



Gulfshore Tenors At Shell Point



Gulfshore Tenors

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Shell Point Retirement Community's 2019 Summer Concert Series will feature a performance by the Gulfshore Tenors in the Grand Cypress Room at The Woodlands at Shell Point

on Wednesday, June 12 at 7 p.m. The concert is open to the public. Gulfshore Tenors will perform, for their fifth year in Southwest Florida, a diverse *continued on page 21*



A scene from Jack and the Beanstalk

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Fairy Tale Comes To Life At Broadway Palm

The Broadway Palm Children's Theatre performance of *Jack and the Beanstalk* opened May 24 and will continue playing May 31, June 2, 6, 7, 8 and 14.

This is a musical for everyone. The spin on the classic tale tells the story of a young boy, Jack, who goes into town to sell his cow for money, but instead trades the cow for magic beans. He plants the beans and to his surprise, they grow a tall stalk, and Jack discovers what's at the top of this giant beanstalk.

Broadway Palm Children's Theatre presents full-scale productions that are *continued on page 22*

Winners At International Science Fair

Three students from the School District of Lee County that participated in the Intel International Science Fair came home as winners. They competed against nearly 1,800 high school students from more than 80 countries, regions and territories for prizes and awards valued at more than \$5 million.

The Intel ISEF 2019 Special Award winners were:

Dahlia Dry, Fort Myers High School – The American Statistical Association (ASA) presented her with the Second Award of \$1,000 for her physics and astronomy project *Plotting New Horizons: A Statistical Analysis of Potential Factors Influencing the Probability of Planetary System Formation.*

Dry is also an Intel ISEF 2019 Grand Award winner in physics and astronomy. She was chosen for a First Award of \$3,000 for her project *Plotting New Horizons.*

Mark Leone, Estero High School – The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) honored him with the Second Award of \$500 for his earth and environmental sciences project



Dahlia Dry

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Mitigation of Florida Red Tide (Karenia brevis) Blooms through Flocculation with Enhanced Local Sediments.

Morgan Barkhurst, Florida SouthWestern Collegiate High School – The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) awarded her Honorable Mention for her physics and astronomy project *Graphene Solar-Photon Sail: A Novel Approach to the Application of Monolayer Graphene on Aluminumized*



Mark Leone

Polyimide Film Using a Figure of Merit of a Solar-Photon Sail Membrane for Interstellar Space Exploration.

Dry, Leone and Barkhurst and fellow district competitors Cynthia Sheng from Fort Myers High School and Junwei Tan from Florida SouthWestern Collegiate High School all won awards at the 62nd annual Thomas Alva Edison Kiwanis Science and Engineering Fair to earn their spot in the 70th Intel International



Morgan Barkhurst

Science and Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF) in Phoenix, Arizona from May 12 to 17. Each competitor had already been granted scholarships to FGCU for their hard work and had been recognized at the 64th annual State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida STEM Competition that ended on March 28 in Lakeland.

For a complete list of Intel ISEF 2019 Special Award and Grand Award winners, visit www.societyforscience.org.

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Relax At The Towne House



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

The Towne House Motel opened at First and Park in January 1956 – a very auspicious time, it turned out.

In February, a front-page headline in *The News-Press* announced the shocking fact, “Tourists sleeping in cars with no lodgings available.”

Bad news for tourists, but good news for new motels.

The Towne House, pictured here in 1961, had been full from the day it opened.

(Note: Another Towne House existed on Johnson Street at that time, but it was an old-fashioned rooming house for apartments and efficiencies, not a modern motel.)

The “travel crush,” as it was deemed, was the greatest in the town’s history.

One motel reportedly turned away 50 autos nightly.

The lodging shortage extended north and south of Fort Myers, with homeless tourists driving the roads searching in vain for a “vacancy” sign.

Trailer parks, hotels, motels and tourist homes were jammed packed that season.

Motorists parked trailers at gas stations, visitors slept in cars on the roadside or in the open space at the Edison Bridge entrance, and a lucky few arranged lodgings in private homes.

The lodging shortage was reminiscent of the World War II years after Buckingham Army-Air Force Base and Page Field were established nearby.

Then, Fort Myers town didn’t have sufficient housing then either, as thousands of soldiers and their families streamed through. People were urged to open their private homes to soldiers and their wives.

Not only did the Towne House open at a propitious time, but it was also advantageously located on First Street on the corner at Park Avenue.

First was still a two-way street then, and the old two-way Edison Bridge (part of U.S. 41), only blocks away, was a gateway to and from Fort Myers.

Imagine crossing the bridge, turning left on Fowler Street, and encountering a brand new motel like the Towne House on the southeast corner at Park.

In that era, motels such as the Tides and the Ta Ki-Ki, just to name two, were



In 2001, the motel was renamed the Relax Inn. It and the Sea Chest across First are the only classic 1950s motels that survive in that part of town. photo by Gerri Reaves

springing up along First Street alongside old private homes, some of which had converted to apartments or tourist homes.

The 25-unit Towne House had a bridal suite, six efficiencies and 18 regular rooms. Besides the regular amenities like air-conditioning, it had a sun deck, pool and shuffleboard court.

And, of course, it had a river view and was walking distance from the business district.

L-shaped and accented by tall palms and decorative railings and fencing, its neon signs beckoned to tired motorists.

Notice how quiet the corner at First and Park was in 1961, with only a stop sign at the intersection.

Who could foretell that Park Avenue would become the high-speed traffic corridor it is now, serving as the multi-lane on-ramp for the north-bound span of the Edison Bridge?

When that twin-span bridge was built in the early 1990s, area businesses like the Towne House suffered financially.

In addition, they worried about how much of their property would be gobbled up for right-of-ways and about forced sales and eminent domain proceedings.

In the case of the Towne House, the owner worried about a widened Park Avenue creeping closer to the pool – and the recent photo shows that he was justified.

In 2001, the motel was renamed the Relax Inn. It is one of the few classic 1950s motels remaining in downtown Fort Myers.

Walk down to First and Park and imagine a time when plenty of shiny new motels along the street welcomed motorists just breezing into town.

Then visit the following two research centers to learn more about how accommodations changed through the decades of Fort Myers history.

The Southwest Florida Historical Society is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization open Wednesday and Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon and Wednesday 4 to 7 p.m.

It is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. Call 939-4044 or visit www.swflhistoricalsociety.org for more information.

The Lee County Black History Society is located at 1936 Henderson Avenue, adjacent to the Williams Academy Museum at Roberto Clemente Park.

Hours for the volunteer, non-profit organization are Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday by appointment only.

For more information, call 332-8778 or visit www.leecountyblackhistorysociety.org. Sources: Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society and *The News-Press*.✱



In January 1956, the 25-unit Towne House Motel opened at First and Park. This photo was taken in 1961. photo courtesy SWFL Historical Society

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Everyone can be an inventor in the Smithsonian Spark!Lab at Edison and Ford Winter Estates photo provided

Estates To Offer Summer Deals For Families

Edison and Ford Winter Estates is offering a special deal for families this summer. From June 1 through September 2, visitors may bring a child, age 12 or younger, for free. One child will be admitted free per one paid adult self-guided audio tour ticket.

The site includes the historic winter homes of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, caretaker's homes of both inventors, Edison's study, a 15,000-square-foot inventions museum and the botanic laboratory – a National Historic Chemical Landmark. There are also more than 20 acres of botanic gardens to explore, including the historic Moonlight Garden, Clara's rose garden, a succulent garden, the almost century old banyan and mysore fig trees and numerous other plants and trees from all around the world.

The air-conditioned museum is full of exhibits and artifacts that children and adults alike can enjoy. Antique car enthusiasts will find Edison's personal car, a 1916 Model T; Ford's "Chuck Wagon," a 1918 Model T Roadster; and a 1908 Cadillac Motor Car. Visitors will also get to see and hear several examples of Edison's favorite invention, the phonograph. Families will learn how many patents Edison had, what his most profitable invention was, how Edison and Ford met and many other interesting facts.

Families with children can create their own inventions in the Smithsonian Spark!Lab, a fun, hands-on activity center with six stations that rotate every few months. The activities allow for groups and families, so parents and grandparents can enjoy the activities along with their children and grandchildren. Edison Ford is one of only nine museums across the country to have a Smithsonian Spark!Lab.

Activities in the Spark!Lab include the High Wire Driver, a variety of building components and simple motors to invent devices that can roll along a cable suspended above a table or work surface; Snap Circuits, real circuits just like the ones found inside radios, televisions, computers and other electronic devices, but without wires or solder; Sound Scapes, build a pathway to roll a marble through various bells and chimes; Shaping Space, a new activity where participants use plastic tubes to build structures of varying heights and shapes; and Spin Art, another new activity that utilizes Snap Circuits to create artwork and helps kids learn the color wheel.

The site is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. seven days a week. There are several tour options, including self-guided audio tours, historian-led guided tours, specialty inside-the-homes, inside-the-lab, automotive and garden tours. Throughout the year, the site also offers public events and new exhibits.

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

Caloosahatchee Reservoir Water Quality Summit

The public is invited to attend a Caloosahatchee C-43 Reservoir Water Quality Summit at the Lee County Administration East Building, Room 118, on Wednesday, June 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The summit will bring scientific experts, governmental leaders, private organizations and citizens together to discuss this vital issue.

C-43 Reservoir is an important Everglades Restoration project being constructed to help feed additional freshwater back to the Caloosahatchee during the dry season, when it needs additional flow. A water quality component was originally envisioned as being necessary to ensure that the water entering and stored in the reservoir would be clean enough to return to the river. Some research and projects have been done to date to address this issue; however, there may be additional opportunities to improve water quality.

The Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Partnership (CHNEP, formerly the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program) works to protect the Caloosahatchee River and Estuary, and has recently extended its boundary to encompass the freshwater portion of the watershed up to Lake Okeechobee. Input at the summit will further the CHNEP goals of restoring the natural hydrology and improving water quality.

Experts presenters from the South Florida Water Management District, US Army Corps of Engineers, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, North Carolina State University, Wetland Solutions, Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation, City of Sanibel, Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Lee County, Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority, Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Independent District and others will provide information on a variety of topics including:

- Historical Water Quality Treatment Studies

- Nutrient Pollution Reduction and Water Quality Improvement Methods
- Caloosahatchee Water Quality Conditions

- Caloosahatchee Projects Underway
- Other Water Quality Improvement Opportunities

- How the Public Can Stay Engaged Going Forward

Additionally, there will be opportunities for the public to submit questions and provide their own ideas. The South Florida Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, in response to Governor DeSantis' Executive Order to pursue a water quality component for the C-43 Reservoir, will use the input collected in beginning their Feasibility Study public process.

Lee County Administration East Building is located at 2115 Second Street in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.chnep.org/c-43-reservoir-water-quality-summit.✪

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Refuge Planning Exhibit By Nature Photographer

Often tagged “the Ansel Adams of Florida,” photographer Clyde Butcher has made for himself a big reputation based on big black-and-white nature images taken with big cameras. Starting November 13 at the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel, the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) will be hosting and mounting a Clyde Butcher exhibition as part of the refuge’s 75th anniversary celebration.

The award-winning artist captures the Florida Everglades, coastal islands and other unspoiled areas with stunning majesty. “Wilderness, to me, is a spiritual necessity,” said Butcher.

As the refuge approaches its 75th anniversary on December 1, 2020, staff and DDWS are gearing up to celebrate now through the milestone year.

Political cartoonist and conservationist Jay Norwood “Ding” Darling saw to the opening of the Sanibel National Wildlife Refuge in 1945.

“Jay Darling would surely be proud of how far the refuge has come since its inception,” said Doris Hardy, chair of



Clyde Butcher shoots with large-format cameras photo by Woody Walters

the 75th anniversary committee. “It has added significant acreage to the complex, built a Visitor & Education Center, consistently celebrated conservation art, educated hundreds of millions and, most importantly, given wildlife a safe haven. We feel we have every right and responsibility to celebrate the occasion in a big way.”

The Clyde Butcher Photography 75th



A black-and-white photograph of the Florida Everglades photo by Clyde Butcher

Anniversary Celebration will run through February 5, 2020, and will include 35 of his renowned images from his Everglades collection, said Ann-Marie Wildman, exhibition coordinator.

“The underlying message to this important exhibition is the value of preserving the fragile Everglades habitat and the quality of our waterways,” said

DDWS Executive Director Birgie Miller. “We are seeking sponsors to help support the exhibition and its mission.”

To become an exhibition sponsor, contact Dot Voorhees at dot@dingdarlingsociety.org or 472-1100, Ext. 239. For more information on the exhibition and 75th anniversary calendar of events, visit www.ding75.org.

June Programs At Regional Library

Next month’s roster of activities at Lakes Regional Library offers topics for all ages. The following activities are free to the public:

Adult Programs

English Café: 6 p.m. Mondays, June 3, 10, 17, 24 – Free, informal conversation sessions for adult ESOL/ESL students.

Coloring for Adults: 2 p.m. Tuesdays, June 11, 25 – Come and experience the latest trend in relaxation, adult coloring books. Studies show coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind and helps promote overall wellness. Coloring pages designed especially for adults, as well as colored pencils, will be provided.

Book Discussion *Widows of Malabar Hill* by Sujata Massey: 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 12 – Set in 1920s India, Bombay’s only female lawyer is tasked with executing a will. When she discovers all three of the deceased man’s widows have signed over their inheritance, she questions the validity of the document. As she tries to investigate the strange circumstances surrounding the will, tensions turn to murder and confirm her suspicions. Can she figure it all out before anyone else gets hurt? Registration is required.

Download Drop-In: 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 19 – Receive personalized help downloading e-books, movies, music and more from Overdrive and Hoopla, two of Lee County Library System’s largest online content providers. Bring your fully charged tablets, phones,

e-readers and other digital devices for a hands-on help session. Note: Please bring any passwords you may need for downloading apps. Kindle users will also need an Amazon account and their password for accessing it.

