



## Preparations Under Way For Holiday Nights

Edison and Ford Winter Estates will kick off the 46th annual Holiday Nights celebration with a tree lighting ceremony on Friday, November 26 at 6 p.m. Guests can participate in the countdown with Dave Elias from NBC-2 when the historic Mysore fig on the Ford property will be lit with thousands of animated lights choreographed to holiday music. Female vocalists – The American Sirens – will perform shortly after the tree lighting. The event is sponsored by Bob Dean Supply, Florida Power & Light, Sunbelt Rentals and TriCircle Pavers.

This year's theme is Holidays Under the Stars and will incorporate elements of nature and the outdoors. Holiday Nights will be open Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, but closed Christmas Day. Through January 2, guided holiday tradition tours will be offered at 6 and 7 p.m. every night, or visitors can meander at their own pace on a self-guided tour. Guided, inside-the-homes tours will be offered on December 1, 8 and 15 at 6:30 p.m. for an up-close look at the homes' decorated interiors.



Visitors admire the decorated homes and gardens during Holiday Nights photo provided

Families can stroll through the Children's Tree Trail, which features dozens of trees decorated with handmade ornaments from Lee County school children. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting on November 26, December 5, 12, 19 and 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. Family science shows with the Wild Wizard

(Edison's nickname) will take place on November 28, December 5, 12, 19, 26 and January 2 at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

There will also be music on several nights: strolling carolers will sing holiday songs on December 8 and 22; the Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers will perform on December 15; a trumpet

player will perform on December 18 and 21; and a saxophone player will perform on December 17 and 20. An antique circus car (a calliope) with a built-in pipe organ will be played several times on December 16 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Curators will be on hand to answer questions about the car, which is a modified 1914 Model T Ford.

The Ford Cottage Shoppe, Museum Store and Garden Shoppe will be open until 9 p.m. every night and will be stocked with unique gift items for that hard-to-buy-for loved one. Refreshments will be available for purchase on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings as well as December 20 through 23.

Holiday Nights tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for teens (age 13 to 19), \$2 for children (age 6 to 12) and no charge for Edison Ford members. Guided Holiday Tradition Tours are \$30 for adults, \$25 for teens, \$18 for children and \$10 for Edison Ford members. Inside-the-homes holiday tours are \$50. Lee County residents with identification will receive \$5 off Holiday Nights admission on Monday nights.

Edison and Ford Winter Estates is located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, to purchase tickets or view the nightly schedule, visit [www.edisonford.org](http://www.edisonford.org).



Some of the artwork that will be offered for sale

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## Holiday Pop-Up Show At Alliance

The Union Artist Studios and Arts & Eats Café will hold a Holiday Mini Pop-Up show on the Alliance for the Arts campus on Small Business Saturday, November 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Artists, crafters and artisans will set up displays for their holiday-inspired creations

along the porch of the Edwards Building at the Alliance.

This is a great opportunity for the community to support the efforts of local artist and, at the same time, find unique items to add to their holiday gift lists.

Artists Lorrie Bennett and Julia Rocha are spearheading this initiative, which includes locally made products such as painted ornaments, jewelry, apparel and

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## New Exhibits For Beach Art Group



Nancy Morgan is artist of the month at Shucker's Galleria

photo provided

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association (FMBAA) will open two new shows on Monday, November 15. The group is also featuring its artist of the month and offering an artist demonstration.

Endless Beginnings is FMBAA's primary show this month and will be

displayed in the main gallery. It will be judged by Francesco Gillia. In Studio 2, works by Dorothy McDowell and Dana Enders, plein air artists, will be on exhibit.

Nancy Morgan is FMBAA's November Artist of the Month. Her work will be on display at Shucker's Galleria, located at

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

# Peter And Alice Tonnelier Home



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

The 1925 Peter and Alice Tonnelier home at McGregor Boulevard and Virginia Avenue has seen modern Fort Myers take shape around it. The town’s first shopping center, Boulevard Plaza, opened in 1960 just across the street. Recently, City Walk, a multi-use project, has replaced it. West First, which didn’t exist when the couple built their home, is now lined with high-rises. Alice Tonnelier bought the property on McGregor Boulevard west of downtown in 1924 for \$5,700. Construction on the two-and-one-half story house began in September 1925, and the house was ready for the couple to move into early the following year.

At that time, the location was on the fringes of downtown. The concrete-block and stucco structure cost \$25,000 and blends bungalow, early modern and prairie architectural styles. Exterior features included a broad pyramidal roof, a single front dormer and a projecting portico that frames the main entrance.

The second floor of the 11-room house had six bedrooms and two baths. The first floor had a large living room, dining room, kitchen and two additional bedrooms and a bath. There were three sun parlors: one on the east side of the first floor and two on the second floor, both east and west sides.

The house retains the attractive four-over-one windowpane pattern and unornamented or shuttered windows that suggest Prairie-style influence.

Alice Tonnelier, herself, oversaw the lavish interior design, which featured oak floors, woodwork with enamel, and built-in pantries and other storage areas.

On the adjoining property were a six-room servants’ quarters over a double garage and a large cistern to collect and store rainwater. (The original two-lot property originally included the lot to the west.) She also managed the landscape design.

It was the only home the couple built in town. Shortly before doing so, Peter



The Tonnelier house, pictured in 2003, was built in 1925  
photo courtesy SWFL Historical Society



For decades, the historic house has been used as offices and businesses. It is now undergoing a roof job. Note City Walk to the right.  
photo by Gerri Reaves

Tonnelier was listed in the city directory as a “capitalist” – talk about a boom-time moniker -- living at the Grand Central at Main and Jackson, one of his four hotels.

Peter Tonnelier’s serendipitous and fortuitous arrival in Fort Myers is an oft-told tale. Although born in Indiana, it was in Benton Harbor, Michigan, that he made his name as a financier and businessman. He married Alice Brandenburg of Louisville, Kentucky, in 1892. For health reasons, he had started wintering in Florida in 1910, spending a winter in St. Petersburg and then one in Sarasota.

Then in 1912, when seeking refuge from stormy weather at sea, he discovered Fort Myers. He immediately began buying property and soon became one of the biggest land owners in the county, owning and building a number of downtown properties too long to list, as well as other properties throughout the county.

He died in 1932, just shy of age 71. Alice had a long widowhood, living until 1963. She remained in charge of the couple’s significant holdings, operating out of an office in Patio de Leon, which had originally been developed by her husband as Tonnelier Court between 1913 and 1915. She led a somewhat reclusive life, but her tiffs with city code enforcement kept her top of mind for some people.

Heaven only knows what she would think of her old neighborhood now. The Tonneliers are buried in the Fort Myers Cemetery. Various businesses and offices have occupied the house since it ceased being a private home.

Walk down to McGregor and Virginia Avenue to see one of the most aesthetically pleasing homes in town. Then visit the following research centers to learn more about the significant results of a capitalist’s unplanned arrival due to a storm.

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 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](http://www.leecountyblackhistorysociety.org).

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

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## Cooperative Kicks Off Full Plates Project

Community Cooperative is asking Southwest Florida to help neighbors in need by providing a holiday meal or gifts.

The annual drive to brighten the holidays starts with the Full Plates Project, to make sure there are no plates empty this Thanksgiving. The drive offers the opportunity to donate food, host a food drive or donate \$50 to sponsor a family Thanksgiving basket. Baskets include a 10- to 15-pound turkey, canned corn, dessert mix, boxed mashed potatoes, canned fruit, disposable turkey roasting pan, stuffing mix, boxed cornbread/muffin mix, canned yams, green beans, can/jar gravy. Community Cooperative hopes to get 3,000 turkeys for efforts this year.

All items need to be delivered by 4 p.m. Friday, November 19 to be distributed to families during Thanksgiving week.

In addition, volunteers are needed to put together kits for the Great Stuffing Project. Community Cooperative repurposes stale bread by cutting it into chunks, baking it and packaging it in a kit with spices and a recipe for mobile food pantry clients.

"We are always trying to make the best use of the food that is donated to support our clients," said Stefanie Edwards, CEO of Community Cooperative. "When we realized we could make use of stale bread to create stuffing kits, it was an opportunity to add some homemade warmth to our



A child receives a turkey photo provided food distributions."

Community Cooperative has been creating stuffing kits for four years with a recipe created by the Community Cooperative chefs. Volunteers typically create 1,500 kits each year.

Additional holiday outreach includes:

Adopt-a-Senior where supporters are paired with senior clients through the Meals on Wheels program to provide a gift to be distributed by Meals on Wheels close to Christmas; and Adopt-a-Family where supporters are matched with families that need gifts for children.

"There are always opportunities to bring holiday cheer to the clients we serve by donating food or monetary donations to Community Cooperative," Edwards said. "We look for ways to match donors and volunteers with the needs of the community."

Deadline for the December adoption programs is December 17. To donate or volunteer, visit [communitycooperative.com](http://communitycooperative.com) or call 332-7687 ext. 101.✱

## Be A Santa To A Senior This Holiday Season

As isolation continues to impact local seniors, Home Instead offices in Fort Myers, Naples and Punta Gorda are renewing the important Be a Santa to a Senior program promising another season of holiday cheer.

Be A Santa to a Senior supports older adults who may be overlooked, isolated or alone during the holiday season. This is the 18th year for the local program that gives back to older adults and reminds them they are cherished by the community. The gifts collected, which are often necessity items such as toiletries, clothing and blankets, make a big impact and help area seniors combat the holiday blues.

"We've all experienced feelings of loneliness during the pandemic, and seniors are at a particularly high risk for isolation," said Sue Bidwell, owner of the Home Instead offices serving Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties. "Be a Santa to a Senior shows the older adults in our community that they are valued

and thought of during the holidays."

This year, the Home Instead offices will be working with Beall's and Beall's Outlets to provide 8,000 gifts to approximately 3,500 seniors in the area.

Individuals can visit one of the participating locations and look for the Be a Santa to a Senior tree on display through December 15. Each tree will be decorated with ornaments featuring seniors' gift suggestions. Holiday shoppers can choose an ornament, buy the requested gift and return it unwrapped or in a gift bag to the store with the ornament attached.

Since the program's inception 18 years ago, Be a Santa to a Senior has helped provide more than two million gifts to over 750,000 seniors in North America and attracted upwards of 65,000 volunteers.

Gifts will be delivered to seniors in time for the holidays. Shoppers are encouraged to purchase as many gifts for seniors as they would like. If you have a passion for giving back and helping seniors, visit [www.homeinstead.com/home-care-jobs](http://www.homeinstead.com/home-care-jobs) to learn more about becoming a caregiver.

For more information and to find Beall's participating locations, visit [www.beasantatoasenior.com](http://www.beasantatoasenior.com).✱

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Fort Myers Art:

# Musical Comedy To Open With Red Carpet Gala



by Tom Hall

**A** Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder opens in Blackburn Hall at The Naples Players on Wednesday, November 23 with a red carpet gala from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. that features

local vendors, food, drinks and live music by Chariot.

Nominated for 10 Tony Awards, this comedic romp is filled with unforgettable music and non-stop laughs. The show follows Monty Navarro who finds out he is ninth in line to inherit an earldom and a large family fortune. He decides he must eliminate the other eight heirs standing in his way. But the plot thickens as Monty tries to win the heart of Sibella Hallward until he finds himself drawn to Phoebe D'Ysquiths.

A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder is directed by Bryce Alexander with choreography by Dawn Lebrecht Fornara and musical direction by Charles Fornara. It stars Luke Jaconis as Monty Navarro, Mark Vanagas as all eight

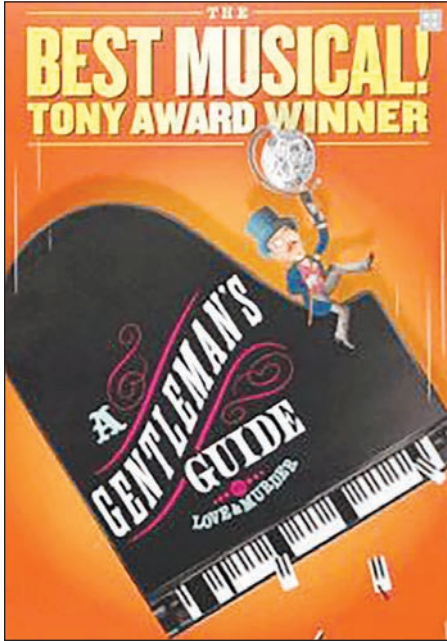


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members of the D'Ysquith banking family, Jamie Lynn Bucci as Sibella and Elizabeth Feins as Phoebe D'Ysquith.

