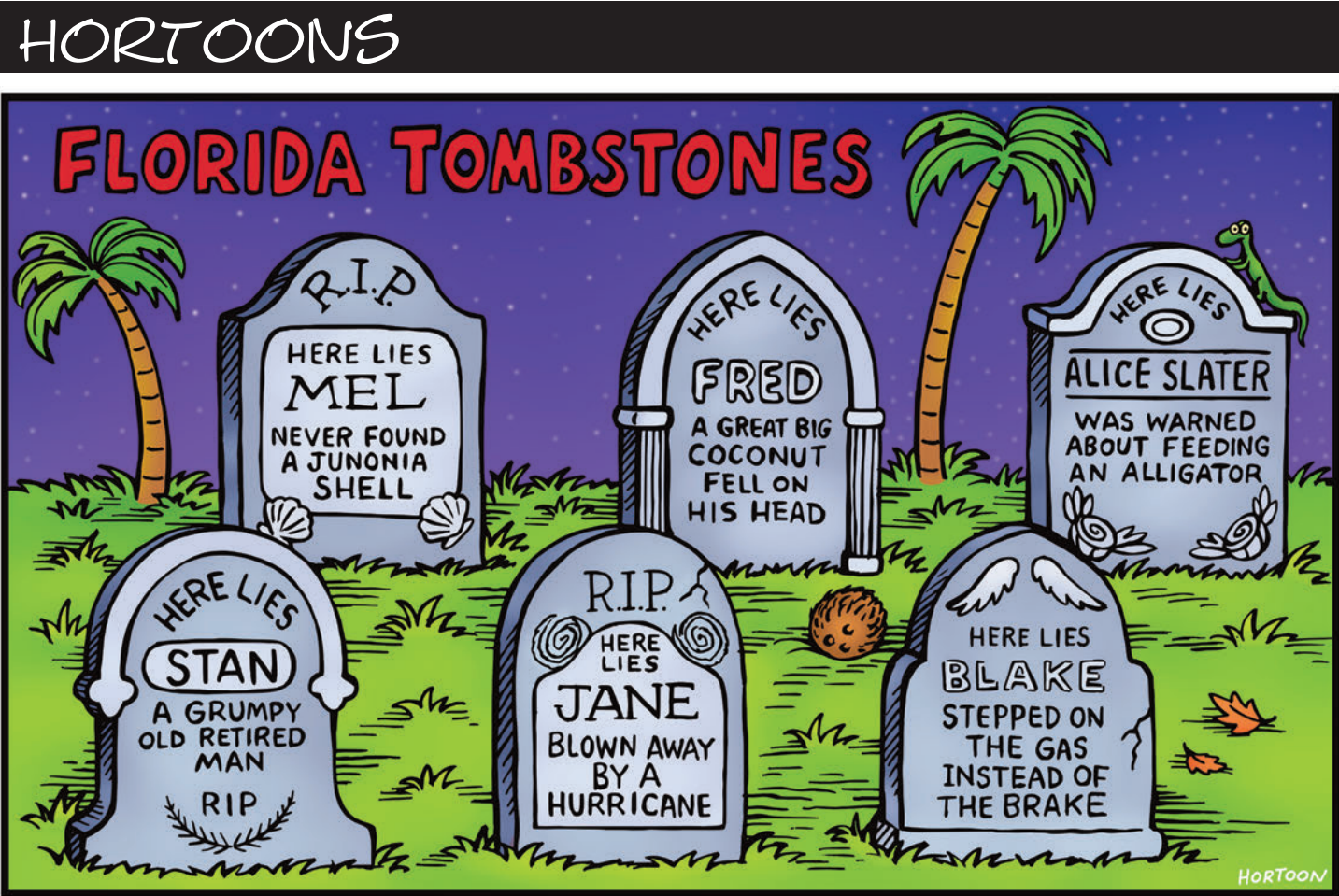
TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1. Iraq
- 2. In Cold Blood
- 3. State Fair
- 4. Omaha
- 5. Anemia
- 6. Four
- 7. Postcards
- 8. Bridgerton
- 9. A botanist
- 10. Fruit

SCRAMBLERS ANSWER

1. Scarce 2. Operate;
3. Arcade; 4. Stroke

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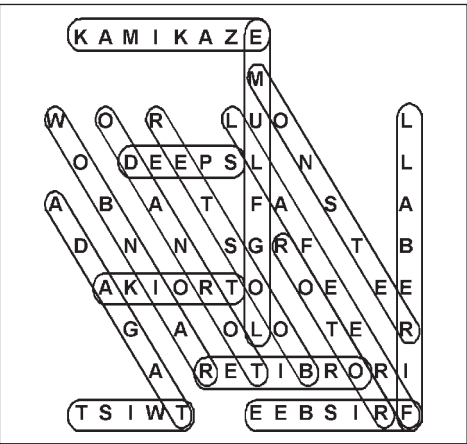
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Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Bonita Beach	Bonita Springs	2001	3,699	\$4,999,000	\$5,460,000	6
Water Shadows Unrecorded Subdivison	Sanibel	1980	3,021	\$1,899,000	\$1,849,000	441
Bayview Acres	St. James City	1982	2,558	\$1,990,000	\$1,750,000	79
San Carlos Estates	Bonita Springs	2013	2,996	\$1,450,000	\$1,430,000	40
Edgewater	Fort Myers	2002	4,902	\$1,599,000	\$1,420,000	36
Castaway Estates	Sanibel	1979	1,992	\$1,350,000	\$1,310,000	36
Laguna Shores	Fort Myers Beach	1965	1,631	\$1,399,000	\$1,300,000	47
Burnt Store Marina	Punta Gorda	2001	3,467	\$1,350,000	\$1,225,000	48
Esplanade Lake Club	Fort Myers	2020	2,929	\$1,074,418	\$1,074,418	2
Corkscrew Shores	Estero	2019	2,488	\$1,095,000	\$1,025,000	3



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