Children’s Programs

Special Needs Storytime: 10 a.m. Saturday, June 1 – This storytime emphasizes books, music and sensory experiences designed for children with special needs. The library’s welcoming environment will create a positive experience for children. Each child must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver, who will be an active participant in the program. Class size is limited to 10 children, plus their parents or caregivers. For children ages 3-12 with special needs. Registration begins May 11.

Baby Rhyme Time: 10 a.m. Mondays, June 3, 10, 17, 24 – For babies up to 18 months. Pick up a Storytime Ticket at the youth services desk the morning of the program. Space is limited. During this special storytime, you and your baby will learn new nursery rhymes and fingerplays, interact with puppets, sing, read books and dance.

Family Storytime: 10 and 11 a.m. Wednesdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26 – For ages 5 or younger. No registration required, but space is limited. Your whole family is invited to this enjoyable, all-ages storytime that encourages the development of prereading skills through songs, rhymes, fingerplays and stories.

Coloring Fun: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, June 6 – Enjoy a relaxing day of coloring at the library. For children of all ages. No registration needed. Drop in any time.

Kids Read Down Fines: 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 8 – Children and teens can earn a \$2 credit for every 15 minutes they read in the designated area for a total of \$8 in one session. Credit may be applied to cards issued to patrons age 18 and younger only and applies only to charges on overdue materials. Bring your library card.

Super Science: 10 a.m. Thursday, June 13 – Explore the far reaches of science with hands-on incredible demonstrations and take-home projects to share with friends and family. For children who have completed grades kindergarten to fifth grade. Registration begins May 28.

Astronaut Training: 10 a.m. Thursday, June 20 – Do you have what it takes to navigate through space? Join us to learn about stars, explore moon rocks and get ready to blast off. Sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library. Registration begins June 13. For children who have completed grades kindergarten to fifth grade.

Joey and Alex Magic: 10 a.m. Thursday, June 27 – This all-new thrill ride comedy magic show takes the audience on an action-packed adventure of stories shown through magic, comedy, puppets, balloon artistry and hilarious audience participation. Registration begins June 20. For children who have completed grades kindergarten to fifth grade.

Teen Programs

Expand Your Universe: Earn Service Hours at Your Library: 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 13 – For teens in grades 6 through 12. Have fun. Get creative. Expand your universe and earn service hours in the process. Help us support students in our community

as we transform plain pencil pouches into back-to-school pick-me-ups for a local school. All supplies will be provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lakes Regional Library.

Expand Your Universe: Earn Service Hours at Your Library: 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 20 – For teens in grades 6 through 12. Have fun. Get creative. Expand your universe and earn service hours in the process. Hope comes in many different forms. Learn to use the Cricut electric die-cutting machine to hone your DIY skills and create a cup of hope for members of our community struggling with illness. All supplies will be provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lakes Regional Library.

Expand Your Universe: Earn Service Hours at Your Library: 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 27 – For teens in grades 6 to 12. Have fun. Get creative. Expand your universe and earn service hours in the process. William Arthur Ward said, “A warm smile is the universal language of kindness.” Drop in and share your kindness with those in need of a warm smile through art on canvas.

All supplies will be provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lakes Regional Library.

The Lakes Regional Library is located at 15290 Bass Road in Fort Myers. For more information about a program or to register, call the library at 533-4000. Check the Lee County Library System’s website at www.leelibrary.net to find out about programs at other locations. Call the host library, or Telephone Reference at 479-4636, for more information about a specific program.

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Fort Myers Art:

Alliance To Offer Playwriting Class

by Tom Hall



The Alliance for the Arts CHANGE program's next class is on playwriting. It begins in June.

Playwriting is an eight-week course designed to introduce the

fundamentals of playwriting to aspiring minority writers; equipping them with the tools to create rich characters, explore their own histories and develop stories that are relevant, inspirational and reflective of their own unique voices.

Students will incorporate their newfound playwriting tools to write a 10-minute play and work with actors to see their creations come to life in a staged reading that will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 27. Family and friends are invited to attend the special reading of the student's plays.

The class runs Saturdays from June 1 through July 27 from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. It costs \$20 for Alliance members or \$25 for future members. It will be taught at the Alliance for the Arts, which is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. It will be instructed by Derek Lively.

A professional actor who has appeared in productions ranging from Shakespeare to Eugene O'Neill, Lively



Participants of a previous CHANGE program class

photo courtesy www.artswfl.com

has worked in regional theaters and Off-Broadway, including The Public Theater and LaMama ETC. His solo show, *Welcome To My Soul*, which he wrote and performed, led to a first-look development deal with NBC (Universal). He is a proud member of Actors' Equity Association and SAG-AFTRA.

Registration is required and can be completed online at www.artinlee.org/education or by calling 939-2787.

The CHANGE Program (Communities Harnessing the Arts to Nurture and Grow Equity) provides performance opportunities and a platform to convene dialogue on social issues that challenge our community through creative artistic expression.

This project is supported in part by the Southwest Florida Community

Foundation and the Florida Humanities Council. For more information on this program, visit www.artinlee.org/CHANGE.

Coming Soon To Off Broadway Palm

Next up in Broadway Palm's intimate Off-Broadway venue is *Sex Please We're Sixty*. As the title suggests, the play is a farce that pokes fun at the libidos and trysts of men and women over a certain age. The script is chock full of naughty jokes, unseemly inferences, brazen bawdiness and unapologetic raunchiness that combine to produce a side-splitting afternoon or evening of entertainment.

The setting is the Rose Cottage Bed & Breakfast in New England. Her owner, Mrs. Stancliffe, enjoys considerable repeat business, particularly

among her female clientele. Stancliffe's next-door neighbor, Bud, takes credit for the inn's popularity among the cottage's female guests, harboring the belief that they come year after year primarily to hook up with him. An unabashed lothario, Bud thinks he can literally charm the socks (and clothes) off any woman.

Stancliffe's other neighbor, Henry, is a chemist who's developed an untested pharmaceutical called Venusia that does for post-menopausal women what Viagra does for men. The hijinx start when Bud takes the wrong little blue pill, turning from Bud the Stud into Bud the Dud much to the delight of Rose Cottage's current guests, Victoria Ambrose, Hillary Hudson and Charmaine Beauregard, who turn the tables on Bud and Henry in a hysterical attempt to show the men who is the smarter sex.

Written by Michael and Susan Parker, *Sex Please We're Sixty* was first produced on October 17, 2008 by Play With Your Food Productions in Hemet, California. English born and raised, the Parkers write plays that combine familiar British farce with standard American settings to produce stereotypical sex comedies with over-the-top nonsensical plotlines. Some of their other works include *The Sensuous Senator*, *There's a Burglar in My Bed* and *Whose Wives Are They Anyway?*

Sex Please We're Sixty opens on June 6 and runs through July 21.

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.✪

Foundation Awards Funds In Scholarships

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation recently granted \$739,676 and 128 scholarships through a competitive process to local high school students and undergraduate and graduate students from Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties. For the third year, the foundation awarded 12 of the scholarships as multi-year awards which will help the students each year until completion.

For the 2019 scholarship season, 468 eligible students applied and their applications were reviewed by 130 volunteer reviewers.

"Once again, we really focused on making our scholarship application and review process as accessible as possible," said Sarah Owen, president and CEO of the Community Foundation. "Outreach was key to ensure we received a pool of applicants from all over Southwest Florida. Through interactive presentations, we were able to help students submit a scholarship application successfully as well as to gain a better understanding of the FAFSA form."

The foundation's process allows each

applicant to submit one application and apply it to several scholarship funds they were eligible for. This enables the students to get the most out of the application process and cut down on time spent on the application, so that they can focus more on completing the school year.

The foundation also had more volunteer reviewers this year, 130, which allowed each applicant to receive three scores from three different reviewers.

"We use our technological platform and at least three reviewers of the applications to remove any bias that may prevent an applicant from receiving a scholarship," Owen said. "Scholarship application reviewers enjoy being able to stay connected with the youth of our community, by reading their stories and about their efforts to give back."

According to Owen, examples of some of the more unique scholarships not as highly sought after included scholarships for students with disabilities, student athletes, students pursuing a specific field of study such as teaching deaf or blind individuals, specific church membership or community service hours in a particular facility such as a veterans hospital, adult students going back to school, students from particular schools or communities, and students pursuing a graduate or professional degree.

For details of the scholarships

and a list of recipients, visit www.floridacommunity.com/2019-scholarship-recipients or www.floridacommunity.com and click on "Scholarships" page.

Four new scholarships awarded this year: Linda L. Mann Scholarship Fund for Music Majors, Tommy Bohanon Foundation Scholarship Fund, Ricky Pigott Memorial Scholarship Fund, Jerome L. King Scholarship Fund for Nursing.

If you are interested in becoming a scholarship reviewer next year or starting a scholarship fund, contact the Southwest Florida Community Foundation at give@floridacommunity.com or call 274-5900.✪

Picnics In The Park Kickoff Day In Cape Coral

Picnics in the Park will kick off this summer's program to make sure every student in the School District of Lee County who needs a hot meal when school is out can get one.

Students will get a chance to play, participate in activities with the Cape Coral Fun Mobile and get their first nutritious lunch of the summer at Paul Sanborn Park in Cape Coral on Monday, June 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We're excited to be partnering up with Cape Coral Parks and Recreation again for the Picnics in the Park Kickoff Day," says Food and Nutrition Services Marketing Supervisor Breanna Gustafson. "Last year, we had a great turnout and it was a great opportunity to educate students and parents on the resources available to them when school is out."

The school district's food and nutrition department is sponsoring the USDA Summer Food Service Program from June 3 through July 26. Participating sites will provide nutritionally balanced meals to all children under age 18 during summer vacation when school breakfasts and lunches are not available. Meals are free, and there are no income or registration requirements.

"Kickoff events gives us the opportunity to promote awareness of the Summer Meals Program," said Lorina Woods, School District of Lee County Summer Meals Program coordinator. "In addition to community sites, we partner with youth organizations to provide meals at sites throughout the district. It creates a sense of community."

Paul Sanborn Park is located at 2310 SE Third Street in Cape Coral. To find a school or location offering the summer lunch program near you, use the search engine at Summer BreakSpot, text "FoodFL" to 877-877 or dial 2-1-1 when schools begin releasing for the summer break.✪

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Along The River

The **Alliance for the Arts** will hold the **GreenMarket** this Saturday, June 1 and every Saturday on its 10-acre campus. The farmer's market-style event features a selection of locally grown, caught and cultivated foods and other products available to sample and purchase. There will also be live entertainment by local musicians and fun activities for kids, gardening classes and live cooking by local chefs.

The GreenMarket hosts neighbors and small growers who bring seasonal, very limited crops to market. Barter is encouraged, trade your small crop for market items you may need.

During the GreenMarket, take part in a free weekly **yoga session**. The class is held on the lawn next to the open air market from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Join registered yoga teacher Anna Withrow beneath the shade trees. The sessions are suitable for all levels and beginners are welcome. Supervised children are also encouraged to join in. Bring a yoga mat, sunscreen and water.

Take a **nature walk** with a bird patrol guide at **Lakes Regional Park** this Saturday, June 1 at 8 a.m.

This easy walk along clear paths offers an opportunity to see birds in native vegetation with experienced bird patrol guides pointing out the many species in Lakes Park, a Lee County birding hot spot and crucial nesting area for many birds. Wear comfortable shoes and dress to be outside. Bring water, sunscreen and binoculars.

This tour, which is free with paid



Join the free yoga sessions at the Alliance for the Arts photo courtesy www.artinlee.org

parking, is provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation.

Meet at Shelter A7. After entering the Lakes Park gate from Gladiolus Drive, turn right and drive to the end of the road, continuing through the parking lot. Shelter A7 is located near the train station.

Lakes Regional Park is located at 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.birdpatrol.org or call 533-7580 or 533-7576.

Audubon of Southwest Florida will hold its annual meeting at the **Collaboratory** this Saturday, June 1. A **free spaghetti dinner** will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. The program, titled South Florida Water Management District Projects & Florida

student enrollment.

Satellite offices are being planned to also assist families during peak enrollment periods. Information regarding student enrollment and locations of satellite offices can be found at www.leeschools.net by selecting the "enroll" icon.✪

Free Guided Hike At Pop Ash Creek

Celebrate National Trails Day with a free guided hike at Pop Ash Creek Preserve on Saturday, June 1 at 8 a.m.

A certified master naturalist will lead the 90-minute, 1.5-mile hike at this Conservation 20/20 preserve to identify and discuss native plants, wildlife and birds. Possible wildlife sightings include alligators, herons and the state-listed threatened Florida sandhill crane.

National Trails Day is an annual event promoted by the American Hiking Society to celebrate trails and public lands in communities across the United States.

No registration is required. Suggested items to bring include water, hat, sunscreen and camera. Wear closed-toe shoes appropriate for hiking. The hiking path is not ADA accessible.

Pop Ash Creek Preserve is located at 9451 Nalle Grade Road in North Fort Myers. Visit www.conservation2020.org or call 204-1125 for more information.✪

Army Officer Commissioned

Fort Myers native Kylie Flynn recently accepted an Army commission as a member of the The Citadel class of 2019. Flynn participated in the commissioning ceremony held on May 3.✪

Student Enrollment Offices To Close

The Cape Coral and Lehigh Acres Student Enrollment Offices for The School District of Lee County will permanently close. Personnel will relocate to The Lee County District Student Enrollment Office located at 2855 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. The final day to conduct business at Lee County Student Enrollment Offices in Cape Coral and Lehigh Acres is Thursday, May 30. Offices will be permanently closed at 4 p.m. that day.