"This show has been on our bucket list for a long time," said Alexander, CEO/executive artistic director. "Catchy music, hilarious comedy and beautiful costumes make A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder the perfect, light-hearted night at the theater."

The play runs through December 19.

The Naples Players is located at 701 5th Avenue South in Naples. For more information or tickets, visit [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org), call 263-7990 or stop by the box office.

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## New Phoenix Joins Music Theatre International's Global Celebration Of Local Theater

New Phoenix Theatre will join thousands of theatrical organizations around the globe by producing its own local production of Music Theatre International's *All Together Now! A Global Event Celebrating Local Theatre* on Monday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

Theatrical licensor Music Theatre International (MTI) created this revue for theaters across the globe to use as a local fundraising event performed over the weekend of November 12, 2021.

*All Together Now!* features songs from MTI's beloved catalogue of musicals including *Annie*, *Charlie and the*

*Chocolate Factory*, *Godspell*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Into the Woods*, *Les Misérables*, *Mamma Mia!*, *My Fair Lady* and *Once on This Island*. Performers include (alphabetically) Lee Blackston, Cantrella Canady, Jason Drew, Kay Francis, Nikki Hagel, Evie Hennessy, Tricia Hennessy, Kenneth Bradley Johnson, Lauren Redeker Miller and Bill Shideler.

New Phoenix Theatre is located at 13211 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information and tickets, visit [www.newphoenixtheatrefortmyers.org](http://www.newphoenixtheatrefortmyers.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.\*

## Mound House Outdoor Nature And Education

**T**he Mound House, the oldest standing structure on Fort Myers Beach, is offering an array of outdoor nature and education programs each month.

Newton Beach Park Guided Beach Walk – for all ages; each Tuesday and Thursday (no program on Thanksgiving); weather permitting. Free outdoor nature program. Parking: \$3 per hour, one hour generally enough. Meet at the thatched hut closest to the beach; no registration necessary; Newton Beach Park is located at 4650 Estero Boulevard.

Shell Mound Outside Guided Tour – All ages; every Tuesday through Saturday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (no programs on Thanksgiving and day after); Cost: \$5 per person; does not include Mound House admission; Mound House members free.

Full Moon Kayak Tour – Ages 12 and older; Friday, November 19 from 4 to 6 p.m.; Cost: \$45 per person; All paddling equipment provided; Advance registrations necessary at [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org).

Shell Mound Outside Guided Tour – All ages; Tuesday through Saturday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; (no programs on Thanksgiving and day after); Cost: \$5 per person; does not include Mound House admission; Mound House members free.

Mangroves by Kayak Tour – Ages 12 and older; weather permitting. Tuesday, November 16 at 1 p.m.; Wednesday, November 17 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Thursday, November 18, Friday, November 19 and Saturday, November

20, all at 9 a.m. Cost: \$45 per person; Mound House members \$15. All paddling equipment provided; Advance reservations needed.

Garden Outside Guided Tour – All ages; Tuesday, November 16, Thursday, November 18 and Saturday, November 20, all at 10 a.m. Discover unique plants which conserve water and protect wildlife. Cost: \$5 per person; does not include Mound House admission; Mound House members free.

Untold Stories Guided Tour – Adults only; Thursday, November 18 at 2 p.m. Individual stories from a cast of characters. Cost: \$15; Mound House members free.

Latino History Outside Guided Tour – All ages; Tuesday, November 16, at 2 p.m.; and Wednesday, November 17 and Friday, November 19, both at 10 a.m.; Learn about the Latino fishing village that existed on the shell mound between the ancient Calusa and Anglo-Pioneer eras. Advance registrations necessary; Cost: \$5 per person.

Cool Calusa Tools – Ages 6 and older; Saturday, November 13, Wednesday, November 17, and Friday, November 19, all at 2 p.m. Learn to hunt, fish and make masks and pottery. Cost: \$2 per person.

Family Fun Kayak Tour – Ages 6 and older; weather permitting; Saturday, November 13 at 9 a.m. and Saturday, November 20 at 1 p.m.; Cost: \$25 per person age 13 and older; \$15 per person ages 6 to 12; All paddling equipment provided.

The Mound House is located at 451 Connecticut Street with overflow parking at 216 Connecticut Street on Fort Myers Beach. For details, reservations and monthly programs schedule, call 765-0865 or visit [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org).\*

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## New Exhibits

1250 Estero Boulevard on Fort Myers Beach, until Tuesday, November 30.

Canadian artist Shari Blaukopf, a watercolorist and author, will offer a demonstration of her techniques on Sunday, November 21 at 1 p.m. Masked and vaccinated attendees are invited.

Immediately following the demonstration, there will be a reception sponsored by Red Coconut RV Park along with an awards ceremony for the FMBAA fall show.

Fort Myers Beach Art Association is located at 3030 Shell Mound Boulevard on Fort Myers Beach. For more information, visit [www.fortmyersbeachart.com](http://www.fortmyersbeachart.com) or call 463-3909.\*

## Foundation Raises Funds For Children's Needs

The Guardian ad Litem Foundation, 20th Judicial Circuit, raised \$17,125 at Fashion to a Tea, a luncheon and fashion show featuring community leaders as models.

Fashion to a Tea, held October 27 at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club, included a high tea luncheon, silent auction and fashion show. Models showcased chic, trendy styles for women of all ages that were provided by Anthony's Ladies Apparel in Punta Gorda.

Fashion to a Tea attracted 201 supporters and sold out weeks in advance. It was the foundation's first in-person fundraising event since the pandemic began and a positive sign heading into Southwest Florida's philanthropic season.

"It was great to be back together today. It was 728 days since we were last together for this event, and we certainly missed each other," said Jessica Stanfield, the foundation's executive director. "To feel the excitement, to be able to come back together to give those high fives and hugs, and do it all for a great cause... We couldn't ask for anything more."

Proceeds from Fashion to a Tea provide financial assistance to help meet a child's basic and developmental



**Fashion to a Tea models: front, from left, Jennifer Taberski, Debra Griffith, Karen McElhaney and Nancy Johnson; back, from left, Christine Carey, Beverly Hendrickson, Jacqueline Benjamin and Alexia Martin**  
photo provided

needs, including the children's needs program that provides "extras" like birthday parties, tutoring, summer camp programs, movie tickets and registration fees for clubs and sports. The foundation, which serves children in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties, also recruits and trains volunteer child advocates that represent children as they navigate the judicial, education and child welfare systems.

Eight fashion models, called "leading ladies" at the show, represented local

businesses and nonprofit organizations, including: Alexia Martin, WhitCo Insurance; Karen McElhaney, Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies; Debra Griffith, Beyond Ourselves; Beverly Hendrickson, Punta Gorda Women's Club; Christine Carey, Valerie's House

of Charlotte/Sarasota Counties; Nancy Johnson, Team Punta Gorda; Jacqueline Benjamin, Charlotte State Bank & Trust; and Jennifer Taberski, RE/MAX Taberski Team.

"The ultimate goal of this event is to raise money and to raise awareness about the Guardian ad Litem program," said Barbara Berman, a volunteer child advocate who co-chaired Fashion to a Tea with Suzanne McCormick. "We are seeking people not only to financially contribute to our organization, but to learn about it and think about ways in which they might want to get involved either as a Guardian ad Litem volunteer, a member of the board or just to become a contributing member to the cause."

Fashion to a Tea's generous sponsors included First Presbyterian Church of Port Charlotte; Barbara Berman, Mediation Services of SW Florida; Bruce Greenberg, foundation board chair; Gary Lederer, foundation board treasurer; Kappa Alpha Theta; J Gregory Group; WhitCo Insurance; Bohall's Total Comfort Joanne Lancaster; Sylvia Ore; Carl Wolaver; and Nancy Lambert.

For more information, visit [www.voicesforkids.org](http://www.voicesforkids.org).✱

## Garden Council Hosts Biennial Flower Show

The Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council will host its biennial flower show at the council's Berne Davis Botanical Garden on Friday, November 19 and Saturday, November 20. The show is open on Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Admission and parking to the show are both free. Handicap parking is available on Virginia Avenue, while regular parking is on Larchmont Avenue, off of McGregor Boulevard.

The show's theme is The World Is Yours to Explore, honoring the immediate past president, Judy Feancino.

In addition to the horticultural

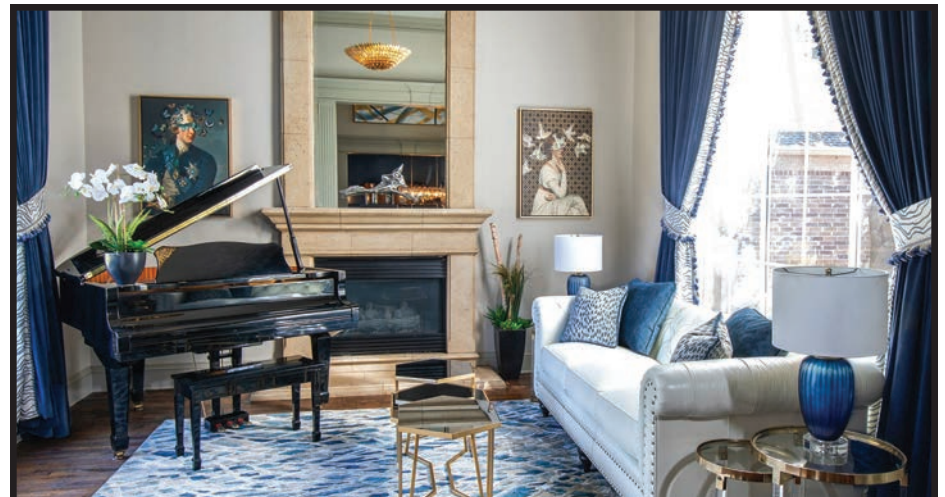
exhibits, the public can hear from two speakers:

John Hampton, president of the Southwest Florida Orchid Society, will present Orchid Culture in Southwest Florida: How to Get your Orchid to Grow on Friday at 2 p.m.; and

Tony Mauriello, president of the Cocoloba Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, will discuss Exotic, Nectar Plants for Our Fall Visitor – the Ruby-Throated Hummingbird on Saturday at 11 a.m.

The Berne Davis Botanical Garden is open for Tuesday morning garden walks from now until May between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Berne Davis Botanical Garden is located at 2166 Virginia Avenue in Fort Myers. For more information about the council or the flower show, contact council president Susan Lawson at [fmlcgardencouncil@gmail.com](mailto:fmlcgardencouncil@gmail.com) or 332-4942.✱



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From left, Flight 1 winners Buddy Martin, Brian Miller, Joe Botteron and Jake Spanberger photo provided

## Tournament Raises Funds For Heights Programs

The 6th annual benefit golf tournament Swing Fore The Kids at Old Corkscrew Golf Club raised \$44,000 for The Heights Foundation's programs.

The event included lunch, after-golf hors d'oeuvres, auction and awards. Presenting sponsors were Entech and

Amazon. Additional sponsors included Surf 9, TECO Energy, Five County Insurance, FPL, Owen-Ames-Kimball Florida, First Horizon Bank, Gulfshore Cooling and Beth Prather Elder Attorney.

"This tournament supports programs at The Heights Center including School Success and our enriching summer camp," said Jim Sanger, chief operating officer of The Heights Foundation.

Buddy Martin, Jake Spanberger, Brian Miller and Joe Botteron were the flight one winners. William Harkey, Roger Grogman and Clark Rambo were the flight two winners.✪

## Celebrities Donate Items For Handbag Auction

Country music stars Carrie Underwood and Billy Dean are among the celebrities who are donating items for Handbag Happy Hour at the Players Circle Theatre inside the The Shell Factory on Thursday, November 18 at 5:18 p.m.

Underwood personally autographed two handbags for the event, while Dean donated Schramsberg Sparkling Wine and Amici Wine along with a collection of his famous songs.

Rocker-artist-designer Steve Luongo has also donated one of his high-end designer shirts for the men's accessories portion of the event. NBC-2 Anchor Kellie Burns has donated one of her gently-loved handbags, and artist Rachel Pierce has created her artwork on a Tory Burch handbag.

They are among more than 100 handbags and men's accessories to be offered for silent and live auction to benefit Valerie's House and The Nature Park Environmental Education Foundation at The Shell Factory.

"We are so happy with the community's response to the return of this fabulous event after a 15-year hiatus. We have gently-loved designer handbags by Gucci, Prada, Louis Vuitton and others," said Pam Cronin, event chair and owner of The Shell Factory



Carrie Underwood handbag photo provided

and Nature Park. "We are still collecting handbags and men's accessories for celebrities and loyal supporters."

As a special added attraction for men, a cigar and whiskey bar will be available, sponsored by Quenzel Marketing Agency.

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 and Wine Aficionado Gina Birch will be co-emcees for the live auction of a few select celebrity handbags. The majority of items will be offered in a silent auction.

Event sponsors are The Shell Factory and Nature Park, *Florida Weekly* and Susan Bennett Marketing & Media, L.C.

The Shell Factory is located at 16554 North Cleveland Avenue in North Fort Myers. For more information or tickets, visit [www.shellfactory.com](http://www.shellfactory.com) or call 995-2141, ext. 110.✪

## Churches/Temples

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

**ALL SAINTS BYZANTINE RITE CATHOLIC**  
Sunday 10:30 a.m., 10291 Bayshore Road, 599-0423.

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

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

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

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

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

**CHAVURAT SHALOM**  
Friday Shabbat services every week 7:30 p.m. Other programs on vacation. [ChavuratShalom@gmail.com](mailto:ChavuratShalom@gmail.com).

**CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
Sunday 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. 13500 Freshman Lane, 768-2188.

**COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN**  
Sunday 10 a.m. 2439 McGregor Boulevard, 334-8937.

**CROWN OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**  
Sunday 8 and 10:45 a.m. Jan 1 – Easter; 9 a.m. after Easter – Dec 31. [www.crownoflife.com](http://www.crownoflife.com).

[crownoflifelutheran.com](http://crownoflifelutheran.com). 5820 Daniels Pkwy, 482-2315.

**REDEEMER CHURCH**  
Sunday 9:45 and 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Wednesday 6:30 p.m. 8400 Cypress Lake Drive, 481-5442.

**CYPRESS LAKE PRESBYTERIAN**  
Sunday 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m. [www.clpc.us](http://www.clpc.us), 8260 Cypress Lake Drive, 481-3233.

**CYPRESS LAKE UNITED METHODIST**  
Sunday 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. 8570 Cypress Lake Drive, 482-1250.

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Sunday 9 and 11 a.m., 15690 McGregor Boulevard, 482-2030.

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**FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., 13545 American Colony Boulevard, 936-2511.

**FORT MYERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday 10:30 a.m., 5916 Winkler Road, 437-4330.

**FORT MYERS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST;**  
Sunday 10 a.m., 8210 College Parkway, 482-3133.

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Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday 8, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., 881 Nuna Avenue, 481-1143.

**LAMB OF GOD**  
Sunday 7:45 and 10 a.m., [www.lambofgodchurch.net](http://www.lambofgodchurch.net), 19691 Cypress View Drive, 267-3525.

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Sunday 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m., [www.newhopefortmyers.org](http://www.newhopefortmyers.org), 10051 Plantation Road, 274-1230.

**PEACE COMMUNITY**  
Sunday 10:30 a.m. [www.peacecommunitychurch.com](http://www.peacecommunitychurch.com), 17671 Pine Ridge Road, 267-7400.

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Sunday 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. 3950 Winkler Ext., 274-0143.

**RIVER OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
8, 9:45 and 11:30 a.m., 21580 River Ranch Road, 495-0400.

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**SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE METROPOLITAN**  
Sunday 10 a.m., 3049 McGregor Boulevard, 344-0012.

**SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN**  
Saturday 5:30 p.m.; Sunday 8 and 10:45 a.m., 3595 Broadway, 939-1218.

**SAINT NICHOLAS MONASTERY**  
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[ery.org](http://ery.org), 111 Evergreen Road, 997-2847.

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Sunday 11 a.m.; Wednesday 6 p.m., 16940 McGregor Boulevard, 454-3336.

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Friday Shabbat 7:30 p.m.; Torah Saturday 9 a.m.; Religious School Wednesday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m., [www.templebethel.com](http://www.templebethel.com), 16225 Winkler Road, 433-0018.

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**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday 9:30 and 10:45 a.m., 9065 Ligon Court, 481-2125.

**WORD OF LIFE**  
Sunday 10 a.m., Wednesday 7 p.m., 2120 Collier Avenue, 274-8881.

**ZION LUTHERAN**  
Sunday 8, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m., [www.zionfm.org](http://www.zionfm.org), 7401 Winkler Road, 481-4040. *Email changes to press @islandsunnews.com or call 395-1213.✪*



Straggler daisy is a naturalized wildflower of the aster family

photo by Gerri Reaves

#### Plant Smart

## Straggler Daisy

by Gerri Reaves

Straggler daisy (*Calypotocarpus vialis*) is a common wildflower of the aster family found in yards, along roadsides and in disturbed areas.

The flower's native range is Mexico, the Caribbean, and parts of Central and South America.

It grows widely in the southeastern U.S., and sources differ over its native status. However, the authoritative USF Atlas of Florida Vascular Plants classifies it as nonnative.

It is naturalized in the state, meaning that it self-cultivates in nature.

Other common names are horseherb and sprawling horseweed, the latter probably a reference to the stems' habit of creeping along the ground and rooting at the nodes.

The tiny yellow flowers are only two to five millimeters long and a quarter-inch across. They bloom year-round and have the typical daisy structure of asters: ray flowers arranged around a central disk.

The opposite deltoid leaves have toothed edges and prominent veins.

If this species volunteers in your yard, you could do worse than leaving it in place, especially if you plan to replace it

with nonnative turfgrass.

Unlike turfgrass, straggler daisy provides nectar for small butterflies such as sulfurs and skippers.

It requires no maintenance, will grow in almost any soil, and is highly drought tolerant. It's also noninvasive and will grow in shady areas.

If not mown, it can reach six to 12 inches high.

Sources: <http://floranorthamerica.org>, [www.plantbook.org](http://www.plantbook.org), and [www.wildflower.org](http://www.wildflower.org).

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

## Manatee Park Garden Tours

Manatee Park will offer free garden tours of its butterfly garden and habitats at 9 a.m. every Sunday through March. Participants should meet behind the welcome center.

A volunteer naturalist will lead the tour. A parking fee applies of \$1 per hour; \$5 per day through November 30. December 1 through April 30, the parking fee is \$2 per hour, \$5 per day.

Manatee Park is located at 10901 Palm Beach Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, visit [www.leeparks.org](http://www.leeparks.org) or call 533-7275.✱

## Florida State Fish Art Contest

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), in partnership with Wildlife Forever, is hosting the Florida State Fish Art Contest. Students in kindergarten through 12th grade can compete in this free contest for a chance to win state and national honors, and prizes.

Florida winners will be selected by the FWC in four grade categories: kindergarten through third grade; fourth through sixth grade; seventh through ninth grade; and 10th through 12th grade. State winners will advance to the national competition to be judged for top prizes including Best of Show. The deadline to enter is March 31.

"We are committed to increasing youth participation in freshwater and saltwater fishing through this effort," said Eric Sutton, executive director of the FWC. "The State Fish Art program is a unique and creative way to connect to youth anglers, and the FWC is proud to be sponsoring the initiative for Florida."

To enter, students from Florida should submit their entry at [www.wildlifeever.org/florida-entry-forms](http://www.wildlifeever.org/florida-entry-forms), consisting of the following:

An original horizontal nine-inch by 12-inch piece of artwork featuring any fish from the Official Fish List at [www.wildlifeever.org](http://www.wildlifeever.org);

A piece of creative writing, no longer than one page, about the chosen species



Artwork by Zelin Wang, grade 11

photo provided

(required for grades four to 12);

A Florida State Fish Art Contest entry form.✱

## Gulf Coast Writers To Meet

The Gulf Coast Writers Association will hold its monthly meeting at Word of Life Church on Saturday, November 13 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Guest speaker Claudia Volkman, owner of Creative Editorial Solutions, will be sharing ideas on how to create exceptional work. Whether it's your next manuscript or a marketing plan, you'll find the information relatable.

Word of Life Church is located at 6111 South Pointe Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, call 770-906-7885 or visit [www.gulfwriters.org](http://www.gulfwriters.org).✱



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# Cycle Of Cold Fronts



by Capt. Matt Mitchell  
**W**ind and a full day of rain associated with yet another cold front repeated what seems to be our new weather pattern. Nasty weather created more

cancelled charters as a few days were just too nasty to leave the dock.  
This pattern of weekly cold fronts has begun at least a month earlier than most years. Northwest winds really put a damper on fishing as they funnel down the sound and make it rougher than any other wind direction.  
Pre-front fishing was on fire with low water creek fishing giving clients lots of snook, a few quality redfish and even a few trout to complete the slam. This cold will only improve the bite in the way back places as our water temperature continues to dip. When fishing the many creek systems the sound offers, one thing remains consistent – the lower the tide, the better the action. Low water makes these fish fall out of the mangroves and into the channels. Wind generated minus low water is as good as it gets back in the creeks.  
During higher tides, I concentrated efforts on oyster bars catching snook after snook. Though most of these fish are in



Jackie from St. James City with a quality snook caught while oyster bar fishing  
photo provided

the 20- to 25-inch range, we caught fish on almost every cast at times.  
Sand holes around the bars were stacked up with fish. When I fish this shallow water, I have clients make a long cast then slowly retrieve the live bait, lifting the rod and making it flutter. With so much grass in these areas, the bait will hang on the bottom if you don't use this method. Another option is to fish your shiners a few feet under a float.  
After the passing of a front, it is a little bit of a challenge to find clean water after days of strong winds. Sheltered mangrove creeks and the leeward side of the sound don't get stirred up as badly as areas around the passes.  
As good as the bite was in and around the passes before the wind, it quickly grinds to a halt once it gets churned up. After a few tide cycles, this water will quickly clean up in just a few days. Expect this pattern of cold fronts all winter long.  
*Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing local waters since he moved to Sanibel in 1980. He now lives in St. James City and works as a back country fishing guide. If you have comments or questions, email [captmattmitchell@aol.com](mailto:captmattmitchell@aol.com).*✱

## Service Award Winner Named

**F**ormer Mighty Mussels catcher and outfielder Jefferson Morales has been named the team's 2021 Harmon Killebrew Award Winner.  
Morales was nominated by the front office as a player who went above and beyond regarding fan interaction during the season, with a willingness to interact and sign autographs whenever he could.  
The award annually recognizes a player from each of the Minnesota Twin's affiliates who demonstrated outstanding community service. Morales will be honored during spring training.  
The La Victoria, Venezuela native was a fan favorite and one of the club's most respected and trusted leaders throughout his three months in a Mighty Mussels uniform. He slugged 26 extra-base hits in 71 games in Fort Myers, drawing 42 walks while stealing 12 bases.  
Morales earned a promotion to High-A Cedar Rapids on August 7. Jefferson continued to mash in Cedar Rapids, hitting .301 with five home runs in just 25 games with the Kernels.✱

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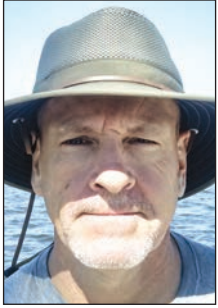
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## CROW Case Of The Week:

## Virginia Opossum



by Bob Petcher

The Virginia opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*) is a cat-sized mammal that is mostly found in North America. In fact, it is the only species of opossum found north of Mexico.

The Virginia opossum is the continent's only marsupial, an animal with a pouch, like a kangaroo or a koala bear. This nocturnal, omnivorous animal has been around for at least 70 million years and is called one of earth's oldest surviving mammals.

At CROW, a juvenile male Virginia opossum was admitted after being found with its left paw caught in a rat trap in Cape Coral. Upon examination, there was marked edema and soft tissue swelling of the left paw and forelimb.

"A rat trap is designed so that when a mouse or rat eats the bait, the metal part is released and comes down with enough force to break their neck," said Dr. Laura Kellow, CROW's veterinary intern. "In this opossum's case, when his leg was trapped in the rat trap, the metal part came down on his antebrachium – his forearm – and despite his struggles, he was unable to



**Patient #21-5494 has recovered quickly from an injury he suffered in a rat trap**

photo by Amy Kowalski

free himself.

"What this compressive force from the rat trap caused was essentially a tourniquet which prevented blood and lymph from flowing back up the limb. This allows fluid to escape the vessels and pool in the local tissues, which is called edema."

Radiographs showed no evidence

of any fractures, but staff was unable to rule out any fractures to the growth plate.

"The opossum is a juvenile, which means that his bones are still growing. Long bone growth occurs along physes, also called growth plates, which are cartilaginous and often the weakest part of the bone," said Dr. Kellow.

"Sometimes, if there is a fracture that is only in this cartilaginous growth plate, all we see on radiographs is widening or narrowing of this physis. This can be difficult to interpret even though we obtain multiple views.