"Having staff in one location increases efficiencies and improves customer service as additional enrollment specialists will be available to register and enroll students. Reduction in long lines, lengthy wait times and operational expenses for the district are anticipated because of these closures," said Soretta Ralph, executive director of

in Destin, Florida on June 18.

The USSSA AA World Series allows players to showcase their ability on the baseball field against teams from around the country. But before the players hit the diamond, they need support from their community.

The Florida Sox would appreciate any donation from the community in efforts to send every team member to a once-in-a-lifetime tournament. Accumulating countless wins in area tournaments two to three times a month, these boys keep up their grades in school and demonstrate respect and good sportsmanship on and off the field.

For more information or to donate, contact Jennifer Miller at 289-3088 or [jeniferfm@hotmail.com](mailto:jenniferfm@hotmail.com).

SalusCare, the area's most comprehensive provider of behavioral healthcare services, will be hosting a **job fair** at its Evans Campus this Tuesday, June 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Job seekers will be able to complete an application on-site, speak with hiring managers and learn more about benefits. Among the open positions are full-time, part-time and PRN positions (short-term, contract, part-time or fill-in work by a nurse or allied health professional) such as clinical staff, intake clinicians, dietary aides, clerical staff, nurses and behavioral health technicians.

SalusCare's Evans Campus is located at 3763 Evans Avenue in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.saluscareflorida.org/careers. From this page, those interested can view current job openings, benefits and apply for open positions.✪

SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

President's List

Fort Myers native Nicole Fortner-Rodriguez was named to the President's List during the spring 2019 semester at Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Florida. Fortner-Rodriguez is majoring in exercise science/wellness.✪

Dean's List

Cape Coral native Michaela Delaney was recently named to the Dean's List for the spring 2019 semester at University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, Kentucky.

North Fort Myers native Justin Norris was recently named to the Dean's List for the spring 2019 semester at Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, Georgia.

Three Southwest Florida students achieved the Dean's List for the spring 2019 semester at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. They are Kaley Champion of North Fort Myers, Shawn Foor of Fort Myers and Kaitlyn Matter of Fort Myers.

Fort Myers native Hannah Canales was named to the Dean's List during the spring 2019 semester at Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina.

She is a junior majoring in health sciences.✪

College Graduates

Two North Fort Myers natives were among approximately 300 students who graduated from Georgia Southwestern State University during the spring 2019 commencement ceremony held recently.

Brittany Norris graduated with a bachelor of business administration degree in human resource management.

Justin Norris graduated with a bachelor of business administration degree in management.

Cape Coral native Meredith Rasche recently graduated from West Kentucky Community and Technical College in Paducah, Kentucky. Rasche earned an associate in applied science degree in criminal justice with high distinction.

Three Fort Myers natives recently graduated from Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina.

Jeffery P. Hahn earned a master's degree in counselor education.

Matthew Raymond Loebis earned a master's degree in public administration.

Armand Regnaert earned a master's degree in city and regional planning.✪

Calendar Art Contest Winners Announced



Estero High School Senior Chrisdeana Schneider was the cover winner this year
photo provided

Kee Lee County Beautiful, Inc. (KLCB) recently announced the winners of the 30th annual Leave The Scene Clean Calendar Art Contest. The contest drew over a thousand entries from local students, representing public, private and home schools in Lee County. Submitted work was judged on artistic execution and originality as well as environmental theme, such as litter prevention, recycling, community cleanup and protecting the environment.

The 12 first place selections, one from each school grade, in addition to the cover winner, are featured in KLCB's full color 2020 Leave The Scene Clean Calendar. Also selected were honorable mentions in each grade. KLCB will host an awards ceremony at the Broadway Palm Theatre this fall at which the artwork will be exhibited, the calendar will be released and the winners will receive their awards. Each of the 12 first place winners will receive \$50, except the 12th grade and cover winners who will receive a \$500 cash scholarship courtesy of Covanta Energy.

Each calendar month contains a different student work of art. The back cover will feature an environmental message by Estero High School student Chrisdeana Schneider, the cover winner.

These popular full color calendars can be had for a \$3 donation each and are available through participating Lee County Schools, who retain all proceeds collected with the funds being used to pay for environmental projects at the participating school.

The calendar project is made possible through corporate sponsorships. Sponsors for the 2020 calendar include Covanta Energy, Miramar Outlets, Advanced Disposal, LCEC, Lee County Solid Waste, Waste

Pro and Waste Management. Call 334-3488 for more details on how to become a sponsor.

The following are the winners:
Cover Winner – Chrisdeana Schneider – Estero High School
Grade 1 – Evan Humble, Bayshore Elementary
Grade 2 – Leila Tucker, St. Francis Xavier
Grade 3 – Mariia Matiushyna, Harns Marsh Elementary
Grade 4 – Kayla Rathur, St. Francis Xavier
Grade 5 – Nishini Fernando, Allen Park Elementary
Grade 6 – Jonathan Goodman, Lexington Middle
Grade 7 – Amneris Azcona, Gateway Intermediate
Grade 8 – Abigail Petro, North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts
Grade 9 – Kaitlyn Logue, Cypress Lake High School
Grade 10 – Emma Roth, Estero High School
Grade 11 – Kimberly Sarabia, Estero High School
Grade 12 – Brianna Johnson, Cypress Lake High School

The honorable mention winners and their schools are:

Grade 1 – Estella Eichten, St. Francis Xavier; Aubriana Adolph, Christa McAuliffe Elementary; Haven Gates, St. Francis Xavier

Grade 2 – Hallie Hunt, Christa McAuliffe Elementary; Payten Hunt, Christa McAuliffe Elementary; Ani McAuley, Christa McAuliffe Elementary
Grade 3 – Anabelle Mateu, Harns Marsh Elementary; Natalie Vo, Christa McAuliffe Elementary; Annalise Pray, Christa McAuliffe Elementary

Grade 4 – Thiago Lucero, Lehigh Elementary; Jami Atyeo, Hector A. Cafferata Elementary; Brianna Romano, Christa McAuliffe Elementary

Grade 5 – Ashlyn Mustard, Gulf Elementary; Amelie Seultt, Lehigh Elementary; Alissa Figueiredo, St. Francis Xavier

Grade 6 – Joshua Yue, Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle; Lauren Lyons, St. Francis Xavier; Sarah Meyers, Cypress Lake Middle

Grade 7 – Erika Perez, North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts; Zachary Yoshida, Cypress Lake Middle; Ashlynn Ban, St. Francis Xavier

Grade 8 – Mary Perez, North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts; Allysen Corporan, North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts; Sydney Wydra, Gulf Middle

Grade 9 – Heloysa Lopes, North Fort Myers High School; Heidi Hernandez, Cypress Lake High School; Emma Gillen, Estero High School

Grade 10 – Emerson Gibbs, Oasis High School; Christopher Hultgren, Cypress Lake High School; Chloe Lange, North Fort Myers High School

Grade 11 – Bella DeMay, Cypress Lake High School; Ashley Ortiz, Dunbar High School; Bethllenix Angel Zubieta, East Lee County High School

Grade 12 – Zita Baten-Hernandez, Dunbar High School; Merari Salinas, Cypress Lake High School; Caleb Drum, Oasis High School.*



A K9 demonstration at a previous Respect for Law Camp

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Register Now For FMPD Respect For Law Camp

Registrations are still being taken for the 2019 Respect for Law Camp, sponsored by the Fort Myers Police Department (FMPD). The law enforcement themed camp is for children ages 11 to 14 and will be held at Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School from Thursday, June 6 to Sunday, June 9.

During the four-day/three-night experience, children will participate

in SWAT Team and K-9 Unit demonstrations, emergency vehicle displays, parade drills, first aid instruction, crime scene investigation, dodge ball and more. Campers experience the challenges and expectations that come with being a member of law enforcement in a fun and exciting camp atmosphere.

Enrollment cost is \$125 and includes food, lodging, shirts and hats. A limited number of scholarships are available, but participation is limited to the first 132 campers. To register, visit www.fmpolice.com. For more information, contact Officer Athena Mitchell, youth relations division, at 321-7700 or amitchell@fmpolice.com.*

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Dogs On Last Chance Saved With GCHS Fund

Gulf Coast Humane Society has literally saved dozens of rescue pets' lives who have been abandoned and left for dead. The GCHS Second Chance Fund makes it a reality this isn't the animals' final chance for a happy life. The fund provides money to pay for the medical costs for animals, in which there is no one to pay for it. It literally breathes new life in what could have been the animal's last one.

Recently, a couple of cases have passed through the doors of GCHS – the no-kill, non-profit shelter located at 2010 Arcadia Street in Fort Myers. These rescue pets – Xavier and Duncan – came in with serious and gruesome injuries, but both have made marvelous comebacks as each are either in foster homes rehabbing, or up for adoption at GCHS.

"Within just a month, we received calls from a couple of different county or city animal controls in the area asking for help for dogs who were in some seriously bad shape," said GCHS executive director Jennifer Galloway. "We solely depend on the generosity of the community and donors to keep the Second Chance Fund viable to pay for these medical costs. People have always stepped up in the past for these animals."

Xavier, a seven-month-old boxer mix, was diagnosed with three major lower



Duncan photos provided

body injuries, all of which were thought of to have been caused after getting hit by a car. He was literally not able to walk, with two of his legs sustaining either fractures or other serious injuries.

"We had to put in a chrome plate to keep the break in the correct position, so that was the toughest surgery for Xavier," said Dr. Jason Eisele of Blue Pearl Pet Hospital. "Overall, his rehab will be a long one and there could be some residual effects – although not painful – from his pelvis break. Due to his young age, Xavier has been a healing machine and still should be able to get up and play like a puppy."



Xavier with Lillith

After his surgeries, Xavier was taken in by GCHS foster Jennifer Washburn, who is a physical therapist and owns Spot Therapy. "Xavier is a goofy, loving puppy who loves all other dogs, people and kids," she said. "He loves to be outside and roll in the grass. He also loves to snuggle in bed, but does tend to be a bed hog stretching out his long lanky legs. Xavier has a will and determination to walk, run, play and be the fun-loving dog that will win him his 'forever' home!"

Obviously, the cost of the surgeries Xavier incurred was expensive. Fortunately, GCHS' Second Chance Fund was there to pick up the costs, ensuring that Xavier has a real opportunity to live a long and prosperous life – one in which he can share with a future forever family.

Another disturbing case which came into GCHS was Duncan, a two-year-old terrier mix whose wounds were contained from the neck up and closely resembled those of a bait dog.

"Duncan had gouges and bite marks all over his face and head, and they

certainly looked like they came from being a bait dog," Galloway said. "It was strange the wounds were all localized on just his head, though. But, as many other dogs who come in as potential bait dogs, he was wagging his tail and trying to lick everyone."

Duncan spent a couple of weeks in the GCHS Rehabilitation building, and by the time he was released, he was looking like a new dog.

"Duncan healed so well and his personality is so infectious," Galloway said. "He is now living a happy life and still waiting to get that notification he is going to his forever home."

The Second Chance Fund was used in both Duncan's and Xavier's cases, and the fund is always in need of replenishing. But donations are not the only aspect needed by GCHS, Galloway added, but also awareness the public should have in reporting animal abuse.

"Be the voice for these innocent lives, and report animal abuse," Galloway said. "Cases like these will persist in the future, if the public does not take a stand and report animal abuse."

To make a donation to GCHS to help pay the costs of caring for future Second Chance dogs, call 332-0364, mail a donation to GCHS, 2010 Arcadia Street, Fort Myers, FL 33916 or visit www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org and click one of the "Donate Now" buttons to make a donation.

To report animal abuse, call 800-780-TIPS. Your call can remain anonymous, and there is a \$5,000 reward for any tip leading to an arrest in dog fighting. ✨

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Sunday 10 a.m., www.revtedalhouse@aol.com 10200 Cypress Cove Circle, 850-3943.

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Sunday 7:45 and 10 a.m., www.lambofgodchurch.net, 19691 Cypress View Drive,

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Friday 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m., www.tjswfl.org, 14486 A&W Bulb Road, 433-0201.

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Sunday 11 a.m., www.newchurchflorida.com, 10811 Sunset Plaza Circle #401, 481-5535.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Sunday 10:30 a.m., www.uucfm.org, 13411 Shire Lane, 561-2700.

UNITY OF FORT MYERS

Sunday 10 a.m., www.unityoffortmyers.org, 11120 Ranchette Road, 278-1511.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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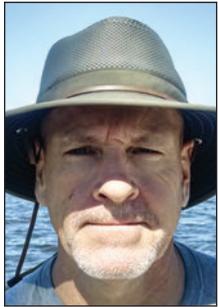
ZION LUTHERAN

Sunday 8, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m., www.zionfm.org, 7401 Winkler Road, 481-4040. ✨

CROW Case Of The Week:

Mottled Duck

by Bob Petcher



The mottled duck (*Anas fulvigula*) is a close relative to the more common mallard. It has a sturdy body, short neck, buffed head, short tail and relatively long bill. These “dabbling

At CROW, a mottled duck was admitted from Fort Myers after being found lying on her back unable to stand upright or fly. Initial examinations done by veterinarians showed the patient had poor control of its limbs and an inability to correctly stand, symptoms consistent with botulism.

“We are treating this case as a suspect botulism based on the clinical signs, which is mainly symmetrically decreased use of the hind limbs,” said Dr. Kyle Abbott, CROW veterinary intern.

“We also consider other differentials (possible diagnoses) such as spinal trauma, pelvic trauma, or other toxins. We performed radiographs to assess for spinal and pelvic trauma and help us determine the most likely diagnosis.”

Radiographs taken of the patient showed no abnormalities.

“Botulism is usually obtained from ingestion of the toxin in the environment,” said Dr. Abbott. “The toxin can naturally occur, and the ducks ingest it through normal eating.”

Red tide poisoning was ruled out due to the patient’s feeding environment.