"The (computed tomography) CT (scan) would help significantly in being able to interpret these changes. In this case, we are continuing to monitor him for limping and other clinical signs and would repeat x-rays if these occurred."

The opossum has been receiving physical therapy to improve blood circulation.

"The opossum received medications to help improve blood flow and circulation to his limb, in addition to anti-inflammatory pain medication and antibiotics," said Dr. Kellow. "Gentle massage and heat packing of the limb were also well tolerated.

"The swelling improved dramatically in the first few days and, with therapy, the limb is almost back to normal."

The patient's next steps in recovery will hinge on its future blood work.

"In the opossum's struggle to free himself from the rat trap, he caused a small wound on the inside of his limb.

He has been receiving antibiotics for this, and when this has healed and his blood work is normal, he will be moved outside," said Dr. Kellow. "There, we will be able to closely monitor his gait for limping and pain before release."

That impending release should be sooner than later.

"He has already made dramatic improvements, and we are hopeful that he will be released in the next couple of weeks," Dr. Kellow said.

The opossum's pain and suffering could have been avoided.

"Snap and glue rat traps are inhumane and often prolong suffering and pain of rats/mice, not to mention other animals that may accidentally be caught. We also see many rodenticide cases yearly in our raptor patients, and even clinically unaffected raptors have high levels in their tissues on necropsy," said Dr. Kellow. "There are many humane alternatives to snap rat traps, glue rat traps and rodenticides that avoid suffering, and we encourage the public to think critically about pest control and unintended effects on wildlife."

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

## County To Hold Meeting On Proposed Marina

Lee County will hold an open house-style public meeting on Wednesday, November 17 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the North Fort Myers Recreation Center to discuss and answer questions about a proposal to build a marina and boat club on Waterway Estates property.

"As with many county projects and issues, we are holding this open house so residents can interact with staff, understand the process and provide

feedback," County Manager Roger Desjarlais said.

Safe Harbor Marinas has proposed to lease the county-owned property to develop: about \$9 million in capital improvements; dry storage for 200 boats; wet/floating boat slips; fuel dock; waterfront restaurant; pool; and potential for a Lee County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit substation.

The Waterway Estates property is in a neighborhood on Inlet Drive in North Fort Myers.

North Fort Myers Recreation Center is located at 2000 North Recreation Park Way in North Fort Myers. For information and updates, visit [www.leegov.com/waterwayestates](http://www.leegov.com/waterwayestates).✱



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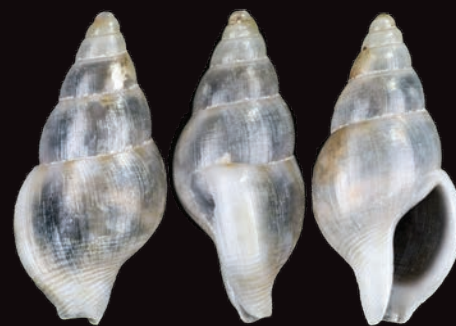
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The program returns to the theater with show times on Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Individual tickets are \$35 VIP seating and \$25 general admission. For tickets, visit [www.playerscircletheater.com](http://www.playerscircletheater.com), or call 800-3292. Due to the pandemic, masks are asked to be worn.

The Players Circle Theatre is located within the Shell Factory and Nature Park at 16554 North Cleveland Avenue in

North Fort Myers. For more information or tickets, visit [www.playerscircletheater.com](http://www.playerscircletheater.com) or call 800-3292.✱

## International Talent To Perform At Players Circle

Internationally known actor Avi Hoffman, who combines music, comedy, impersonations, and personal reminiscences through his Jewish roots, will perform for one night at the Players Circle Theatre on Tuesday, November 30 at 7 p.m. The performance is sponsored by the Jewish Federation.

Players Circle Theatre has been converted into a nightclub/cabaret style facility, which follows CDC guidelines. Tickets for this performance are \$25 general admission and \$35 VIP.

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



Avi Hoffman

## School District To Host Career Fair

The School District of Lee County is hosting Social Lee: Careers & Conversations, an informational event that will provide insight on teaching positions within the district, at Cantina Laredo on Wednesday, November 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Ideal for prospective career-changers and working professionals, attendees will have the opportunity to meet district representatives, learn about the variety of career paths available and walk through the process of becoming certified to teach in Florida. Select candidates may also be offered an interview for potential employment.

Florida is one of 48 states that offer alternative routes to becoming a certified teacher. Individuals who already earned a bachelor's degree in any field can become eligible for Florida teacher certification by passing a subject area exam in their area of expertise, completing additional coursework or enrolling in a teacher preparation program.

With a growing enrollment of more than 95,000 students and 120 schools, the district is looking to connect talented, high-energy educators with instructional vacancies for the upcoming school year. Positions are available across the district with a focus on high-demand positions like English, elementary education, science, math and special education, as

well as for non-instructional positions including bus drivers and bilingual paraprofessionals.

The School District of Lee County offers a competitive and comprehensive compensation plan for its employees with a starting salary of \$47,300. Additional benefits and earning opportunities are also available via advanced degree supplement, summer school, athletic coaching and more. Upon hire, a personal benefits selection process will be made available to eligible employees.

Cantina Laredo is located at 5200 Big Pine Way in Fort Myers. To register by November 16, visit [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejiauST-VY37LrcaxkxxzN\\_2mioJxzuxdD58kets3dH1E5Yg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejiauST-VY37LrcaxkxxzN_2mioJxzuxdD58kets3dH1E5Yg/viewform). To learn more about available career opportunities, visit [www.leeschools.net/careers](http://www.leeschools.net/careers).✱

## Record-Breaking Traffic At Airport

During September, a record-breaking 551,041 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers. This was an increase of 115 percent compared to September 2020 and 19.5 percent more than the passenger traffic in September 2019. Year-to-date, passenger traffic is up 69.5 percent compared to last year.

The traffic leader in September was Delta Air Lines with 125,437 total passengers. Rounding out the top five airlines were Southwest (121,813), American (86,508), United (76,160) and JetBlue (51,269).

Southwest Florida International Airport had 5,624 aircraft operations, an increase of 67 percent compared to September 2020. Page Field saw 11,585 operations, a 15 percent increase compared to September 2020.

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## Ball Team Helps With Construction

As part of its continuing community outreach efforts, more than 100 minor league players, coaches and staff members of the Boston Red Sox recently performed community service for Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry counties. General construction tasks included drywall, framing, painting and landscaping at Habitat's Heritage Heights community located at 15800 Hagie Drive in Fort Myers.

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## Book Review

# Forgotten In Death



by Di Saggau

In *Forgotten in Death*, homicide detective Eve Dallas sifts through the wreckage of the past to find a killer. Her first call of the day comes in before she has even arrived at work. Alva Quirk, a 46-year-old sidewalk sleeper, is found beaten to death with a crowbar. She's known for handing out origami flowers to anyone who gives her change. Alva was well-liked but had no address, no job and no family and no one to remember her.

Eve has barely begun to examine this crime scene when her second victim of the morning is discovered a block away. Actually, her second and third of the day. Jane Doe, a well-dressed young mother and her baby were shot and buried over 40 years ago. Eve isn't happy when she realizes that the scene of the crime belongs to her husband, Roarke. The Irish billionaire owns a good chunk of New York. Now Eve has to find justice for two women whose lives were thrown away.

Is it coincidence that the victims are found in the same location with no one to claim them, or does the history of the

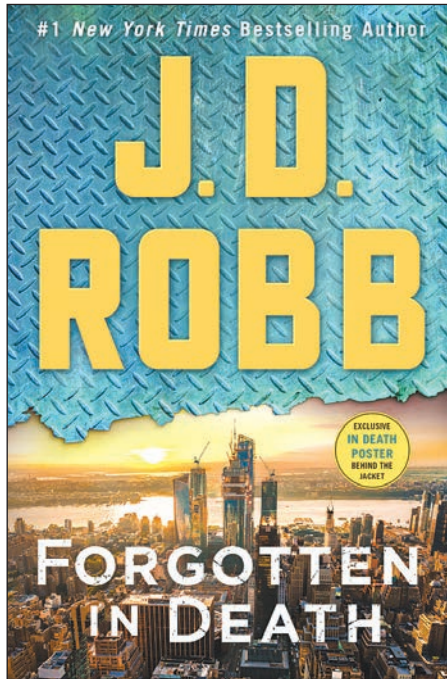


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site hold the answer? To find out the truth Eve must delve into a world of family businesses, Russian mobsters and shady dealings. While these two women may have been forgotten in their lifetimes, Eve won't let them be forgotten in death.

As the novel hurtles towards its climax, one marvels at JD Robb's writing genius for coming up with the fierce sequences that break the investigation open. The futuristic setting includes jet-copters and a few other techie objects, and drinks that

come in a tube that they crack to drink. They also refer to an off-planet prison that was completed in 2053. *Forgotten in Death* draws you in quickly and keeps you glued to the pages.✧✧

## School Smart



by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSP

**Dear Shelley,** My middle and high school children have sensory processing issues and are struggling with social interactions. Do you have any tips for

me to help them or ways they can help themselves when they feel that they are losing control?

Nicki P. Sanibel

**Nicki,**

Sensory processing is a neurophysiologic condition in which sensory input either from the environment or from one's body is poorly detected, modulated or interpreted and/or to which atypical responses are observed. The basic sensory systems are visual, auditory, olfactory (smell), gustatory (taste), tactile, vestibular (sense of head movement in space) and proprioception (sensations from muscles and/or joint movements).

Sensory processing refers to the way the nervous system receives messages from the senses and turns them into responses. Children (and adults) with sensory processing concerns do detect sensory information, but the sensory information gets "mixed up" in their brain and therefore the responses are inappropriate in the context in which they find themselves.

For your kids and other teens who also experience sensory concerns, the middle and high school social environments and their peers in that environment can be unpredictable, which is not typically a good thing when someone is experiencing sensory processing difficulties. Predictable, structured routines and responses are much easier to process when kids have sensory overload.

Sensory strategies can truly help kids on overload to feel calmer and regain their equilibrium more quickly. When working with teens and older children with sensory processing needs, it is important to understand what appeals to them, and then work this into sensory strategies.

Explaining the "why" behind the strategies you are suggesting is important for teens and often helps with compliance. For example, you could say that a particular strategy will help calm their body so they can sit and focus on homework. Once kids feel comfortable using a specific strategy and see that it fits into their lives, they will use it for some relief.

Here are some suggestions:

Try a chair ball for extra movement during homework time;

Use lavender scented sheets, a heavy blanket and/or a body pillow to help with sleeping;

Experiment with foods that change

arousal levels – crunchy, sour and spicy tend to be alerting, and warm foods are often calming;

Use scented lotions or a calming essential oil spray to support the olfactory sense;

Suggest an eye mask, kaleidoscope or lava lamp to visually calm;

To provide proprioceptive feedback, use a mini massager, weighted blanket/cushion, compression clothing, mini-trampoline, yoga, or other physical activities;

Auditory stress reducing strategies include playing nature sounds, instrumental music, or white noise in the background, humming, singing and reducing low frequency sounds in the environment; and

Weighted blankets are also very calming.

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. To contact her, email [smgreggs@gmail.com](mailto:smgreggs@gmail.com) or visit [www.schoolconsultationservices.com](http://www.schoolconsultationservices.com).✧✧

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## Holiday Show



Hand-crafted ornament photo provided

artwork. There is no charge for artists to participate, and all profits go to the artists.

If you are interested in participating as a vendor, send an email with photos of your inventory and/or website link to [pozartdesign@gmail.com](mailto:pozartdesign@gmail.com) and [lorriebennettstudios@gmail.com](mailto:lorriebennettstudios@gmail.com) no later than November 21. Details and instructions will be sent upon vendor acceptance.

The Union Artist Studios and Arts & Eats Café are part of an initiative started by artists David Acevedo and Xavier Brignoni in partnership with Jamie Burnette. The partnership is focused on bringing more exposure to the ever-growing local arts community.

The Edwards Building is located at 10051 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information about the venues, visit [www.facebook.com/artsandeatscafe](http://www.facebook.com/artsandeatscafe).✧✧

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## Entrepreneurship Program Gains \$4 Million Gift

Florida Gulf Coast University's (FGCU) Daveler & Kauanui School of Entrepreneurship is celebrating a \$4 million gift from the Rist Family Foundation. Led by entrepreneur Brian Rist and his wife, Kim, the foundation is no stranger to FGCU. This is its second substantial gift to the university in the last two years.

"I got involved with the university almost a decade ago," said Brian Rist. "I've watched it grow. I've watched the things they've done and how they've changed Southwest Florida. That motivates my family and me to get more involved."

The school's institute will now be known as the Rist Family Foundation Institute for Entrepreneurship in recognition of the gift. The institute is responsible for the Daveler & Kauanui School of Entrepreneurship's outward-facing community engagement, including the Runway Program and the Veterans Florida Entrepreneurship Program. The funds will be distributed over several years, focusing on specific needs within the school.

"Support like Brian's is what makes our school so unique," said Sandra Kauanui, director of the school. "He is providing the resources that will last a very long time. It will continue to support the school for many years. Having his name on the institute gives us the drive to be as successful as he's been."

Rist founded Storm Smart, a hurricane protection products company. As the business grew, so did his interest in philanthropy. It's a lesson Kauanui hopes her students will learn.

"He's not only successful, but he's also taken care of his people and the community," Kauanui said. "That sends a message we want to send to our students. Give back when you've been successful."

Kauanui is the reason for Rist's interest in the school of entrepreneurship.

"Her passion, her drive, her tenacity is what just blew me away," Rist said. "The commitment that she's made to that school and those students is the driving force behind it. I've also watched her start to put other pieces in place. Not only is she passionate, but she has an army behind her that is equally as passionate."

Among her lieutenants is Eric Arseneau, assistant director of the school.

"We've always thought optimistically about our goals, but this gift allows us to stretch them even further," he said. "We're expanding our academic offerings and making college more affordable with scholarships for even more students. I am confident the result will be more exceptional entrepreneurs who will lead our region's economic and societal success in the decades to come."

That's what Rist expects.

"I think I'm the winner in this deal,"



Brian and Kim Rist

photo by Tiffany Shadden

Rist said. "I come from a background of entrepreneurship. I only wish I had gotten the head start those students are getting now."

For more information on the Daveler & Kauanui School of Entrepreneurship, visit [www.fgcu.edu/soe](http://www.fgcu.edu/soe).✱

## Nautical Expo Debuts This Month

Southwest Florida's Nautical Mile Publications, Inc. will hold the 2021 Nautical Expo at the German American Social Club on November 20 and 21. Hours are Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The show has attracted exhibitors from all over Florida with a wide variety of fine art, nautical gadgets, coastal exhibits and fun for the kids. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet world famous nautical artists including Steve Whitlock and Douglas Snidely, plus watch fly-tying demonstrations, kid's boat building, and take advantage of a unique holiday shopping experience. Show visitors can also try their aim at the swimsuit model dunk-tank, play Knockerbball, browse exotic art, nautical jewelry and outdoor sportswear from all over Florida.

The expo is also benefiting several local non-profits including the Cape Coral Tarpon Hunters, the Widows Sons, Fishing with Heroes, the Matlacha Hookers, Cold Blooded Wildlife Refuge, Heroes on the Water, Freedom Waters and the Cape Coral Animal Shelter where animal lovers can contribute to the "Puppy-Jail" as a fundraiser.

Locals are invited to come sell their used boating and fishing gear for only \$10 per car in the used nautical flea market. Multiple food trucks will be on site.

Fishing seminars will be held on the hour from local guides. Attendees can also get a photo with a 12-foot python and pet a live alligator while 10-year-old Sophie McKee educates people about Southwest Florida's wildlife. Meet International Mermaid Faith Lynn, who

will be on display in a pool of water greeting children. Additionally, kids are invited to build a model ship, see a fire truck and ambulance up close, and attendees old and young can also expect a few last minute surprises.

General admission is \$10, re-entry is free all weekend. Active police officers are invited to attend as a guest of the show. To encourage boating and fishing in our youth, kids younger than age 18 may also attend for free.

The German American Social Club is located at 2101 Southwest Pine Island Road in Cape Coral. For more information, visit [www.nauticalmilemagazine.com](http://www.nauticalmilemagazine.com).✱

## Coalition Updates Student Website

FutureMakers Coalition recently launched an updated FAFSA first! website at [www.futuremakerscoalition.com/fafsafirst](http://www.futuremakerscoalition.com/fafsafirst).

The updated website includes information, tools, frequently asked questions and a pathway for students and their parents to easily navigate and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online, which is essential for graduating high school seniors planning on attending college or career school.

Students, parents and counselors with questions can reach out to [fafsafirst@futuremakerscoalition.com](mailto:fafsafirst@futuremakerscoalition.com) and a financial aid representative from the team will

assist them. For more information including a step-by-step FAFSA guide, visit [www.futuremakerscoalition.com/fafsafirst](http://www.futuremakerscoalition.com/fafsafirst).✱

## Republican Women To Meet

General James Dozier will be the featured speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Fort Myers Republican Women's Club at The Helm Club at The Landings on Tuesday, November 16. A social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. The noon lunch will be followed by the business meeting and program.

Since November is the club's annual patriotic meeting, Oasis JROTC cadets will present the flag and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The unarmed exhibition team will present a rifle spinning demonstration.

Cost for the luncheon is \$20. Reservations are required by Thursday, November 11, and may be made by contacting Diane Kinser at [social.lady79@gmail.com](mailto:social.lady79@gmail.com) or Tina Laurie at 489-4701.

The club's 2022 membership is available for \$25. Associate members (men) may join for \$15. Checks may be paid at the luncheon meeting or sent to Tina Laurie at 2560 South Landings Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33919.

The Landings is located at 4425 South Landings Drive in Fort Myers. For more information, call 489-4701.✱

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## Will Power

## Protecting Inheritance From Divorce



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

**A** concern many of my clients have is protecting the inheritance they leave their children from divorce. Today, I'll outline the issues that a good estate planner considers when achieving this goal.

First, many estate plans, whether they are will or trust based, distribute assets outright. As an example, when Mom dies, her assets are divided into thirds for her three children, Ben, Charlie and Diane. Her children can then take the stocks, bonds, mutual funds and proceeds from the sale of the home, and put them in their own names.

In most states, inheritance is considered a non-marital asset for purposes of divorce. But so much can thwart that characterization. Suppose, for example, that Ben takes his inheritance and puts it into a joint account with his wife, Barbara. He's destroyed the non-marital characterization of the inheritance. It's now joint marital property.

Community property states generally treat assets as subject to the claims of the other spouse unless there is a well-written, enforceable nuptial agreement in place. Assume that Charlie and his wife, Claire, live in Wisconsin. That is a community property state. Other community property states include Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Washington. Inheritance they receive from you may be characterized as marital assets subject to the claims of a divorcing spouse.

What if inheritance is used to support basic needs? Let's suppose that Diane, for example, uses the inheritance she received from Mom to support herself and her husband, David. She pays the mortgage on their jointly held property. Here, Diane is converting non-marital assets into marital assets subject to division on divorce.

Is there a strategy to retain the non-marital characterization of an inheritance? In fact, there is! Rather than distributing the assets outright to your loved ones, you may have the inheritance held in continuing trusts. Here, your child can serve as his or her own trustee so he or she handles investment and distribution decisions. You may also grant your child a power of appointment over the trust share so that he or she can bequeath it to a spouse, children or grandchildren.

Continuing trusts can be drafted with great flexibility, or they can be inflexibly drafted, to constrain a beneficiary. Instead of naming your child to serve as his own trustee, for example, you can impose a third-party trustee such as a bank or trust company to make investment decisions and determine whether requests for discretionary distributions should be fulfilled. In most instances it is a good idea to require the child/beneficiary to, at a minimum, have a co-trustee serve when that child/beneficiary is undergoing a legal separation or if a divorce action is filed.

There are many factors and much thought that should go into the drafting of

continuing trusts to protect them from divorce. I've read many such trusts that look like they came out of a form book, offering little to no protection. How much control should the beneficiary have over investments and distributions? If that beneficiary is undergoing a divorce or other creditor problem, do we want an independent trustee to step in, removing the child as his own trustee to prevent a judge from ordering that child to make a distribution from non-marital property? In what state does the child reside? Massachusetts has a process that allows a divorcing spouse to determine the expected inheritance of the other spouse. Is the trust drafted in such a way to prevent that information from discovery?

Finally, even if the continuing trust is well-drafted, there's always the possibility that trust formalities are not adhered to, resulting in the loss of protection. This is a lot like the "piercing the corporate veil" argument. If the child/beneficiary/trustee makes willy-nilly (that's a legal term!) distributions to himself rather than documenting what they're for and how those distributions are compliant with the trust language, or if he comingles his own accounts with the trust accounts, or if he fails to file tax returns, then a court might hold that the trust isn't being followed and hence it should be characterized as marital property.

As you can see, there's much to protecting inheritance. It takes some thought and then education for the client and their beneficiaries to achieve the intended results.

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## Marketing Firm Promotion

**C**ONRIC PR & Marketing has promoted Kirsten O'Donnell to vice president of marketing.

O'Donnell will join CONRIC's executive leadership team to help manage day-to-day operations and key client accounts during a time of explosive growth for the company.

"I've had the opportunity to provide marketing support and management to some amazing clients during my time at CONRIC," said O'Donnell. "I look forward to continuing these relationships while also helping the CONRIC leadership team achieve its strategic vision and accomplish even bigger and better things in the years to come."

O'Donnell brings two decades of award-winning public relations, marketing and journalism knowledge to the position. She has served as director of marketing for CONRIC over the last year, helping the company and its clients to persevere



Kirsten O'Donnell

throughout the pandemic.

A 17-year Lee County resident, O'Donnell serves as a commission-appointed member of the Lee County Community Action Agency. In her free time, she volunteers at the Cape Coral Animal Shelter. ✱

## Bank Hires Service Member

**M**arcia Williams has joined Sanibel Captiva Community Bank as a customer service representative and teller at the bank's Gateway Branch, located at 11691 Gateway Boulevard. She is responsible for assisting customers with personal and business banking transactions.

Williams is a banking veteran with nearly 30 years of experience working for community banks, regional banks and credit unions in Southwest Florida and Tennessee.✱



Marcia Williams

## New Board Member Driven By Water Quality

**L**ongtime Captains For Clean Water supporter Gene Nesbada has joined the organization's board of directors, bringing decades of business expertise and a passion for the water.



Gene Nesbada

Throughout his 40-year career, Nesbada has focused on building, managing and investing in for-profit companies and nonprofit organizations, with the know-how to scale and grow people and processes. He helped in the founding of an international management consulting firm, then went on to serve as an executive and investor for companies like Yeti Coolers, General Electric Corporation, CITIC Capital Partners and Cortec Group. He has also served on nonprofit boards including the largest nongovernmental organization in New York City.

Nesbada holds a bachelor of science degree from the Columbia University

School of Engineering and Applied Science and an master of business administration degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

Nesbada followed his love for the water and retired to Florida in 2018 with his wife, Jennifer. They were shocked by the water crisis unfolding in their newfound backyard caused by a devastating red tide bloom that lingered for more than 12 months.

Nesbada said, "2018 was my first full year in Florida. We couldn't walk the beach. We had to put medical-grade filters in our home because we had respiratory problems. We couldn't sleep in our house."

Nesbada set out to get involved with organizations that were making an impact. When asked what he hopes to achieve as a board member, Nesbada said, "We need the resources to continue to amplify and educate the public on the issues and what impact they can have. We can help improve engagement for the right reasons and have people understand how important clean water is, not only for our personal enjoyment, but for the economy of Florida."

"Scaling our organization is the key to growing our impact and fixing these problems. It will take getting more people involved and that requires more resources," said Capt. Daniel Andrews, executive director of Captains For Clean Water. "Gene is uniquely equipped to help us get there."✱

## Contract Approved For Kiker Preserve

**T**he Lee Board of County Commissioners awarded a contract for Phase 1 of the planning, design and permitting for the Larry Kiker Preserve, which is in southeast Lee County and is the second largest board acquisition in the history of the county's Conservation 20/20 program.

When completed, the preserve will serve multiple functions – water quality, flood control, wildlife habitat and passive recreation. Components could include shared-use paths, hiking trails, a nature center, fishing piers, a campground and scenic overlook towers. The county's goal is to create a visitor experience similar to a

national park.

The \$1.8 million contract is with Kinley-Horn and Associates, Inc. Phase 1 is expected to be completed in two years. Phase 2 will be initiated through a separate board agenda item to develop construction plans, specifications and cost estimates. Costs for Phase 2 will be dependent on the final plans developed in Phase 1.