“Brevetoxicosis is unlikely to cause signs in mottled ducks as they do not feed in the salt water areas where the algae is prominent. They feed more along fresh and brackish water areas where other toxins are much more likely,” said Dr. Abbott. “In the clinic, we have not seen many cases of brevetoxicosis over the past few months.”

Veterinarians are treating the suspect botulism with medical care and physical therapy, including tub time.

ducks” usually feed at the surface or reach for submerged vegetation. Not known as divers, they rarely submerge in water unless being attacked by a predator.

Mottled ducks pair up earlier than most other ducks, typically by November before the breeding season starts the following spring. While many dabbling duck pairs are known to split up as soon as the female lays eggs, male mottled ducks tend to be more loyal and remain with their mate well into the incubation period and sometimes later.

The mottled duck population is threatened by the draining and destruction of marshland as well as interbreeding with mallards in regard to its pure stock outlook. The latter is the result of the release of numerous pet mallards in Florida and elsewhere in the southeast. These feral birds interbreed with mottled ducks and, as a result, dilute the wild population of the mottled ducks.



Patient #19-1903 having a little tub time during a therapy session. She will need more care at CROW before being released into the wild.
photo by Megan Barry

“The treatment of botulism is mainly supportive care with appropriate fluid therapies and nutritional support to help the body clear the toxin. We also use an antibiotic that treats the bacterium that causes the disease in case there are living bacteria and not just the toxin itself,” said Dr. Abbott. “The treatment process can take anywhere from one to multiple weeks.”

After a few more days of medical care, the mottled duck appears to be getting better, but the road to full recovery is expected to be long.

“The patient is improved and able to stand and walk, although with significant weakness. The duck will continue to need supportive care prior to release,” said Dr. Abbott.

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Holiday Weekend Fishing



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

As usual, the Memorial Day weekend was an extremely busy time to be out on the water. After what has been a relatively quiet few weeks, it took some getting used to

having boats buzzing around all over. My go-to during these busy holiday weekend is Matlacha Pass, which sees very little angler pressure. While tucked away in a creek or against a wind-blown shoreline, we noticed things were quiet and snook fishing was good most days.

Anglers trying to fish for tarpon over the holiday weekend had it a little tougher as no matter where you seemed to set up, boats would run right by often spooking the tarpon. There must be some subconscious thing that makes pleasure boaters run right through a pack of fishing boats when its just as easy to go around them. I don't think this move is something that is done maliciously; it's more because they just don't know any better. This move used to drive me crazy. Now, I just laugh over the lack of common courtesy. A good rule of thumb is if you can recognize a person on a boat, you are too close. Luckily, things will get back to normal after this weekend.

Tarpon continue to be found all

through the bay and up and down the beaches in some of the best numbers I have seen in 10 years. While fishing out on the beaches, you should look for muds or areas of stirred-up water and you will find tarpon. Almost anywhere out on the beaches, you can run into these fish from Blind Pass to West Rocks right now. This has been one of the most predictable places to start your search. In the sound, good numbers of tarpon have been found from Cabbage Key back south down to Red Fish Pass. The key in the sound is finding clean water that can change from day to day depending on the wind and tides.

While tarpon fishing at Fosters Point this week, we sat and watched rolling fish for most of the morning while only seeing a few hook-ups. At first, we were throwing a wide variety of live baits including crabs, threadfin herring and pinfish without any luck. Then, we mixed it up and threw a fresh mullet cut out of the stern. We hooked up within 10 minutes. Though you don't need a lot of bait to go tarpon fishing, having a variety is important. Depending on where and when you are fishing, you never know what it will take to get that tarpon to bite.

While fishing with long time clients Jan and Brian from Indiana this week, we had the wind and full moon fighting us so we opted to target snook instead. We fished mangroves around St James City and caught snook and mangrove snapper at our first few stops. Heading back into a favorite creek, I anchored up and threw a scoop of live shiners out to see if we had any feeding fish. After a few minutes, I heard a pop that was as loud as a dolphin slapping its tail. Several minutes later, I saw another huge pop on the



Jan from Indiana with her 41-inch snook caught and released while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week photo provided

mangrove shoreline which we quickly cast to. A few seconds later, Jan hooked a monster snook that immediately ran back up under the mangroves and into the roots. Jan never panicked and was able to finesse this giant 41-incher out from under the mangroves and successfully battle it to the boat for a few pictures

before watching it swim off unharmed.

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

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Volunteers take a break after cleaning up the illegal dumpsite photos provided

KLCB Provides Impact Through Event Cleanups

Keep Lee County Beautiful, Inc. (KLCB) continues to make an impact in local communities. In the first four months of 2019, KLCB has organized 76 events utilizing almost 2,000 volunteers; removed 33,492 pounds of trash from local roadways, shorelines and communities; cleaned 81 acres of public lands; cleaned 47 miles of shorelines; and abated one illegal dump site.

KLCB officials called this, "Amazing work from our volunteers! Thank you for helping restore our natural environment."

Community involvement as Lee County continues to grow is vital to keep the areas clean and beautiful. KLCB's mission also includes a Classroom in a Box initiative to educate elementary students on microplastics and behavioral changes that one can do to make a difference. KLCB is also working on an awareness campaign on the illegal dumping taking place in Lehigh Acres.

KLCB's current and future success of providing inspiration, education and engagement is championed by the continued generosity of supporters and volunteers. KLCB is so thankful for the continued support of the beautification efforts across Lee County

To help make a difference and work together for a cleaner and greener community, visit www.klcb.org and get involved.*



Volunteers at a park cleanup

Plant Smart

Butterfly Tree



Despite the showy fragrant flowers, butterfly tree is not recommended for landscapes because it tends to be weedy or invasive

photos by Gerri Reaves

by Gerri Reaves

Butterfly tree (*Bauhinia purpurea*), a native of southern and southeastern Asia, was introduced to Florida decades ago as a fast-growing ornamental.

This deciduous member of the pea family takes the form of a shrub or tree with arching branches. It can grow as tall and wide as 35 feet.

The name is inspired by the coarse-textured leaves, whose two lobes, when folded along the mid-vein and the cleft at the apex, resemble a butterfly shape. Alternatively, some sources describe the leaf shape as that of the hoof print of an ox.

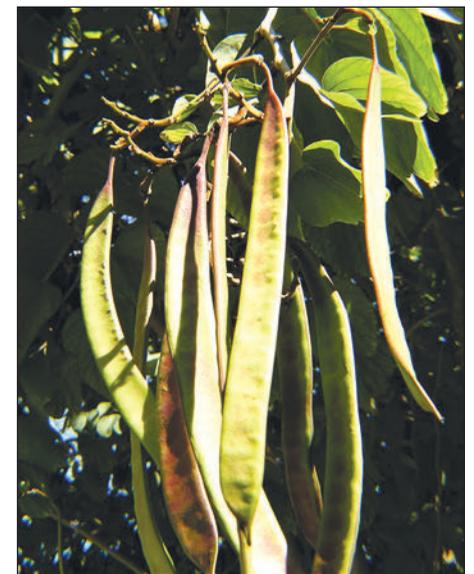
The plant is also called purple orchid tree.

The showy five-petaled flowers bloom near the tips of the stems and range in color from pale pink to magenta.

They measure about five inches across and have three or four prominent stamens. The petals do not overlap, unlike those of its similar relative, orchid tree (*Bauhinia variegata*), which is listed by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council as a category-1 invasive exotic species. The latter also has deeper colored flowers.

The slender brown seed pod is about a foot long. Added to the leaf fall, they make this a rather messy tree. It is also susceptible to wind breakage.

Butterfly tree is naturalized in Florida, meaning that it can sustain itself without cultivation.



The seed pods measure six to 12 inches

It is not recommended for planting because it has invasive tendencies. High drought tolerance and the ability to grow in about any soil add to its weedy and invasive potential.

If this tree is in your landscape, consider replacing it with a native or Florida-friendly one.

Sources: *Florida Landscape Plants* by John V. Watkins and Thomas J. Sheehan and <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu>.

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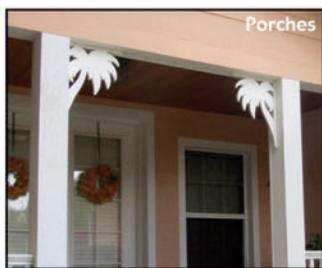
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Artist-in-residence Ed Anderson works on his painting along Wildlife Drive last week as Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland looks on photo by Jeff Lysick

Wildlife Artist Arrives At Refuge

by Jeff Lysick

To celebrate the upcoming 75th anniversary of the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge, the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) invited renowned wildlife artist Ed Anderson to visit the Sanibel nature sanctuary for eight weeks this spring.

On May 15, Anderson arrived from his home in Boise, Idaho and became “Ding” Darling NWR’s first artist-in-residence. As part of the program, Anderson sets up on Wildlife Drive to sketch, paint and interact with visitors on select Tuesdays (June 4, 11 and 25) and Thursdays (June 6, 20 and 27) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

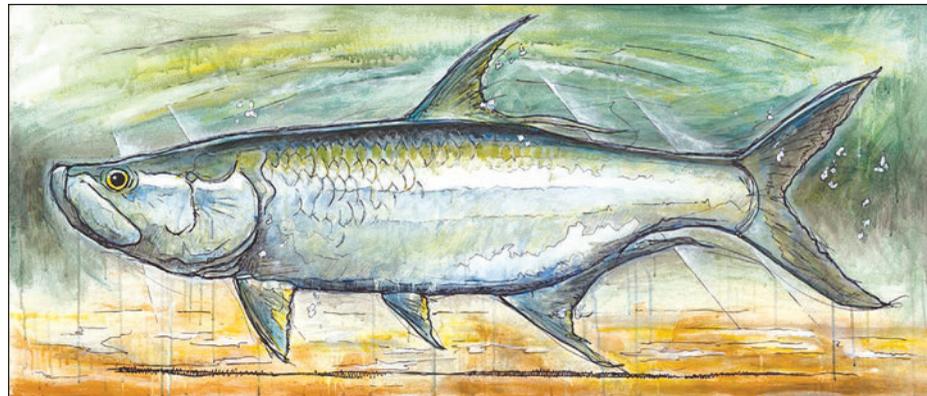
“Southwest Florida is kinda like a home away from home for me,” Anderson said last week as he created his latest acrylic painting, a scenic landscape of the refuge. “My surrogate grandparents have a home on Tahiti Drive here on Sanibel, and

my grandparents lived in Naples for years. I’ve spent a lot of time fishing and kayaking here before... it’s a very accessible place and I enjoy coming and spending the day here.”

With paint brush and palette in hand, Anderson set up his pop-up artist studio near mile marker 1 on Wildlife Drive last Tuesday morning. As he added details to the cloud formations in the skies depicted in his painting, several curious refuge visitors strolled up to his tent. Some simply watched him work, while others asked him about his technique.

“I’m also doing some journaling and sketching while I’m here,” Anderson noted. “I’m just trying to chronicle my whole experience of being here. We’re trying to educate people, talking about the history of the refuge and the legacy of ‘Ding’ Darling. I also like talking about how we manage wildlife, from an artist’s perspective.”

On June 7 and 28, Anderson will introduce participants to his unique style of extemporaneous art and travel journaling with a 10 a.m. briefing in the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center auditorium. Both Friday Art



Proceeds from sales of Ed Anderson’s Florida Tarpon giclee print benefit organizations like Captains For Clean Water image provided

Journal Walks are free, but limited to the first 20 participants.

Participants will receive a free journal to carry with them as they follow Anderson on an art and nature learning adventure along Indigo Trail to the Wildlife Education Boardwalk. Note: Wildlife Drive is closed to the public on Fridays.

While he is here, Anderson will also be mentoring youth groups, including a mural project onsite at Quality Life Center of Southwest Florida in Dunbar and a PACE Center for Girls art workshop at the refuge. The Gardner Families is sponsoring the PACE Center event along with DDWS, which is also seeking sponsors for other outreach and onsite educational activities.

According to Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland, Anderson was brought to Sanibel with assistance from DDWS, a grant from Rockwell Foundation, several private sponsorships and from R3, a nonprofit that advocates the conservation values of sportsmen.

“Our refuge was created by conservation artist Jay Norwood ‘Ding’ Darling in 1945, so it’s more than fitting that we begin celebrating our 75th anniversary with interpretive art programs,” said Westland. “Darling, who created the Federal Duck Stamp program, designed the first duck stamp and the refuge system’s Blue Goose logo. He won the Pulitzer Prize twice for his popular political cartoons

throughout the 1920s and ‘30s.”

“I am excited to be inspired by some of ‘Ding’ Darling’s most famous conservation cartoons as part of my body of work at the refuge,” added Anderson, whose artwork hangs in the homes of collectors and has been featured in publications across the United States, including *Gray’s Sporting Journal*, *Backcountry Journal* and *Gulfshore Life*. “Darling could be considered one of the original wildlife doodling storytellers, and that’s essentially how I work.”

Anderson, who will remain in residence until July 2, stated that he is looking forward to returning to the islands next winter, when he will exhibit his artwork and personal journals in the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center auditoriums starting in mid-February 2020.

“I really want to create a retrospective of my body of work that speaks to ‘Ding’ Darling’s legacy. He helped create the entire refuge system... he essentially invented how hunting tags are sold... he led the conservation movement and helped influence generations of artists and anglers. All of those storylines are kind of overwhelming. But obviously this is an amazing opportunity for me.”

For more information, visit www.edandersonart.com. For additional details on the 75th anniversary celebration at the refuge, visit www.ding75.org.✧

River Otter Released After Long Recovery

A male North American river otter has been released from the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) following a nearly four month recovery for a broken leg. The otter was released to a remote location near Punta Gorda.