Acquired in December 2017, the Larry Kiker Preserve is about 3,922 acres. The ecologically significant property is east of Interstate 75, south of Corkscrew Road, north of Wellfield Road and within southeast Lee County's Density Reduction/ Groundwater Resource (DR/GR) area. Hidden Cypress Preserve borders Larry Kiker Preserve to the south, and Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW) land to the east. For more information, visit [www.conservation2020.org](http://www.conservation2020.org).✱

## Focus On The Future For United Way Campaign

United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades celebrated its campaign kickoff for 2021-22 at Caloosa Sound Convention Center and Amphitheater with 750 attendees. Event sponsors included Clinger, Sizemore & Associates, FineMark National Bank & Trust, O'Donnell Landscapes, Inc., and Publix Super Markets.

Campaign Co-chairs Noelle Branning, Lee County tax collector, and Corey Vertich, partner of Uhler and Vertich Financial Planners, opened the program from a DeLorean as Marty McFly and Doc Brown. The *Back to the Future* theme allowed Branning and Vertich to share how it is time for the community to recover and focus on the future.

Alexis de Tocqueville Society Chair David Lucas was honored for being the founder and chairing the society for 30 years. The society is for donors who personally donate \$10,000 or more annually to the United Way. Over the past 30 years, Lucas has raised over \$51 million for United Way. He has raised \$3.4 million this year so far.

Pacesetter Co-chairs Karen Ryan of Lee County Electric Cooperative and Bob Beville of Waterman Broadcasting announced this year's Pacesetter Company results. Pacesetters are



Corey Vertich as Doc Brown and Noelle Branning as Marty McFly

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those who run their campaigns early to demonstrate support of United Way and to set the pace for the rest of the community. Pacesetter companies saw an overall seven percent increase in giving. Pacesetter giving added to early Alexis de Tocqueville giving brings United Way contributions to \$6.1 million currently raised, or 54 percent of the annual goal.

The top eight Pacesetter companies:  
Publix Super Markets – \$1,418,424

Bonita Bay Group – \$617,352  
Gulf Harbour Legacy Foundation – \$250,000  
FineMark National Bank & Trust – \$215,000  
LCEC – \$200,000  
Lee Health – \$190,713  
Lee Board of County Commissioners – \$150,000  
School District of Lee County – \$100,000  
Branning said, "We cannot thank our

Pacesetters enough for the great start to this important campaign. The \$11.3 million goal is essential to improving the lives of our friends, families and neighbors in our community."

Vertich added, "We are thankful to all of our donors and volunteers for deeply caring about the wellbeing of our community. What an amazing start to such an important mission in our community."

For more information, call 433-2000 or visit [www.unitedwaylee.org](http://www.unitedwaylee.org).

## Commissioner To Speak At Meeting

Brian Hamman, Lee County District 4 commissioner, will be the guest speaker at the breakfast meeting of the Cape Coral chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) at the Cape Royal Golf Club on Saturday, November 13 at 10 a.m.

Hamman will speak about activities relative to Cape Coral concerns and the community. A question-and-answer session will follow his planned remarks.

All current, former and retired military officers and spouses are invited. Cost is \$12 per person (cash only) at the door.

The Cape Royal Golf Club at 11469 Royal Tee Circle in Cape Coral. Reservations may be made by contacting Dixie Buick at 945-5030 or via email at [calusamoaa@yahoo.com](mailto:calusamoaa@yahoo.com).

## Free Autism Screening For Young Children

Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, in partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, is offering an autism spectrum disorder screening for toddlers 18 months to age 5 at the Pediatric Specialist Office on Friday, November 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

Medical consultants for the project stress that an early diagnosis can make a big difference for toddlers and their families. They say early intensive behavioral intervention can also make a difference not just in the development of the child, but in their families as well.

The screening is conducted by Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. Screenings are administered by an advanced practice registered nurse, who has extensive training and experience in typical child development and developmental disorders. A physician referral is not

required for the screening.

The Pediatric Specialist Office is located at 15901 Bass Road, Suite 102, in Fort Myers. To schedule a screening, call 343-6838.

## Chemical Waste Collection On The Beach

The Town of Fort Myers Beach will host a free drop-event for household chemical waste in partnership with the Lee County Solid Waste Department at Bay Oaks Recreational Campus on Wednesday, November 17 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Drop off is a drive-through process available to all residents managed by Lee County staff. For a list of acceptable items, visit [www.leegov.com/solidwaste/recycling/chemicals](http://www.leegov.com/solidwaste/recycling/chemicals).

Businesses that need chemical waste disposal can call 533-8000 to schedule an appointment for the monthly business collection held at Lee County's permanent household chemical waste drop-off location at 6441 Topaz Court in Fort Myers.

Bay Oaks Recreational Campus is located at 2731 Oak Street on Fort Myers Beach. Additional collection events are scheduled in 2022 on February 16, May 18 and August 17.

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# Frankly Speaking



by Howard Prager

The Atlanta Braves are the 2021 Woeld Series champions. Despite viewership being up 21 percent since last year, this year's series was the second least-watched World Series, averaging

just 11.7 million viewers per game. Let's compare this to the last time the Braves won in 1995 when they averaged 29 million per game. If anyone is wondering about the interest in baseball today, this speaks volumes. MLB officials and the player's union begin their negotiations next month, and they should keep these stats in mind.

Along with Jorge Soler winning the World Series MVP award, Freddie Freeman won the Babe Ruth Award as the postseason MVP in a vote by the New York chapter of the Baseball Writers of America. Freeman hit .304 with five HRs and 11 RBI in 16 postseason games, tying him with Fred McGriff for a Braves franchise record. Soler's three World Series HRs were all go ahead HRs, making him one of four Braves players to hit three home runs in a single World Series. MLB.com's Sarah Langs discovered that teams were 25-2 during this postseason when they out-homered

their opponents. According to *Sports Illustrated*, "the Braves were the best team in the postseason – an outfit that was never pushed to the brink of elimination and out-hit the regular season's best offense. These Braves had only two reliable starters left on the roster after Charlie Morton's injury, but limited the best offense in baseball in Houston to 3.3 runs per game. And Max Fried turned back the clock to deliver the sort of outing that puts him in the same company as Tom Glavine. As was the case with Glavine in '95, Fried also didn't allow any runs in the title clincher."

In other MLB recognition, the St. Louis Cardinals had five individual Gold Glove winners in a single season, the most by any team since the Cardinals and Seattle Mariners had four each in 2003. First baseman Paul Goldschmidt, second baseman Tommy Edman, third baseman Nolan Arenado, left fielder Tyler O'Neill and center fielder Harrison Bader were named National League recipients of the 2021 Rawlings Gold Glove Award for defensive excellence.

I've had readers petition me about players they believe should be in the Hall of Fame. I wish I had a vote or some influence. But two ballots – one for early players and one for players in the 50s and 60s – will give committees a chance to welcome some overlooked players this year. The Early Baseball Era ballot features candidates whose primary contributions came before 1950. Seven of the 10 were stars in the Negro Leagues or pre-Negro Leagues: John

Donaldson, Bud Fowler, Vic Harris, Grant "Home Run" Johnson, Buck O'Neil, Dick "Cannonball" Redding and George "Tubby" Scates. American and National Leaguers Bill Dahlen, Lefty O'Doul and Allie Reynolds round out the ballot. The Golden Days Era ballot features candidates whose primary contributions came between 1950 and 1969. Three players in that group are still living: Jim Kaat, Tony Oliva and Maury Wills. The other seven candidates are Dick Allen, Ken Boyer, Gil Hodges, Roger Maris, Minnie Miñoso, Danny Murtaugh and Billy Pierce. Both 16-member committees will meet at the MLB Winter Meetings. Like the regular ballot, players must receive at least 75 percent of the vote (12 votes) to become part of the hall's Class of 2022. These committees consider players only once every 10 years as part of the hall's Era Committees cycle. Frankly, I'd love to see them all get in.

And, onto a new era. Novak Djokovic stands alone atop men's tennis. Djokovic is being called the greatest male player of all time after a record-extending sixth Paris Masters title last week versus Daniil Medvedev. He now has 37 Master titles, one ahead of Rafael Nadav and 9 ahead of Roger Federer. He also has far surpassed Federer's record of 310 weeks ranked as No. 1 and should finish the year with 348 weeks on top. The last tennis championship is at Turin (Italy) beginning November 14.

Another era ends. As reported by ESPN, "two-time World Cup winner Carli Lloyd walked off the pitch for the last time last Sunday as the Chicago Red Stars beat her NJ/NY Gotham FC 1-0 in the National Women's Soccer League playoffs. The double Olympic gold medalist donned the USWNT national team jersey for the last time in October in a friendly match against South Korea, ending her international career as the second-most-capped player in world soccer. The two-time FIFA Player of the Year has said she plans to stay involved in soccer after her competitive career and reiterated that pledge Sunday. "Although I won't be on the field ever again, I'm going to help this game grow," she said.

The good news story of the week is courtesy of Steve Hartman and CBS News. "82-year-old Don Isett is the nation's best pole vaulter in his age

group – and pretty much the only pole vaulter in his age group. He picked up the sport – for a second time – at age 66, five decades after an unremarkable high school career. "It's fun. It's like going to high school again with nothing to study." He has nothing to study but the physics of gravitational potential energy – and pain management. But Isett said it's worth the aches. "It's a rush, exhilaration, when you clear a bar," he said. At a meet last year, Isett cleared nine feet, one inch. No octogenarian has ever done such a thing. Isett said he's not done setting records. He told CBS News he plans to stay fit and keep at this until he's six feet under. Or perhaps six feet over, in Don's case. For me, I'm keeping my feet either on the ground or in the water, not in the air.

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## Red Sox Hiring Event At Fair

The Boston Red Sox Human Resources team will host a booth at the Fair at Fenway South next week on November 18, 19 and 20. The hiring booth will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 5 to 9 p.m. on Saturday.

Red Sox officials are looking to hire staff for the upcoming Spring Training season at JetBlue Park at Fenway South. Positions include event operations, video productions, customer service, ticket services representatives and ticket takers. Applicants must be age 18 or older.

"We are looking forward to sharing more about job opportunities at JetBlue Park and staying connected as we gear up for the spring season," said Michael Lara, Red Sox senior diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging programs specialist.

The 2022 season is the Red Sox' 11th at JetBlue Park at Fenway South located at 11500 Fenway South Drive in Fort Myers. The home opener will be held on Sunday, February 27.

The Fair at Fenway South will be held for two more weekends at JetBlue Park.✪

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## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Which former NBA star was named head coach of the Chinese Basketball Association's Beijing Royal Fighters in June 2019?
2. Friar Dom is the mascot for what college team's athletic programs?
3. What institution, located in Ormond Beach, Florida, instructs professional and amateur baseball umpires?
4. Westfalenstadion (officially Signal Iduna Park) is the home stadium of what Bundesliga football club?
5. Before becoming the Toronto Maple Leafs, what name did the NHL team have from 1919-27?
6. Name the Iowa Hawkeyes running back who was selected by the New York Jets in the third round of the 2009 NFL draft.
7. Name the journalist and sportscaster who co-hosted ESPN's *Highly Questionable* from 2013-17 and had an ESPN Radio show called *The Right Time* from 2015-17?

## ANSWERS

1. Stephon Marbury. 2. Providence College. 3. The Harry Wendelstedt Umpire School. 4. Borussia Dortmund. 5. The Toronto St. Patricks. 6. Shonn Greene. 7. Bomani Jones.

## Doctor and Dietician

## Are You An Egg Carrier Or An Egg Dropper?



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

Last Sunday, we heard a very inspirational sermon at church discussing the power of our words. We can literally affect someone else's future by what we say. We open our mouths 700 times per day and speak up to 18,000 words per day. Now, that is a lot of verbiage. Of course, most people think that women speak more than men, but in the case of the doctor and the dietitian, those roles are most definitely reversed.

The *Book of Proverbs* in the Bible mentions the power of the tongue over 150 times alone. *Proverbs 20* (NIV): "The unfriendly person pursues selfish ends and against all sound judgment starts quarrels. Fools find no pleasure in understanding but delight in airing their own opinions... the words of the mouth are deep waters, but the fountain of wisdom is a rushing stream... the lips of fools bring them strife, and their mouths invite a beating... the human spirit can endure in sickness, but a crushed spirit who can bear?"

We have all heard stories of students being "crushed" by a mean or tyrannical teacher – often affecting their entire lives. A story this pastor told goes like this: A little girl, very enthusiastic and outgoing, transferred to a new school because her family moved. Upon entering the

classroom, the girl asked the teacher where she would like her to sit. The only available desk was one that the teacher had labeled with a large "S" – standing for "stupid" where she put students who made mistakes or were causing trouble. (We were shocked too). Thus, this is where the little girl sat. By the end of that first day, the other children were calling her stupid, making fun of her and being very mean to her. Her spirit was crushed. She went from an A/B student to a D/F student. She now hated school. She became only a shell of her former self.

That girl was the pastor's sister. True story. She has since realized that God loves her and she can also love herself, so she has worked her way back to normalcy and is now a missionary to help others less fortunate.

At our Caring Medical office, we find that patients surrounded by positivity and words of affirmation heal and recover faster. This has been proven scientifically as well. A person alone with his/her pain has a much harder time getting better. Being surrounded by negative people makes life harder. Pleasant words bring health to the body.

So, what about the eggs? When fertilized eggs are broken all the way through, the chick inside will die. Those eggs with fine little cracks have a protective layer so that the mother chicken can still sit on her egg without them breaking. However, if "pecked at" enough, the egg will eventually break, and the inside contents could end up draining out through the crack. When carrying an egg, we must give great care to the egg so that it does not crack or break. If we drop the egg, the egg will die.

So, the question is – "are we egg carriers" helping those who might be a little cracked? Or are we "egg droppers" destroying other people with our harsh words? In these crazy times, let's make sure that we are speaking life to those around us. We all need strength and encouragement, health and healing, peace and love. It is our choice to give life or give death with the words we speak. Let's be egg carriers.

*This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition.*

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## dearRPharmacist

## A Great Deal Or A Great Deal Of Junk?



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**D**ear Readers: Today's article is about vitamins. I'm a big believer in nutrients, if they appropriately target a health concern, or a metabolic pathway.

If you can get 500 pills for \$9.99, how good do you suppose those are after you add in the cost for the label, the bottle and cap, the neck seal, the desiccant and the cause for sourcing each ingredient? Do you assume the manufacturer is doing due diligence and testing the purity of their formula at a reputable FDA-inspected laboratory... and if so, is the price worked into the formula you just bought for less than 10 bucks? Testing costs in the thousands, and it's often factored into the formula's final price. Then there's freight. There's so much, so again, let me ask you: If you can get 500 pills for \$9.99, do you think they're any good?

You don't have to be a mathematical genius, to know there's virtually pennies left to invest in the actual ingredients if the whole bottle is \$10.

I get especially irked when I see companies preying on people, especially the elderly. With reduced kidney and liver function after age 70 for example, all those unnecessary ingredients, fillers, lubricants and colorants add to the physical burden.

Let's take magnesium or vegetable stearate for example. Most vitamins contain this ingredient. A "stearate" is a

lubricant added to machinery to make the machines pump out the pills faster, and more efficiently, without messing up the gears on the equipment. It is not absolutely necessary and, in my humble opinion, it kind of 'bubble wraps' a formula. Some scientists say it breaks down in your stomach acid, whereas other scientists feel that stearates interfere with proper breakdown and absorption of nutrients.

I don't think you need a bazillion probiotics in your formula. These little bacteria are pitched to you as "friendly," but how friendly are they if your own body spots them and sees them as a pathogen? Use of a formula that isn't right for you may cause an autoimmune illness.

I don't want you to be intimidated by fancy labels, or celebrities pitching you stuff. I want you to think it through, and realize that what I'm saying makes sense. There's some truth to the adage, "vitamins make expensive urine," but that's only if you buy cheap stuff that doesn't even work.

What about bug-derived ingredients? Yes, for sure, some red pills contain carmine, a beautiful and natural red colorant. Carmine comes from crushed up beetle juice, basically!

When you see a study that trashes a vitamin or suggests it impacts your lifespan in a negative way, please think. There have been several in the past years. One reason is because the researchers are studying the impact of inactive precursor chemicals, not on real nutrients that your body recognizes. If they were to test their subjects with body-ready, bio-identical nutrients, the results would likely be more promising. If you'd like to read the longer version of this article, I can email it to you after you sign up for my free newsletter at [www.suzycohen.com](http://www.suzycohen.com).

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## Superior Interiors

## Creating A Relaxing Respite



by Katie Frederick

**H**ome used to be the place where we came to relax and get a respite from the stress of the office, the commute, or a day of running errands. Today, some people are spending more time

in the home, maybe no longer going to an office. Now, many are aiming to make certain rooms in the house more of a relaxing respite. Getting away from work may mean simply going to a different area of the home.

The obvious choice is often the primary bedroom. Turning it into a luxurious suite is often the goal. Imagine a starting point with a color scheme of calming gray, white and violet. Add a transitional, channel-tufted upholstered bed contrasted with a colorful, abstract rug (rugs can be the true showstopper of a room). Perhaps a marble tile fireplace and a beaded wallpaper treatment to add dimensional elegance. Elegant teal swivel accent chairs could provide a second respite in a most inviting master bedroom. Who wouldn't love a glorious room as described to retreat to (and read by the fire)?

Let's not forget the key function of the bedroom, however. If you're not waking up feeling rested, refreshed and restored, something is missing. Think about the environment you're creating in terms of it putting you in a restful mood for the last part of the day and a revitalizing mood when waking up.

Most of us think of the bedroom as the

place we want to be a relaxing respite. We want to wind down and prepare for a healthy night's sleep and then wake up to an environment that inspires us for a new day. As you are reevaluating your bedroom considering that goal, here are some tips:

Color is critical in promoting a space conducive to relaxation. Choose a calming color palette. Lighter shades of gray, blue and green often promote calmness;

Improve storage so there is no clutter in sight. Clutter can instill a sense of chaos instead of calm;

Flowers and plants can be soothing visually and aromatically. Certain scents can have a calming effect. White candles can add an air of serenity. Natural sunlight does wonders for one's attitude; let the sunshine in;

Throw pillows and blankets can create a feeling of coziness. Contrast hard surface floors with area rugs to create softness and add some tranquil color;

If you have the space, create a reading

or TV-watching nook with a comfy upholstered chair, a chaise lounge, or loveseat. A small landing can be the perfect place to be transformed into an intimate reading room. Glass-enclosed book cabinets will make for a classic library display for keepsakes and photos to conjure up those sentimental memories. An oversized coffee table also is a place for putting your feet up, and a small accent chair can fill out the corner of the area and offer seating for a guest;

For some, exercising, especially yoga, is a relaxing respite. An add-on space adjacent to the office or study area can provide a quiet area with room for yoga mats and other equipment. For those that have a love of gardening, add plenty of plants. It all makes for connecting with nature while keeping mentally and physically fit.

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PUZZLES

Answers on page 23



"Save it, Mac — We're  
\_\_\_\_\_."

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!

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**ASTRAIN**

Divert  
**ROUTED**

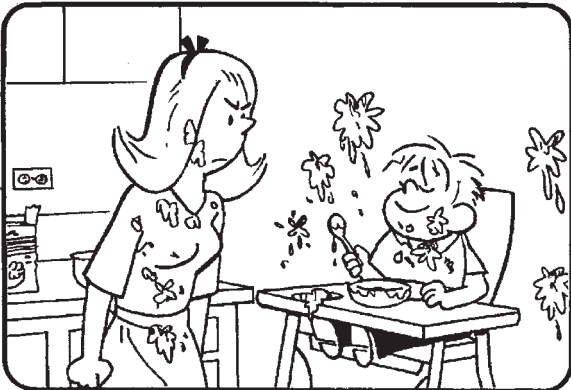
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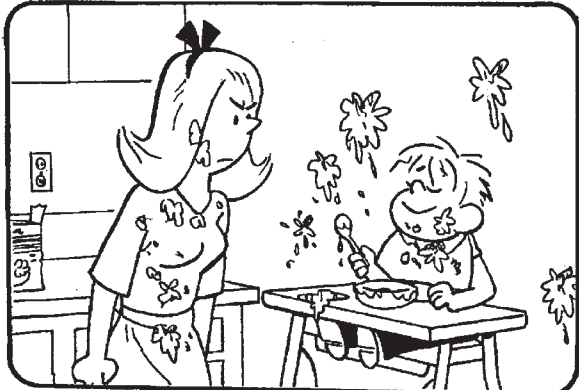
TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Food "spat" on wall is moved. 2. Bowl is bigger. 3. Outlet is turned. 4. Bowl is missing. 5. Back of highchair is removed. 6. Sleeve is shorter.

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To Play  
Sudoku:

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

PUZZLES

Answers on page 23

Super Crossword

CELEBRITY DOINGS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Costco rival  
9 Machine arranging sheets  
17 "That's icky!"  
20 Short, amusing tale  
21 Made a rustling sound  
22 Debate side  
23 "Beverly Hills 90210" actress competing in a bee?  
25 Capitol Hill VIP  
26 Suffix with propyl  
27 Fish eggs  
28 Beattie bride of 1969  
29 —"Pea  
30 "V for Vendetta" star doing wickerwork?  
38 Later time of life  
41 Kind of PC screen  
42 Most reserved  
43 "Lullaby of Birdland" composer clipping rams?
- 50 Actress — Dawn Chong  
51 Yarn coils  
52 Ontario border lake  
53 The "E" of QED  
55 Manhattan sch.  
56 Bridal gown material  
58 Hindu sage  
63 "Charlotte's Web" star using fireplace bellows?  
68 Tarzan, e.g.  
70 Was inactive  
71 Minnesota port  
72 "A Brief History of Time" author peddling goods?  
79 Transparent kitchen wrap  
80 Actor Haim or Feldman  
81 Fair-hiring inits.  
82 Battling avg., e.g.  
85 Rocket org.  
86 See  
109-Across  
89 Lead-in to mo or pitch
- 90 "Paracelsus" poet making toast?  
96 Dazed state  
98 Atty.'s gp.  
99 Epic poem by Virgil  
100 "Tom Jones" novelist catching pop flies?  
107 Nothing but  
108 Week unit  
109 With 86-Across, "You bet!"  
110 Discontinuity  
113 Actress Gasteyer  
114 "Family Huddle" co-author rowing?  
122 Kindled  
123 Legendary lost island  
124 Employees' clip-ons  
125 Milwaukee-to-Miami dir.  
126 Soda jerk's workplace  
127 Locale of Iraq and Israel
- DOWN**
- 1 Fill fully  
2 In a while  
3 Nothing but  
4 — -fi film  
5 Successors of LPs  
6 Cut (off)  
7 In — surgery  
8 Less than  
9 15-season CBS show  
10 Have  
11 Sawmill sight  
12 In need of a refill of  
13 See 49-Down  
14 Pound  
15 20-volume ref. work  
16 Tpk., e.g.  
17 High hairdo  
18 Welcomes  
19 Sincere  
24 Director Ang  
29 — terrier  
30 Laugh sound  
31 Trendy Aussie boots  
32 Techie type  
33 "Oh, wool!"  
34 Pre-TiVo device  
35 Cruel Amin  
36 Court legend Arthur  
37 That gal  
38 Shrek, e.g.  
39 Name in jets  
40 "The Sound of Music" refrain starter  
44 Shipped out  
45 "Hey there"
- 46 Ample, in dialect  
47 — pot (nasal cavity rinser)  
48 Big smile  
49 With 13-Down, do some karaoke, e.g.  
54 Florida city  
56 Serpentine  
57 Debate side  
58 Ugly remark  
59 Cardiff locale  
60 Not-to-be-missed thing  
61 Gathered  
62 "Sorta"  
64 Madeline of "First Family"  
65 Single bill  
66 "... even — speak"  
67 Rx safety org.  
68 Burro  
69 Sch. org.  
73 Va. neighbor  
74 Emcee  
75 Sheik, e.g.  
76 Frau's "no"  
77 Former Spice Girl Halliwell  
78 Frayed  
83 Jai follower  
84 Sondheim's Sweeney  
85 Brand of spongy toys  
86 Goose's kin
- 87 The same, in French  
88 Brand of luxury Swiss watches  
90 Be behind schedule  
91 Grand Ole —  
92 Male tyke  
93 "Cool!," '90s-style  
94 Honshu sash  
95 ICU staffers  
96 Sandbanks  
97 Nadal's sport  
101 Rustic verse  
102 Bother badly  
103 City northwest of Grenoble  
104 OB- — (med. specialist)  
105 West African nation  
106 Tangential remark  
110 Ardently fond  
111 Son of Hera  
112 Furtive "Hey there!"  
114 Dawber of "Mork & Mindy"  
115 Platonic "H"  
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King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Landed  
5 Gearwheel tooth  
8 Slightly  
12 Sultry Horne  
13 "— you serious?"  
14 Barn roof spinner  
15 Strict disciplinarian  
17 Noble Italian family  
18 Swift  
19 Sculpted trunks  
21 Old Olds  
22 Doctor Zhivago  
23 Wye follower  
26 Moreover  
28 On edge  
31 Sciences' partner  
33 Observe  
35 Campus VIP  
36 "Hogwash!"  
38 Finale  
40 Water tester  
41 Love god  
43 Inherited  
45 Painter's motion  
47 Reduces  
51 Nashville's st.  
52 Instrument in a Dixieland band
- 54 Couturier Cassini  
55 Stannum  
56 Pinta's companion  
57 Favorites  
58 Norm (Abbr.)  
59 Vortex
- Paul —  
8 Declared  
9 Baby's bed  
10 Division word  
11 Casual tops  
16 Notion  
20 Ump's call  
23 Hit with a ray gun  
24 Triage ctrs.  
25 System for linking computers  
27 Ruby of films  
29 — Paulo, Brazil  
30 Away from
- WSW  
32 Island wraps  
34 Queen's domain  
37 Stir-fry pan  
39 Entryway  
42 Factions  
44 Packing string  
45 Halt  
46 Far (Pref.)  
48 Author Bagnold  
49 Tear  
50 Remain  
53 Torched
- DOWN**
- 1 Charitable gift  
2 Bound  
3 Concerning  
4 Spud  
5 Big gorges  
6 Mine yield  
7 Oil tycoon J.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: SAME NAME AS 2ND PRESIDENT