The otter first arrived at the wildlife hospital in critical condition on February 7. It was rescued on the side of the road by a passing motorist in Port Charlotte and taken to the Peace River Wildlife Center before being transferred to CROW. The otter was likely struck by a vehicle and arrived in a comatose state after suffering head trauma, a fractured femur and being overheated.



North American River Otter being released

photo provided

The team of veterinarians worked through the night to control his blood pressure, temperature and neurological

status so he was able to have surgery. After a few days, the otter stabilized. He was then taken for surgery for his

broken femur at Blue Pearl Veterinary Hospital in Fort Myers. Dr. Jason Eisele placed a plate and screws to stabilize the broken bone. A second surgery was needed a few weeks later after the otter re-injured his leg.

“Wildlife always presents challenges when recovering from injuries,” said Dr. Kyle Abbott, a veterinary intern at CROW and one of the veterinarians who worked to save the otter’s life. “For this active adult otter, the challenge was keeping his activity level restricted enough to allow his injury to heal.”

The surgeries were successful and after nearly four months since his accident, the otter was able to be released.

“It is amazing anytime we get to return an animal to the wild,” says Abbott, “But, this otter was a special case in the sense that he had a lot of obstacles to overcome.”✧

Habitat Names Interim CEO

Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties has named Becky Lucas as interim CEO following the recent announcement that former president and CEO Katherine “Kitty” Green has accepted the position of vice president for advancement at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Lucas has served Habitat for Humanity in various roles over a span of 19 years including volunteer, director of construction, executive director and her most recent role as vice president of community outreach. She managed the Lee and Hendry Counties Habitat affiliate during a time of rampant growth, overseeing the construction of 600-plus Habitat homes.

In her former role as associate director of philanthropy for The Nature Conservancy, Lucas worked with the state of Florida’s top philanthropic entities to devise their charitable giving plans resulting in the protection of natural



Becky Lucas photo provided

resources worldwide. She also served as a director of the Children’s Hunger Alliance in Columbus, Ohio where she was responsible for a United States Department of Agriculture program, which fed 5,000 inner-city children a day.*

Symposium At FSW Nears

The Planned Giving Council (PGC) of Lee County will present the 2019 Planned Giving Symposium at Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) on Thursday, June 6 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Keynote speaker is Dana J. Holt, JD RICP AEP, a charitable gift planning educator and coach, from HOLT Consulting. She will present Turning Wealth Into What Matters.

Holt will provide a day’s immersion in how to:

- Unlock donors’ wealth by understanding how assets work

- Uncover countless more gift opportunities by understanding how non-cash gifts coincide with specific life events

- Commit to growth and define exciting new growth goals

- Implement new found knowledge and reap the rewards

“Only 10 percent of America’s wealth is held in cash, the rest of our wealth happily spends its days living as things like real estate, life insurance, retirement accounts and other interesting assets,” said Holt. “Even though that’s where the real money is, charities constantly ‘chase the checkbook’ for donations and donors focus on giving from their checking accounts rather than the other 90 percent of their assets. Through the Turning Wealth Into What Matters program, organizations will learn exactly what they need to know to spot big giving opportunities that have been passing them by.”

“Dana Holt is a dynamic, engaging, and entertaining speaker with two decades of hands-on client experience,” said Trevor Whitley, president of The Planned Giving Council of Lee County. “This is an excellent opportunity for non-profit professionals, board members, volunteers, and community leaders to have an engaging day of education and networking.”

Holt teaches fundraisers how to raise



Dana Holt photo provided

millions more by accessing wealth, not just cash – and teaches advisors how to grow their practice with the power of philanthropic planning. Before starting HOLT Consulting, Holt began her career as an estate planning attorney and then spent 13 years at a Fortune 300 financial services company. There, she helped advisors all over the U.S. with their most complex cases and taught them how to integrate charitable planning into their practice. Now she focuses exclusively on teaching charitable planning through professional speaking and her first-of-its-kind coaching program. Dana is a graduate of Mitchell Hamline School of Law and Southern Illinois University.

Sponsors include FSW, Hughes, Snell and Co., PA, Myers Brettholtz and Co., PA, Certified Fund Raising Executive and Hope Healthcare Services. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available.

Early bird registration is \$50 until May 25. After May 25, registration is \$60. Registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. To register, visit www.plannedgivinglee.org.

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The Tragedy Of Aretha Franklin's Estate



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

When Motown legend Aretha Franklin died last August, it was reported that she had no will. That all has changed as several handwritten documents were recently found in her home. The documents are purported to be in her hand. A judge will ultimately decide if the wills are valid.

Franklin passed away a resident of Michigan, where state law provides holographic (handwritten) wills as valid even if not witnessed, so long as the will is dated and the testator's signature and the document's material portions are in the testator's handwriting.

Florida law, by the way, would not recognize an unwitnessed, holographic will.

Apparently three such documents were found in Franklin's Detroit-area home, two in a locked closet for which the key was difficult to find and one in a spiral notebook stuffed under sofa cushions, according to documents filed with the Oakland County, Michigan Probate Court.

The 16 scrawled pages haven't yet been authenticated as being in Franklin's handwriting, attorneys for Franklin's four sons and the personal representative in charge of the estate wrote. And even if they are real, it's not clear that they're valid, according to the court documents, which ask the judge to sort through it all and determine what happens next.

But if they are real, they reveal a businesswoman who was intent on making sure her sons were treated fairly. Several times across all three documents, she writes that her assets should go equally to her three younger sons and outlines detailed instructions for the care of her eldest son, Clarence, who has special needs that, to date, had never been publicly disclosed.

Clarence Franklin was born in 1955, when Aretha Franklin was just 12 years old. Aretha rarely talked about her family and personal life, and for decades, Clarence

Franklin's father has been reported to have been a man named Donald Burk, who was a schoolmate of the singer's.

The paternity is an issue, as one of the purported wills, dated June 21, 2010 states that Clarence's father is Edward Jordan Sr. – who's also the acknowledged father of another of the singer's sons, Edward, who was born when she was 14.

Little is known about Edward Jordan Sr., but Franklin was decidedly unimpressed with him. He's described in David Ritz's 2014 biography, *Respect: The Life of Aretha Franklin*, only as a "player" whom Franklin once knew.

Page six of the purported will includes this adamant declaration as part of the instructions for Clarence Franklin's care: "His father, Edward Jordan Sr., should never receive or handle any money or property belonging to Clarence or that Clarence receives as he has never made any contribution to his welfare, future or past, monetarily, material, spiritual, etc."

Both instances of the word "never" are underlined for emphasis.

A hearing is scheduled for June 12. What's very sad about Aretha Franklin's saga is that a good estate planning attorney, through the proper drafting of documents, could have ensured that her wishes would be carried out.

Assuming the authenticity of the handwritten documents, she had some very real concerns about taking care of her loved ones. Now, not only are the documents called into question, but there is so much ambiguity and conflict between the documents that no one knows who may benefit from her purported \$80 million estate.

Who manages the estate? Who would serve as trustee for her special needs son? How are the funds to be invested and distributed? Who decides whether the amounts are to be held in trust or distributed outright? Estate taxes aren't minimized in the document, nor is there any proper income tax planning.

The bottom line that estate litigation attorneys are likely to be significant beneficiaries. I would guess that hundreds of thousands if not millions of dollars will be lost to attorney fees. Moreover, the litigation will take years to resolve. It truly baffles me why someone as wealthy as Aretha Franklin, a legend who could readily afford whomever she wants as her attorney to properly plan her estate, chose instead to leave behind hand scrawled notes to take care of her loved ones.

Perhaps she didn't want to discuss her family's history with a stranger. We'll never know. But it's a real shame.

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Downtown Holiday Inn

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Downtown Hotel Approved For CRA Rebate

Holiday Inn, a six-story, 135-room full-service hotel to be built in the Fort Myers downtown redevelopment area, was approved for a tax increment rebate up to \$3,300,000, at the Fort Myers Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners meeting recently.

Holiday Inn will be built on the three original city land parcels at 1651 Royal Palm Avenue, 2465 Second Street, and 2466 First Street, located on the northeast corner of Royal Palm Avenue

and Second Street. The hotel will offer a restaurant/bar, meeting space, amenities, and a local art space open and featured during Art Walk event nights. It will include surface parking.

This project will provide needed hotel rooms, thereby contributing directly to the revitalization of the Fort Myers River District. It will add approximately 152 construction jobs and 59 full-time jobs to residents of the area once it is completed.

The Holiday Inn Hotel, being developed by HIDEV Group LLC, a division of Land Developers Associates (LDA), will receive a \$3.3 million tax increment rebate, capping the maximum payment for the first five years at 95 percent, and at 75 percent each subsequent year, of the increment value generated by the project until the \$3.3

million is satisfied or until 2044 when the downtown redevelopment area sunsets. Site work on the \$22,800,000 project will begin in the summer of 2019, with vertical construction commencing in the fall of 2019. Construction completion is expected in April 2020, with an estimated project completion date of 2021.✱

Emergency Management Plan Approved

The Lee Board of County Commissioners recently approved an updated Lee County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). The document outlines Lee County's information management, decision-making and resource management processes to help ensure an effective public safety response before, during and after a disaster.

The Florida Division of Emergency Management has already approved the document, which replaces a document from 2013.

The CEMP is one element of Lee County's year-round readiness effort. On May 16, the Lee Board of County Commissioners was awarded the Al Bragg Government and Legislative Award at the Governor's Hurricane Conference in West Palm Beach. This award goes to an appointed or elected official for outstanding leadership in supporting emergency management through sponsoring the enactment of regulations, ordinances or other legal means to improve hurricane preparedness,

response, recovery or mitigation at the local level in the State of Florida.

The Governor's Hurricane Conference award was the county's second such recognition this spring. In April, the board and county manager were presented an Outstanding Achievement Award at the National Hurricane Conference in New Orleans.

Lee County Public Safety asks that residents and visitors join in creating a "Culture of Preparedness" within their families and businesses. Responding to and recovering from a disaster is truly a communitywide effort.

Lee County Emergency Management offers Hurricane Preparedness Seminars to help prepare for hurricane season, which officially begins June 1. Upcoming seminars include:

Wednesday, June 19 at 2 p.m.: Cape Coral Public Library, Large Meeting Room, 921 SW 39th Terrace, in Cape Coral.

Thursday, June 20 at 10 a.m.: FISH of Sancap, Sanibel Community Center, 2173 Periwinkle Way, on Sanibel

Thursday, June 27 at 6 p.m.: Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, 1288 North Tamiami Trail, in North Fort Myers

Additional seminar dates and locations will be posted at www.leeeoc.com; check the website to see if registration is necessary for individual events.

To request an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or a reasonable modification to participate, contact Debbie Quimby at 533-0622, Florida Relay Service 711, or dquimby@leegov.com. Accommodation will be provided at no cost to the requestor. Requests should be made at least five business days in advance.✱

Book Review

The Editor

by Di Saggau



The Editor by Steven Rowley is an entertaining, intriguing and amusing novel, and film rights have already been acquired. It will be interesting to see who plays the two

main characters. It's 1999 and James Smale, a young gay writer is struggling to get his big break. He gets a little help from the most famous woman in America. When his agent sends him to Doubleday to meet with an editor interested in his book, he is shocked to discover that it is none other than the former First Lady, Jaqueline Kennedy Onassis. Now there's an interesting premise.

James has written an autobiographical novel, *The Quarantine*, which is about his own dysfunctional family and deals primarily with a troubled mother-son relationship. Jackie is intrigued with the novel, James' real mother is not, nor is his partner Daniel. James finds himself unable to finish the manuscript. As he and Jackie form an unexpected friendship, she encourages him to finish the book and to go back home and face the truth about his relationship with his mother. He goes back home and that's where long-kept family secrets are revealed. James has to unravel some frightening and dark secrets in his family in order to write an authentic ending to his book.

James and Daniel have a small apartment, and I chuckled when he talked about how he had to be "careful not to

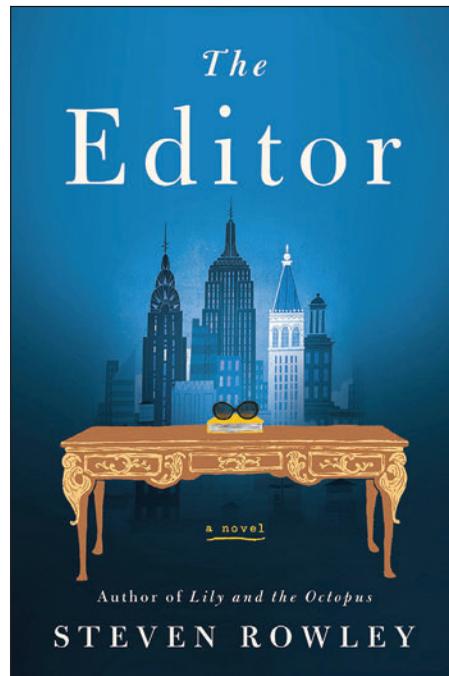


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trip on the edge of the oriental rug, which is folded in half because it's too big for the room." He accepts an invitation to spend time with Jackie at her home on Martha's Vineyard and, to his delight, she puts him in JFK Jr.'s quarters. He had a few choice comments about this opportunity.

The book is more about James and his relationship with his parents and also Daniel, his loving and long-suffering partner. While Jackie is an important part, the main focus is on James. Her role as an editor shows how she guides him to deal with the truths behind his family's dynamics. *The Editor* is about family, friendship, forgiveness, communication and love. Next time you go to the beach, take this book with you.✧

have a thorough exam including complete vision and hearing tests. Make sure that your child's near- and far-point vision has been checked. Often times in school vision screenings, near vision is not screened. Summer is a great time to take care of this.

The next consideration is to examine your own history with reading. Children whose parents have a history of reading difficulty may also have some difficulty of their own. If that is the case, you as the parent need to show extra enthusiasm for books and reading from the start. Pay extra attention to signs of difficulty as well and you most likely will be able to reduce the chance that your child will have reading problems.