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Eggplant Parmesan

photo courtesy Fresh From Florida



Eggplant Parmesan

- 3 eggplants, sliced into 1/2-inch rounds (peel if desired)
  - 3 cups panko (Japanese breadcrumbs)
  - 1 cup flour
  - 4 large eggs, beaten
  - 1 1/2 cups oil, for cooking
  - 1/2 cup herbs (such as basil and parsley) finely chopped
  - 2 cups Parmesan, grated
  - 2 cups mozzarella, grated
  - 2 teaspoons dried Italian seasoning
  - 5 cups marinara sauce, your favorite
  - Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste
- Slice eggplant and lay on baking sheet lined with paper towels. Generously sprinkle with salt and leave for an hour, drawing out excess moisture. Brush off salt and any liquid that might accumulate.

Create an assembly line of three shallow bowls. Combine panko and Italian seasoning in the first bowl. Crack eggs into the second bowl and beat until combined. Place flour in the third bowl. Season each bowl with salt and pepper. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Dredge each eggplant slice in flour, then dip in egg mixture, and then into panko. Place on wire rack until all eggplant slices have been coated. Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook each eggplant slice until golden brown on each side, about two minutes per side. Transfer to paper towels to absorb excess oil. Spread a small amount of marinara sauce onto bottom of 13 x 9 baking pan, top with a single layer of eggplant, followed by a third of the sauce and a third of each cheese. Repeat process with remaining eggplant, sauce, and cheese. Cover tightly with foil and bake for 45 minutes. Remove foil and continue baking until cheese is golden brown and bubbly, about 12 more minutes.\*

PETS OF THE WEEK



Prince ID# A836846 photos provided Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Prince And William

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William ID# A883933

shorthair. How could you resist the amount of cuteness in this little face? I'm full of energy and personality as well and love to play with my kitten buddies. You can adopt a friend for me (and you) at no additional charge during LCDAS' November promotion. My adoption fee is \$10. Lee County Domestic Animal Services is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers. Adoptions are available by appointment Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Visit [www.leelostpets.com](http://www.leelostpets.com) to complete an online application. As always, cats and kittens are adopt one and get a feline friend at no additional charge. For more information, call 533-7387.\*

My Stars ★★★★★ FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2021

- Aries** (March 21 to April 19) A work-related situation that started last month takes on increasing importance this week. The choice is still yours as to how it will evolve. Be careful not to make quick judgments.
- Taurus** (April 20 to May 20) "Careful" is the watchword for the prudent Bovine this week. Don't let your emotions overwhelm your logic. Try for balance as you maneuver through a touchy situation.
- Gemini** (May 21 to June 20) Your energy levels rise to meet the challenges that will mark much of this month. New opportunities beckon. Look them over, but proceed cautiously before making any kind of decision.
- Cancer** (June 21 to July 22) Your private life can be a problem this week, as a partner becomes more difficult. Resist a reaction you might regret. Instead of walking away, try to talk things out.
- Leo** (July 23 to August 22) You should be your usual sunny self these days, as you bask in the admiration you

- adore. Enjoy it as you move into a new arena to confront an exciting upcoming challenge.
- Virgo** (August 23 to September 22) Your perseverance reserves will be tapped frequently this week as you deal with the problems involved in making a new situation work for you. But it'll all be worth it.
- Libra** (September 23 to October 22) You'll find fewer roadblocks turning up as you continue to move ahead with your plans. Expect some important news to come your way by mid-November.
- Scorpio** (October 23 to November 21) Good news – you finally get to the bottom of that pesky mystery you've been trying to solve for weeks by using some gentle persuasion to get someone to break his or her silence.
- Sagittarius** (November 22 to December 21) The best time to take on that important task is now. Move forward one step at a time so you can assess your progress and, if need be, change direction.
- Capricorn** (December 22 to January 19) The new opportunities you hoped to find this month are beginning to open up. Study them carefully to be

- sure you make the choice that's best for you.
- Aquarius** (January 20 to February 18) Turn a disappointment into a learning experience. Check out possible weaknesses in your approach and strengthen them. A loyal colleague offers good advice.
- Pisces** (February 19 to March 20) Your new situation offers opportunities to help you get the skills you'll need in order to stop swimming in circles and finally move straight toward your goals. Go for it.
- Born This Week:** You have a sharp, logical mind and a quick intellect. You would make an excellent mystery writer.

MOMENTS IN TIME

- On November 21, 1877, Thomas Edison announces his invention of the phonograph, a way to record and play back sound. Although initially used as a dictating machine, the phonograph proved to be a popular tool for entertainment. Edison acquired an astounding 1,093 patents in his 84 years.
- On November 16, 1907, Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory

- collectively enter the United States as Oklahoma, the 46th state. Oklahoma's name is derived from the Choctaw Indian words "okla," meaning "people," and "humma," meaning "red."
- On November 19, 1915, British airman Richard Bell Davies performs a daring rescue, swooping down in his plane to whisk a downed fellow pilot from behind Turkish lines just as a group of enemy soldiers approached.
- On November 20, 1945, in Nuremberg, Germany, 24 high-ranking Nazis go on trial for atrocities committed during World War II. The defendants faced charges ranging from crimes against peace, to crimes of war, to crimes against humanity.
- On November 17, 1970, the court-martial of 1st Lt. William Calley, an Army platoon leader, begins. Calley had led his men in a massacre of 200 Vietnamese civilians, including women and children, at My Lai, South Vietnam. Calley was found guilty and initially sentenced to life imprisonment. He was paroled in 1974.
- On November 18, 1987, a fire in a London subway station kills 30 commuters and injures scores of others



**FRIDAY**  
Sunny  
High: 80 Low: 68



**SATURDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 76 Low: 66



**SUNDAY**  
Cloudy  
High: 75 Low: 63



**MONDAY**  
Sunny  
High: 73 Low: 64



**TUESDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 74 Low: 62



**WEDNESDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 76 Low: 66



**THURSDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 81 Low: 69

**Redfish Pass Tides**

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	6:38 am	12:35 am	9:56 pm	2:14 pm
Sat	8:30 am	2:32 am	10:10 pm	3:02 pm
Sun	9:53 am	3:40 am	10:26 pm	3:40 pm
Mon	11:00 am	4:29 am	10:42 pm	4:11 pm
Tue	11:57 am	5:11 am	10:57 pm	4:37 pm
Wed	12:48 pm	5:48 am	11:12 pm	4:58 pm
Thu	1:35 pm	6:21 am	11:30 pm	5:16 pm

**Point Ybel Tides**

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	5:43 am	12:37 am	9:01 pm	2:16 pm
Sat	7:35 am	2:34 am	9:15 pm	3:04 pm
Sun	8:58 am	3:42 am	9:31 pm	3:42 pm
Mon	10:05 am	4:31 am	9:47 pm	4:13 pm
Tue	11:02 am	5:13 am	10:02 pm	4:39 pm
Wed	11:53 am	5:50 am	10:17 pm	5:00 pm
Thu	12:40 pm	6:23 am	10:35 pm	5:18 pm

**Punta Rassa Tides**

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	6:41 am	1:03 am	8:31 pm	1:56 pm
Sat	8:05 am	2:27 am	9:27 pm	2:51 pm
Sun	9:28 am	3:31 am	10:15 pm	3:41 pm
Mon	10:49 am	4:28 am	10:50 pm	4:29 pm
Tue	11:39 am	5:16 am	11:17 pm	5:13 pm
Wed	12:15 pm	5:56 am	11:41 pm	5:51 pm
Thu	12:48 pm	6:33 am	None	6:25 pm

**Cape Coral Bridge Tides**

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	12:04 am	3:51 am	8:48 am	5:30 pm
Sat	12:06 am	5:48 am	10:40 am	6:18 pm
Sun	12:20 am	6:56 am	12:03 pm	6:56 pm
Mon	12:36 am	7:45 am	1:10 pm	7:27 pm
Tue	12:52 am	8:27 am	2:07 pm	7:53 pm
Wed	1:07 am	9:04 am	2:58 pm	8:14 pm
Thu	1:22 am	9:37 am	3:45 pm	8:32 pm

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## Moments In Time

after people began to smell smoke coming from beneath one of the King’s Cross station’s escalators. It was later revealed that debris and grease had built up under the escalator.

• On November 15, 2001, Microsoft releases the Xbox gaming console, influencing the history of consumer entertainment technology. The cost of building each unit outweighed the sales price, which meant game sales were crucial. Luckily for Microsoft, their launch title (*Halo*) was one of the best-selling and most celebrated games of all time.

### NOW HERE’S A TIP

• Three ways to use an empty tissue box: 1) Store plastic grocery bags inside; 2) line with a small plastic trash bag and use in your car as a travel trash can; 3) cut out the bottom and use it to disguise an extra toilet tissue roll in your guest bath!

• Love oranges? Save the peels to add to your potpourri mix. Remove as much of the pith as possible and cut into strips. Air dry in bright light for about a week. Or

you can set the strips on parchment and dry in a partially closed oven set to 175 F for about 45 minutes. Check often.

• “To separate yolks from egg whites, simply crack eggs into a shallow bowl and ‘suck’ the yolk out using an empty plastic water bottle. Squeeze the bottle slightly, then position the mouth of the bottle at the yolk and let go. It will magically slide up into the bottle, leaving the whites behind!” – TT in New York

• “When the last serving of jam has been used, I will happily add some oil and vinegar to the jar, along with a few choice spices, then shake. It’s an instant vinaigrette, with a fruity tang.” – CL in Tennessee

• Keep your jeans or other denim items from fading by soaking them in a solution of cold water and salt (2 tablespoons to a gallon) for about an hour before washing.

• “To clean a can opener, get it wet and run a folded paper towel through it while turning the handle. Works best if done after each use.” – HP in Washington

### STRANGE BUT TRUE

• Most NASCAR teams use nitrogen

in their tires instead of air. This allows the tire to have a much more consistent rate of expansion and contraction to heat and cold.

• North Koreans must have one of 28 state-approved haircuts.

• There’s alcohol in space. In 2006, astronomers discovered a cloud of alcohol in part of the Milky Way where stars are forming from gas and dust.

• In Albania, some women make an oath to become “sworn virgins” in order to live life as a man, with the rights and privileges of a man. For the rest of their lives, they are never again addressed as female.

• Over 2,500 left-handed people a year are killed by using equipment made for right-handed people. The deadliest item? The right-handed power saw.

• A traffic jam in Beijing lasted more than nine days.

• If you yelled for eight years, seven months and six days, you would produce enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee.

• A man with severe OCD and a phobia of germs attempted to commit suicide with a gun to his head. Instead of

killing him, the bullet eliminated his mental illness without any other damage.

• In 2003, there were 86 days of below-freezing weather in Hell, Michigan.

• Until 2018, there were only two English words ending in “gry” – hungry and angry. Then the Oxford English Dictionary added a third – “hangry” (an irritable state induced by lack of food).

• A decibel is not its own unit, but actually 1/10th of the seldom used “Bel,” a unit named in honor of Alexander Graham Bell for his contribution to acoustics.

• “Backpfeifengesicht” is a German term for a face that badly needs a punch.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“The world is round so that friendship may encircle it.”

– Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

### TRIVIA TEST

- 1. Food & Drink:** How many different flavors are in a Dr. Pepper soda?
- 2. Ad Slogans:** Which product was advertised as “the quicker picker upper”?
- 3. U.S. States:** What is the capital of

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