If you are a new family to the U.S. and have not yet developed your English proficiency or your child is unfamiliar with a standard English dialect, that too can also be detrimental to your child's reading. You will need to help your child by developing your child's awareness of the sounds of words, playing word games with your child, and sounding out and spelling letters and words. Also, if this is your situation, make sure that you share this concern immediately with your child's teacher.

Children who live in communities in poverty may have more trouble learning

to read. While coming from a low-income family does not necessarily mean that a child will struggle with reading, poverty in general does increase the risk of learning difficulties for children.

Children with cognitive, hearing and language delays and impairments usually have significant difficulty with reading. As stated earlier, if a doctor has seen a child regularly, these conditions would have already been diagnosed and interventions to help the child would have begun. Sometimes, however, language delays are not as easily seen. Children acquire language at very different rates during their first four years, and it can be difficult to be sure if their skills are age-appropriate. Since it is not always easy to identify a language delay, it may be better to ask for some expert help. If you think that your child isn't speaking or understanding, as they should for their age, make sure to ask for a language evaluation either from your school or physician.

Remember, the absolutely best thing you can do to help your child with reading is to read to him every day. Reading aloud with your child brings many types of learning to your child as well as develops a closer, deeper bond between both of you.

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REIS To Host Florida House Majority Leader

Florida House Majority Leader Dane Eagle will review the 2019 Legislative Session and implications for Southwest Florida's real estate industry at the Real Estate Investment Society's (REIS) luncheon meeting in the clubhouse at Pelican Preserve on Tuesday, June 11 at 11:45 a.m.

Recent legislative action and budget allocations will have far-reaching impacts on the local economy, and Rep. Eagle will summarize the key issues to watch. He is also expected to provide insight on the legislative process and political factors. Following the presentation, Eagle will respond to questions of specific interest to the real estate investment and development industry.

Rep. Eagle has served in the Florida House of Representatives since 2012, as the majority leader since 2018 and is also the head of the Lee County Legislative Delegation. Eagle is a commercial real estate broker.

Reservations are required by June 6. The meeting is sponsored by Velocity Engineering. Cost is \$30 for members and \$40 for guests, which includes lunch.

Pelican Preserve is located at 9802 Pelican Preserve Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information and to register, visit www.reis-swfl.org.✧

School Smart

by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP



Dear Shelley, My son will be going to first grade in August. He's had a good year in kindergarten, but I am concerned about his reading next year. Are there any conditions

that make it more difficult for a child to have achievement in reading? Is there something I should be doing with him this summer?

Ariana B, Fort Myers

Ariana,

Success in reading is critical for school achievement, and there are some conditions that make reading more difficult for some children. First, make sure that your child has no visual or hearing problems. If your child has had regular checkups, your doctor has been monitoring for these types of problems and would have let you know of such concerns. If your child has not had regular medical check-ups, this is the time to

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Financial Focus

Why Graduates Need To Plan For Retirement



by Jennifer Basey

If you've graduated from college in the past year or so and started your first job, you're no doubt learning a lot about establishing yourself as an adult and being responsible for your own

finances. So thoughts of your retirement are probably far away. And yet you have several good reasons to invest in your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan.

First of all, by contributing to your 401(k), you can get into the habit of regular investing. And since you invest in your 401(k) through regular payroll deductions, it's an easy way to invest.

Furthermore, your 401(k) or similar plan is an excellent retirement-savings vehicle. You generally contribute pre-tax dollars to your 401(k), so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. Plus, your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis. Your employer might also offer a Roth 401(k), which is funded with after-tax dollars; although you can't deduct your contributions, your earnings can grow tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions. And with either a traditional or Roth 401(k), you generally have a wide array of investment options.

But perhaps the main reason to start investing right away in your 401(k) is that, at this point of your life, you have access to the greatest and most irreplaceable asset of all – time. The more time you have on your side, the greater the growth potential for your investments. And by starting to invest early in your plan, you can put in smaller

amounts without having to play catch-up later.

Suppose, for example, you begin investing in your 401(k) or similar plan when you're age 25. For the sake of simplicity, let's say you put in \$100 a month, and you keep investing that same amount for 40 years, earning a hypothetical 7 percent rate of return. When you reach 65, you will have accumulated about \$256,000. (Your withdrawals will then be taxable, unless you chose the Roth 401(k) option.) But if you waited until you were age 45 before you started investing in your 401(k), again earning that hypothetical 7 percent, you'd have to put in almost \$500 per month – about five times the monthly amount you could have invested when you were 25 – to arrive at the same \$256,000 when you turn age 65.

Clearly, the expression "time is money" applies when it comes to funding your 401(k) – there's just no benefit in waiting to contribute to your retirement plan. This isn't to say that you have a lot of disposable income, especially as you may be paying off thousands of dollars in student loans. But, as mentioned above, the money for your 401(k) is taken before you even see it, so, in a sense, you won't miss it. And you can certainly start out with small amounts, though you'll at least want to put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. As your career progresses and your salary goes up, you can steadily increase the amount you put into your 401(k) or other retirement plan.

When retirement is decades away, it can seem like more of an abstract concept than something that will one day define your reality. But, as we've seen, you have plenty of incentives to contribute to your 401(k) or similar plan – so, if you haven't already done so, get started soon.

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Superior Interiors

How To Decorate Around Stainless-Steel Appliances



by Marcia Feeney

Stainless steel appliances have a way of transforming a dull, lifeless kitchen into a space that's chic and sophisticated. Not only is this material gorgeous and timeless, it's also long-lasting,

easy to clean and can match most small items like toasters, blenders and mixers, making it easy to coordinate when you're out shopping for those little kitchen necessities.

Contrary to popular belief, it's quite simple to decorate around stainless-steel appliances as well. Because this material is essentially neutral, you can decorate with any style or sequence you prefer. Whether mid-century modern, transitional or any other style, there's no reason you can't be versatile when designing your kitchen around your appliances... just don't go over the top with the material.

It's quite simple to decorate around stainless-steel appliances. Stainless accents are beautiful, but less is more with metal in kitchen designs. You wouldn't want stainless counters or small appliances in the same design with large pro line stainless pieces, unless you were going for an over-the-top industrial design.

Whether you're getting ready to paint the walls or pick out accessories to place throughout your kitchen, picking your color palette should be your top priority. Certainly, there are various shades and hues to choose from, but you should follow a general, consistent theme to keep things cohesive.

Gray is a simple route, since stainless steel has gray undertones. But that doesn't mean the design will go unnoticed. Accenting with gray will make your kitchen united and tranquil. If you want to make your kitchen come to life with a focal point, add a vibrant bowl of fruits to the middle of the kitchen table.

Black can add an abstract vibe to the kitchen. Pair it with various stainless-steel appliances, and your space will feel more sophisticated and refined than ever before.

Cool colors look appealing against stainless steel, too. Follow this color palette and spread shades of blue, green and purple throughout the kitchen with your tablecloths, napkins, window treatments and more.

Warm tones can turn a kitchen into the coziest and inviting room in your house. Reds, oranges and yellows in the form of accessories throughout the space will look perfect with your stainless-steel appliances.

As you can see, you have a wide variety of colors to choose from. Consider your own personal style, plus the way you want people to perceive your design when decorating your kitchen.

Incorporate natural elements, materials and textures throughout the kitchen in your cabinetry, furniture and wall accents like shiplap and wooden frames. This will help your space with stainless steel appliances feel less sterile and more serene, natural and put together.

If the idea of decorating around your stainless-steel appliances still intimidates you, it's time to call a design professional for help. He or she will evaluate your kitchen and go over your personal style and develop a design strategy to turn your kitchen into the beautiful oasis you'll never want to leave.

*Marcia Feeney is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at marcia@coindeciden.com.**

Human Trafficking Awareness Director Retiring

Nola Theiss, the founding executive director of the Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships Board (HTAP), will officially retire from her position on Friday, May 31. She will stay on as a consultant.

In a statement issued by the HTAP board, the group expressed their deep appreciation to Theiss for her 15 years of raising awareness of human trafficking among agencies and the public.

Theiss initiated community meetings to deal with human trafficking in 2004 and incorporated HTAP as a 501(c)3 charity in 2006. She served 13 years in her director role. Her experience as mayor of Sanibel gave her that unique ability to bring together public and private sectors, in the fight against this horrific crime.

"Nola was instrumental in creating



Nola Theiss

photo provided

awareness of human trafficking in Southwest Florida, throughout the United States and beyond given her added role

as a Zonta leader and volunteer. Her accomplishments in this role helped the public and especially the youth of the area to understand the threat of trafficking. One of her legacies will be the ARTREACH program. ARTREACH is a unique prevention program using art developed specifically for youth and at-risk populations. HTAP is known for its prevention programs in local middle and high schools," the statement, signed by Karen Pati, president of the HTAP Board, said. "We wish Nola the best in retirement and look forward to utilizing her skills and vast knowledge in her new role of consultant."

HTAP Program Director Lauren McCraney will serve as the executive director, taking on the responsibilities of managing all day-to-day operations along with planning future programs.

McCraney first worked with HTAP as an ARTREACH volunteer in 2010 and became the program coordinator in 2018. She has over 10 years of experience in start-up businesses and community

endeavors. Her numerous connections in the community have helped facilitate exhibitions, organize events, make presentations and conduct ARTREACH and school programs. Theiss said, "Lauren has participated in the growth of our many programs over the years and will use her unique skill set to expand HTAP's reach even more."

Reporting to McCraney are Savanna Martensen as ARTREACH art instructor; Jean Kordaris, communications coordinator, and several eager summer interns.

HTAP serves the entire Southwest Florida area and beyond. The HTAP mission is to prevent human trafficking by empowering individuals through education and collaborative action in Southwest Florida.

There will be an open house celebration of these remarkable women on Friday, May 31 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the HTAP Office at 7275 Concourse Drive, Suite 400, in Fort Myers. Call 415-2635 for more information.*

Manufacturers Group Adds Arthrex Supervisor

The newest member of the Southwest Regional Manufacturers Association (SRMA) Board of Directors brings energy and years of experience. The addition of Michael Koszewnik, manufacturing trainer supervisor at Arthrex, furthers the association's commitment to connect Southwest Florida manufacturers with vital information and educational resources.

"Mike's technical skills and broad knowledge of the manufacturing industry positions him as an excellent addition to the board of directors," SRMA Executive Director Neil Kagan said. "I'm excited about his ability to help expand our reach in Collier County and do more for manufacturers here."

Koszewnik began his manufacturing career in 1974, when he embarked on a 17-year run in aerospace. He started as an operator but was quickly promoted to supervisor, and he also taught classes at Pinellas Technical College in Clearwater. Later, he began teaching full-time at the college.

When Arthrex recognized they needed someone like Koszewnik to join their team, he did not disappoint. Koszewnik accepted the challenge of building a formal apprenticeship program and technical training group. He has been



Michael Koszewnik photo provided

with the innovative orthopedic medical device company for 10 years and is currently a manufacturing trainer and supervisor.

Koszewnik will help the SRMA plan events like the Establishing Metrics Roundtable Discussion. The event will be held on June 19 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Career Source Southwest Florida, 4150 Ford Street Extension in Fort Myers. Cost is \$20 for non-members and \$10 for members.

For more information about SRMA events, visit www.srma.net/category/events.*

Lee County Bar To Hold Diversity Luncheon

Michelle Suskauer, president of The Florida Bar and regular contributor to CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, NBC and CNBC, will be the keynote speaker for the bar's 3rd annual Diversity Workshop and Luncheon at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on Friday, June 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Suskauer is one of only six women to serve as president in the 70-year history of The Florida Bar, and she's made leveling the playing field for women in the legal profession a cornerstone of her time in office. This year, Suskauer has worked to raise awareness of the gender pay gap and the Florida Bar's grievance system for victims of gender-related misconduct, and she's supported a proposal before the Florida Supreme Court that would provide parental leave for attorneys during trial.

"As the sixth female president, I know that women need to see other women rising in the ranks successfully and without sacrificing personal or family obligations so they know they can too," Suskauer said to the Lee County Bar Association's *Res Gestae* magazine. "It is my privilege and commitment to lift others and make sure the door is open for many more women to walk through, so that we lose count as to how many women have been president of The



Michelle Suskauer photo provided

Florida Bar."

Other speakers include local LGBTQ activist Arlene Goldberg and family law attorney Brian Kruger. The event is a function of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee of the Lee County Bar Association.

Cost to attend is \$25 for Lee County Bar Association members and \$35 for non-members.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in Fort Myers. To RSVP or gain information about memberships, visit www.leebar.org or call 334-0047.*

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Frankly Speaking



by Howard Prager

What attracts us to sports, keeps us engaged, excited, even to the point of being a die-hard fan... someone who loves their team however they are doing? Some of these

fans are “long-suffering,” as my fellow Chicago Cubs fans were for 108 years until achieving success in 2016. Are you that loyal? Can you imagine that type of loyalty? Cubs fans are pretty frustrated that the front office can’t find the relievers needed to close a game, as the Cubs have lost several games with both of their stoppers injured. I recently saw them escape with a win from the Washington Nationals, in which they had to keep their reliever in the last 2 1/3 innings because Manager Joe Maddon couldn’t trust anyone out of the bullpen to save the game. That strategy backfired later in the week against the lowly Cincinnati Reds.

But this column is not about the Cubs, it’s about why we love sports. The simplest sport is one where individuals try to have the best score against others doing the same. Do you love golf? I think many people love golf because it’s something we can go out and play, and know how hard it is. Other similar sports are bowling, racing, swimming, cycling, ice skating, gymnastics, etc. Do you cheer for the greats, who are repeatedly among the best, or for the lesser known or newcomer trying to defy the odds?

Next you have one-on-one competition, like tennis, where you play directly against another player. The power of tennis and the ability for people to remain in the top tier and constantly win is fascinating. The great rivalries of today include Rafael Nadal versus Roger Federer and Serena Williams against anyone else. All show the strength and fortitude of great individual players. Do you love tennis or similar sports like boxing, wrestling, etc. with the thrill of individual strength against strength?

How about the fan favorites, team sports ranging from soccer, basketball, hockey, baseball and football. A single person cannot win this by themselves, you need a team to win, although there

are many greats who have “carried” and encouraged their team because they are so spectacular. Without Michael Jordan, would the Bulls have won so many championships? Tom Brady and the Patriots? He is constantly getting the Patriots back to the Super Bowl. The great one, Wayne Gretzky? Who can forget the exciting moment when Brandi Chastain kicked the penalty kick that won the FIFA World Cup for the U.S. Women’s Soccer team? Pivotal players, pivotal moments, but they could not do it alone. LeBron James is one of the current NBA superstars, but he couldn’t help the Lakers even make the playoffs.

I recently gave a talk about such people, who Duke Ellington called beyond category. How do they succeed against such long odds? What makes them so successful? I’ll share some common characteristics in a future article. One of the superstars I interviewed was Brandi Chastain who said, “Each person needs to have an innate drive. Individual must fill their personal role and team must embrace that. They must fit into the puzzle. Wasn’t easy or pretty or best friends, but we had a tremendous amount of trust and respect. If present, they allow other qualities to come out. Difficult thing is giving yourself over to a bigger idea.” May we all enjoy these “beyond category” athletes.

In the meantime we have some playoffs going on and some local future greats to acknowledge. In hockey, St. Louis is seeking to end a 49-year drought in the Stanley Cup final since it was swept by Boston and Bobby Orr in 1970. Boston, which leads the series 1-0 at press time, is shooting for its seventh cup since last winning it in 2011. Basketball has perennial winner Golden State going for a three-peat against first time finalist Toronto, who beat Milwaukee four straight games to get into the finals. Dynasty versus upstart. And on the local front, we have the Fort Myers Miracle continuing to do well this season after winning the FSL championship last year and placing eight of their players in the all-star game. Congrats to each of them and the Minnesota Twins, who are 10 games up on second place Cleveland in the AL Central as of this writing.

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

Cruise Planning Course For Boaters

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will be offering a course on Cruising and Cruise Planning in the squadron office beginning on June 17 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Designed for boaters who plan to cruise for a day or a year in either sail or powerboat, this six-week course covers the following topics: Cruise Preparation and

Planning, Boat and Equipment, Anchors and Anchoring, Chartering, Security, Cruising Outside the United States, Crew and Provisioning, Voyage Management, Communications, Navigation, Weather and Emergencies. The course will run six weeks and includes practice cruises and concludes with an optional multiple choice final exam.

Cost for United States Power Squadron members is \$50 and \$75 for non-members.

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron is located at 16048 San Carlos Boulevard in Fort Myers. If interested, call 466-4040 by June 1 and leave a message.*

Snook Season To Close

The recreational harvest of snook in Atlantic state and federal waters will close on June 1.

Unique to the region, snook are one of the many reasons Florida is the Fishing Capital of the World. Seasonal harvest closures and anglers using proper handling methods when practicing catch-and-release methods help conserve Florida’s valuable snook populations and can ensure the species’ abundance for anglers today and generations to come.

To learn more and see a video about catch-and-release fishing and the best way to handle a fish and more about recreational fishing, visit www.myfwc.com/marine and click on “Recreational Regulations” and then “Fish Handling Tips.”

Anglers can submit their catch information for this and other species by using the iAngler app. Learn more on the Angler Action Foundation’s website at www.angleractionfoundation.com.

Gag Grouper Season To Begin

Gag grouper will open for recreational harvest in most state Gulf of Mexico waters and all federal Gulf waters on June 1. The season remains open through December 31.

Franklin, Wakulla, Taylor and Jefferson counties opened April 1, will remain open through June 30 and will reopen September 1 through December 31. Monroe County follows the Atlantic state season and opened May 1.

Gulf state waters are from shore to nine nautical miles. Federal waters begin where state waters end and extend to 200 nautical miles.

The minimum size limit for gag grouper is 24 inches total length, and the daily bag limit is two fish per person within the four grouper per person aggregate limit.

If you plan to fish for gag grouper in Gulf state or federal waters (excluding Monroe County) from a private recreational vessel, you must sign up as a gulf reef fish angler (annual

renewal is required). To learn more, visit www.myfwc.com/fishing and click on “Saltwater Fishing,” “Recreational Regulations” and “Gulf Reef Fish Survey” under “Reef Fish” tab. Sign up today at www.goutdoorsflorida.com.

State for-hire operators that do not have a federal reef fish permit and plan to target gag in Gulf state waters (excluding Monroe County) must have the State Gulf Reef Fish Charter designation on their license. Learn more at www.myfwc.com/marine by clicking on “Recreational Regulations,” “Reef Fish,” “Snapper” and “Frequently Asked Questions.” Sign up at no cost by going to your local tax collector’s office.

Learn more about grouper at www.myfwc.com/fishing by clicking on “Saltwater Fishing,” “Recreational Regulations,” “Reef Fish” and “Groupers.”**

Take Your Dog To Work Day

Lee County Domestic Animal Services wants people to know they can adopt a canine (or feline) friend to celebrate National Take Your Dog to Work Day on Friday, June 21, at a discounted rate for the first three weeks in June.

Adoption fees will be \$20 from June 1 through June 22. Take a picture of the new furry family member on the job and share it to Domestic Animal Service’s Facebook page to celebrate.

The adoption package includes spay or neuter, microchip, up-to-date vaccinations, county license and a 10-day health guarantee. That is a \$500 package. A team of staff and volunteers are waiting to introduce a new four-legged family members. Stop by the adoption center Monday through Saturday between 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Visit the website www.leelostpets.com to see pets available for adoption. Call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or visit Lee County Domestic Animal Services, 5600 Banner Drive, in Fort Myers. Find Lee County Domestic Animal Services’ social media sites on Facebook or Instagram @ LeeAnimalServices.

To learn more about Take Your Dog to Work Day, visit www.petsit.com/takeyourdog.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Houston’s George Springer set a record in 2017 for most extra-base hits in the World Series. How many was it?
2. When was the last time a league leader in ERA for a season had a number higher than 3.00?
3. Jimmy Garoppolo, in 2017, became the second 49ers quarterback to win his first three NFL starts. Who was the first to do it?
4. In 2018, Villanova’s Jalen Brunson became the seventh male Naismith Award winner (top college basketball player) to win the NCAA Tournament the same year. Who was the last to do it before him?
5. When was the last time the Buffalo Sabres reached the NHL playoffs?
6. In 2018, Atlanta’s Josef Martinez set a Major League Soccer regular-season record for goals scored (31). Name two of the three others who shared the mark of 27.
7. Which of the following heavyweight boxers did Ken Norton not fight during his pro career: Muhammad Ali, George Foreman, Joe Frazier or Larry Holmes?

ANSWERS

1. Eight hits (three doubles, five home runs). 2. John Lackey, with a 3.01 ERA for the Angels in 2007. 3. Y.A. Little (1951-52). 4. Anthony Davis of Kentucky, in 2012. 5. It was 2011. 6. Roy Lassiter (1996), Chris Wondolowski (2012) and Bradley Wright-Phillips (2014). 7. Joe Frazier.

University Adds Workforce Expert

Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) President Mike Martin has added Aysegul Timur to his leadership team as the assistant vice president of strategic initiatives, strategy and program innovation. Timur worked at Hodges University for the last 20 years, most recently serving as dean of the Johnson School of Business and senior vice president of academic affairs. She started at FGCU in April.

“Dr. Timur brings not only great expertise to our team but extremely strong connections across this region,” Martin said. “She is especially highly regarded by business and community leaders.”

In her new position, Timur will develop innovative services and experiences that drive improved academic performance for students. She will increase interaction with private and public entities to expand the impact of FGCU in Southwest Florida and across the state.

“Those of us who reside in Southwest Florida and countless students, families and employers have all benefited from professor Timur’s relentless pursuit of improving the efficacy of higher education,” said Ed Morton, a member of the Florida State University System Board of Governors and former chair of the FGCU Board of Trustees. “Her commitment to excellence and keen insight into when and where higher education might improve the quality of life in our community is without equal. She is a wonderful addition to an already excellent FGCU team.”

Timur, who will also work with FGCU’s Regional Economic Research Institute, is recognized in Southwest Florida for proficiency in business policy and organizational development, quality control, statistics for strategic planning, health and international economics. She is a go-to expert for workforce development and was recently honored by the Florida College Access Network as one of its first Workforce Education Innovators.

“I have had the pleasure of working closely with Dr. Timur on many educational and community endeavors,” said J. Dudley Goodlette, former chair of the FGCU Board of Trustees. “Her thoughtful analysis and input are always invaluable. Indeed, it is great to have Dr. Timur on the FGCU team.”



Dr. Aysegul Timur photo provided

In addition to her work at FGCU, Timur is a member of multiple organizations, including the Southwest Florida FutureMakers Coalition, WorkforceNow Research, Leadership Collier Foundation, the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and the Uncommon Friends Foundation.

“I am very excited to be part of the FGCU family and contribute to The FGCU Effect in the region and the state,” said Timur. “I look forward to working with the FGCU team, along with business and community members, to further develop strategic initiatives and innovative educational partnerships for students of FGCU and work toward Southwest Florida’s workforce development, educational and economic success.”*

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Shell Point

repertoire of musical selections including standard love songs of the 20th century like *Unchained Melody*, *Nella Fantasia* and *Sway* – all songs made famous by singers such as Il Divo, Andy Williams and Elvis Presley.

The Woodlands at Shell Point is located at 14441 Woodsong Lane in Fort Myers. For tickets, visit www.shellpoint.org/summer or call 454-2067. Tickets purchased online or by phone will be held for pick-up at will call on the night of the performance.*

Manager Gains Accreditation In Public Relations

Vanessa Fernandez, APR, of the Southwest Florida Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA), recently earned professional public relations accreditation and received the designation of Accredited in Public Relations (APR).

Fernandez joins the more than 4,300 active public relations professionals worldwide who represent an elite group of skilled professionals committed to practicing with high ethical standards, including 40 currently in Southwest Florida.

Fernandez is the marketing and communication manager for The Food Idea Group, an agency that promotes the Southwest Florida hospitality scene by providing public relations and marketing support to restaurants, highlighting local chefs and hosting culinary events. She has been a member of the FPRA’s Southwest Florida Chapter since 2014 and previously served as website chair. Fernandez earned bachelor’s degrees in communication and philosophy from Florida Gulf Coast University.

To earn public relations accreditation, candidates must pass an



Vanessa Fernandez photo provided

oral presentation and rigorous written examination administered by the Universal Accreditation Board (UAB), which is an alliance of eight national and statewide professional associations dedicated to furthering the field of public relations and the development of public relations professionals. FPRA is a member of the UAB.*

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From left, Sandra Hemstead, Emily Boxma and Carol Auricchio

Rotary District Conference

Rotarians from around the world were at the Westin Cape Coral Resort at Marina Village on Thursday, May 9 through Saturday, May 11, celebrating the efforts of

Rotary International. They joined with local club members for a weekend of events that reflected Rotary's motto of Service Above Self. Guest speakers traveled from as far away as India and Uganda to address trending topics of the day, including hunger, the physically disabled, and the service organization's continued support

and leadership in the fight against polio. Awards were also presented to Rotarians from clubs in District 6960, which encompasses dozens of Rotary clubs from Bradenton south to Marco Island.*



From left, Julie Pedretti with John and Cindy Smarge



From left, Emma Gordano, Alina Bosshard and James Williams

Nominations Sought For Business Award

Award applications are now available for the Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award. Coordinated and sponsored by McGriff Insurance Services, the 25th annual program will be held at Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa on Wednesday, November 6.

The program recognizes small business owners who have overcome adversity to achieve success. Registration for the event is free and is available online at www.2019BlueChipCommunityBusinessAward.eventbrite.com.

Applications for the award are open to thriving for-profit companies with their principal office located in Charlotte, Collier or Lee County. Eligible companies must have been in continuous operation for at least three years under the same ownership and have five to 400 payroll employees. Applications are due by Wednesday, September 4, at which time an independent panel of judges will select five finalists to be honored at the November 6 luncheon. Of the five finalists, one business will be announced as the Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award recipient at the luncheon ceremony. Businesses can nominate themselves or be nominated by a third party.

The 2019 Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award is endorsed by the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, Cape Coral

Chamber of Commerce, Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce, Charlotte County Economic Development Office, Christian Chamber of Southwest Florida, City of Cape Coral Economic Development Office, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida SouthWestern State College, *Florida Weekly*, Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce, Greater Lehigh Acres Chamber of Commerce, *Gulfshore Business*, Hodges University, Lee County Economic Development Office/Horizon Council, Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, *Southwest Florida Business Today*, Southwest Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, The Chamber of Southwest Florida, The Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, and The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.

Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa is located at 5001

Coconut Road in Bonita Springs. For more information or to request an application, contact Stacey Mercado at 433-7189 or smercado@mcgriffinsurance.com.*

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Broadway Palm

geared for all ages. All performances begin with a buffet at noon. The show begins at 1 p.m. The chef's buffet includes children's favorites like pizza, chicken fingers, French fries and pasta.

Ticket prices for the buffet and the show are \$19 for all ages. Group rates are available for parties of 20 or more. Tickets can be reserved by calling 278-4422, online at www.broadwaypalm.com or at the box office, located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.*

FGCU Names Vice President

Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) President Mike Martin has named Katherine "Kitty" Green as the vice president for advancement and executive director of the FGCU Foundation. Green has served as president and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry counties since 2010. She begins her new role at FGCU June 24.

"I consulted with a variety of community and business leaders, and a person repeatedly recommended (for this position) was Kitty Green of Fort Myers," Martin wrote in a memo about Green. "Ms. Green is highly regarded throughout the region for her accomplishments and leadership in the areas of charitable organization, community building, and real estate and development."

As the vice president for advancement and executive director of the FGCU Foundation, Green will serve as the university's top fundraiser, develop programs and initiatives to move the university forward with internal and external constituents, conduct major capital campaigns and grow the alumni base of support.

"I have watched FGCU's growth with great interest from afar, and I have been impressed by how our community has embraced FGCU with open arms," Green said. "The idea of coming into essentially a new industry for me, but being able to bring the connections that I have through our community, is very appealing."

In her new position at FGCU, Green will oversee a team of fundraising professionals who concluded a successful \$125 million capital campaign in 2017. She will also lead the marketing and communications, advancement services, alumni relations and special events departments as well as WGCU Public Media.

"I think I might have been one of FGCU's very first annual financial supporters through WGCU, and I still am. I listen to NPR every single day in my car.



Kitty Green photo provided

When President Martin told me WGCU was part of the job description, I was thrilled," Green said.

Among the top fundraising priorities waiting for Green are The Water School, the proposed Center for Entrepreneurship building, the soon-to-be-opened Student and Community Counseling Center, scholarships and other student success initiatives.

"Ms. Green possesses a unique and compelling skill set that well serves the important work of advancing Florida Gulf Coast University, both in today's operations and also for exploration of future initiatives to diversify the profile and portfolio of a maturing university," Martin wrote.

In addition to Green's announcement, Martin also promoted Bill Rice to senior associate vice president for university advancement.

"I look forward to working with Kitty Green, a consummate local fundraiser and leader," said Rice.

For more information about FGCU advancement, visit www.fgcu.edu/advancement.

Visually Impaired Speaker Inspires Event Listeners

International hero, author and visually impaired speaker Michael Hingson was an inspirational voice to 50 attendees at a recent special event at the Lighthouse of SWFL.

"As a community, we need to teach our visually impaired members to really become independent," said Hingson. "There's nothing blind people can't do."

Co-hosted by the Lighthouse of SWFL and Cypress Lake United Methodist Church, the event's speaker brought energy and enthusiasm to a multigenerational crowd of clients, staff and business people.

Michael Hingson, blind since birth, shared his personal story of escaping the 78th floor of Tower One of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 with his guide dog Roselle. His message of living a life of independence resonated



Michael Hingson and Roselyn Batista with their guide dogs, Roselle and Lightning photo provided

and encouraged both sighted and unsighted members of the audience.

Lighthouse staff instructors Roselyn continued on page 24



From left, Officers Gregory Reddington, Eddie Rodriguez and Michael Schneider, Chief Derrick Diggs, Officers Jonathan King, Robin Vazquez and John Kuhl. Absent are Chad Barnett and Callen Walsh.

photo provided

Officers Of The Month Named

In a presentation ceremony held on Thursday, May 23, Fort Myers Police Chief Derrick Diggs saluted eight Officers of the Month. The awardees are Officers Gregory Reddington, Eddie Rodriguez, Michael Schneider, Jonathan King, Robin Vazquez, John Kuhl, Chad Barnett, Callen Walsh.

The officers were recognized for their exemplary team work in deescalating a domestic violence incident where a pregnant woman was physically endangered by her partner. Their supervisor, Sergeant Alesha Morel, commended them for "taking the immediate action necessary to prevent further harm."

FMPD thanks them for their dedication and service to the citizens of Fort Myers.✪

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Lions Eyeglass Donations Slightly Down In April

The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club continues collecting used prescription eyeglasses and lenses, as well as cases and hearing aids, for its Recycle for Sight program. April donations were down 4.5 percent from the prior month with the highest collection of 338 total items in September 2018.

A total of 2,781 items have been collected since July 2018, the start of the club's fiscal year. Donated glasses are cleaned and processed by club members for distribution in needed areas of the United States and throughout the world. Donations can be made in any of the specially-marked Recycle for Sight boxes or to a neighboring Lion.

"We are grateful for our community's generous support of this valuable program," said Lion Rick Wagner, Recycle for Sight coordinator. "Your unused glasses, lenses, cases or hearing aids will help someone have better sight or hearing and that means a lot."

Recycle for Sight boxes can be found at the following locations:

Sanibel – Ace Hardware, Bank of the Islands, Bailey's General Store, Island Pharmacy, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank on Library Way and Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Community Church,



Recycle for Sight donation box photo provided

Sanibel Public Library, Sanibel Eyecare and Center 4 Life.

Captiva – Bank of the Islands. Fort Myers – Shell Point Community Thrift and Southwest Florida Eye Care.

Sanibel-Captiva Lions meet the third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. for social hour at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way. Meetings include dinner catered by Sanibel Catering Company by Bailey's. To learn more about the club, attend a meeting or visit www.sanibelcaptivalionsclub.org. RSVP to Lion Steve at 233-6261 or Lion Jeff at 302-521-1158.*

Doctor and Dietician

Get Connected: Loneliness Can Harm Your Health



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

Meaningful social connections are really good for our health. Those who have them are generally happier and healthier. Connections with others who feel what we feel, understand how we think, and who are able to relate with us on a heart-to-heart or soul-to-soul level meet some of our life's most important needs. We need human connections for physical, emotional and spiritual health. Those who feel connected have lower rates of anxiety and depression, because their involvement in a social network provides the giving and receiving of trust and empathy. Social connectedness helps people maintain a healthy weight, manage blood sugar, boost cancer

survival, reduce cardiovascular risks, alleviate depression and improve overall mental health.

Many of us know what it's like to be around people but still feel lonely. It's important to have strong relationships where you feel truly connected. Without this connection, there are emotional consequences, such as feelings of isolation and depression, as well as negative physical effects. A lack of social connection weakens our immune system, making it more difficult to fight sickness. Prolonged periods of loneliness can increase your risk of various health conditions. Belonging is an irresistible need of all people. We are biologically, cognitively, physically and spiritually wired to love, to be loved and to belong.

Not everyone is an extrovert, and we get that. Some people are naturally introverted and need more alone time than others, which actually gives them a recharge. It is not the same as social disconnection. However, if there's a sense of disconnection, it may be time to make a change. You cannot just wait on somebody else to connect with you. Be wise, strong and resolute, by taking steps to connect. Plant and nurture the seeds of better social connections for a healthier you.

*This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Caring Medical Regenerative Medicine Clinics has two locations: one in Oak Park, Illinois, and one in Fort Myers. It was established in 1991 by Ross Hauser, MD, and Marion Hauser, MS, RD. They can be reached at info@caringmedical.com.**

dearPharmacist

Statins Are Drug Muggers

by Suzy Cohen, RPh



Dear Readers:

DHEA is dubbed the "Fountain of Youth" hormone, and it is produced in high quantities during your younger years. After age 30, it slowly begins to decline. It may eventually flat-line, especially if you are under a lot of stress, or you take a popular medication category called a "statin" which is for cholesterol management.

DHEA stands for dehydroepiandrosterone and it's a naturally-made steroid. There are synthetic versions available for supplementation, however I don't recommend you do that without first speaking to a bio-identical hormone expert.

It is what's known as an "androgen" hormone – think of that as a manly hormone – so it can cause male-pattern hair growth. In women, this can be very unsettling, think of facial hair, and loss of scalp hair, or deepening of the voice, acne, missed periods and PCOS (polycystic ovarian syndrome).

Much of the research is done on higher levels (for instance, how to reduce elevated DHEA).

A glaring omission is low DHEA due to medication use. There are several medications that can deplete levels of DHEA, thus aging you faster. One such category is statin cholesterol medications. If you take a statin, you should definitely speak to your physician about restoring your DHEA, either through supplementation or prescription hormones.

Narconon Treatment

Narconon reminds families that fentanyl overdoses are on the rise in almost every community nationwide. Fentanyl is the strongest synthetic opiate painkiller and is estimated to be 100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times stronger than heroin.

To learn more about fentanyl abuse and how to help your loved one, visit www.narconon-suncoast.org/blog/fentanyl-what-you-need-to-know.html.

Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call 877-841-5509 for free screenings or referrals.*

Overeaters Anonymous

If food is a problem for you, Overeaters Anonymous can help. Meetings are held in Room 132 at Sanibel Community Church on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and on

Taking statins can deplete DHEA, it's what I call the 'drug mugging' effect, where a drug mugs a nutrient or essential life-giving hormone. With statin use, you become deficient in DHEA. There are studies to show this.

Low DHEA can cause a lot of damage in the body because it is a precursor to your sex hormones. Therefore, low DHEA means low testosterone and low estrogen. DHEA is what turns into those hormones. If you're a man and run out of testosterone, it's likely because you have run low on DHEA (the precursor). Low testosterone causes you to feel weak, tired, apathetic, uninterested. It causes a loss in bone mass, meaning higher risk of fractures and broken bones if you trip. The medical term for men is andropause and menopause for women. Also, you may gain some belly weight, and lose muscle mass. Again, this happens to both men and women actually, just look at a picture of yourself at 35 and a picture at 55 and you'll see the difference.

DHEA forms estrogen, so a post-menopausal woman (who would have reduced estrogen) may experience hot flashes, anxiety, weight gain, sadness, depression, fatigue and lack of motivation.

Low DHEA might be the result of your medication, and restoring it would be easy, so long as you go slow and start with low doses. Remember, DHEA is sold over-the-counter. Taking it is solely up to you, and your practitioners. The dose is not one-size-fits-all. If you accidentally take too much DHEA, it could increase risk of hormone-driven cancers and may exacerbate psychiatric problems (mania), so I'm not able to advise you on how much DHEA to take, what form or what type.

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

Fridays at 4 p.m.

For more meeting information, visit www.southwestfla.org.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way.*

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Speaker Inspires

Batista and Stacy Landau, both visually impaired, liked Hingson's story of his parents giving him the freedom to figure out how to do things his own way, with no limitations, a very similar parallel to what the Lighthouse teaches its clients about independent living skills.

Cypress Lake United Methodist Church is a multigenerational church in south Fort Myers with a United Methodist heritage. For more information, visit www.cypresslakeumc.com or call 482-1250.

Lighthouse of SWFL is a United Way partner agency serving individuals with blindness and vision impairment in Lee, Glades, and Hendry counties. For more information about Lighthouse of SWFL, visit www.lighthousewfl.org or call 997-7797.*

PETS OF THE WEEK

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Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Jake And Lilac

Hello, my name is Jake. I am a 'Super Senior,' an 8-year-old male Jack Russel mix who is an independent kind of guy that likes to check things out and know what is going on around me. Curiosity may have gotten the better of the cat, but it is keeping this guy young at heart. My curious nature would make me a great companion for a Bark in the Park Miracle game. As luck would have it, you get two free tickets with my adoption.



Jake ID# A779357

My adoption fee is \$25.

Hi, I'm Lilac, a beautiful and petite calico gal that is the ultimate cuddle bug. I am a 2-year-old female domestic shorthair who is very social and loves to play. I would make a fun, loving addition to your home and, with the adopt a cat or kitten, get a

feline friend at no additional charge, you can also adopt a friend for me.

My adoption fee is \$30, with an adopt one, get one kittle special at no additional charge.

For the month of May, fees will be only \$25 with an approved application and owners of the newly adopted pets will receive two free box-seat tickets to any 2019 Miracle home game. The adoption package includes spay or neuter, microchip, up-to-date vaccinations, county license and a 10-day health guarantee. This is a \$500 package. Volunteers and staff are waiting to introduce families to their new, furry friends.

The shelter is open to the public Monday through Saturday at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers. Adoptions are available 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For information, visit Lee County Domestic Animal Services at www.leegov.com/animalservices or call 533-7387.*



Lilac ID# A779592

Haven on Earth Animal League

Chester And Dallas

Hi, I'm Chester and I'm a sweet, quiet guy. I'm very good with other cats and only about 3 years old. I'm looking for a home to call my own. Come see me at Petco in Gulf Coast Town Center. I'm up-to-date on vaccines, neutered and have a microchip. My adoption fee is \$100.



Chester

Hello, I'm Dallas. I'm only 3 months old and I'm

looking for someone to love me forever. I'm a cute little black-and-white boy and I look like I'm wearing a hat. I'm neutered and up-to-date on vaccinations. I'm currently staying at Petsmart on Six Mile Cypress. Come see me and take me home. My adoption fee is \$125.

We are being cared for by Haven on Earth Animal League. For more information, call Diane at 860-833-4472 or email haveneearthanimalleague@yahoo.com.*



Dallas

PAWS Of Sanibel

Four Kittens And Momma



Four kittens

PAWS has five beautiful kittens up for adoption. Four are 9 weeks old, and their momma is only 7 to 12 months old. Momma has had her shots, combo-tested negative, treated for fleas, wormed and had spay surgery.



One of the kittens with momma, Sweetie

The kittens, three females and one male, have had their first FVRCP immunization, wormed, treated for fleas and completely checked out by

the vet. Take two kittens, if at all possible. It's so important for them to have a companion when their people aren't around to entertain them. There is very little additional work to care for two.

Call Pam at PAWS at 472-4823 to see these beautiful babies.*

PAWS Of Sanibel

Paris



Paris, formerly Perry Winkle

PAWS has a 6- to 12-month-old kitten at Coral Veterinary Clinic in Fort Myers. Paris was captured using a humane trap at Periwinkle Park.

She weighs 6.5 lbs, has no microchip and appears to be in good health, just very frightened. She was given injections for Rabies and FVRCP, and tested negative for FIV/FelV. She was spayed on Wednesday, May 22. If you recognize this kitten, or you would consider fostering or adopting her, call Pam at 472-4823.*



Emergency	911
Lee County Sheriff's Office	477-1200
Florida Marine Patrol	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
Poison Control	1-800-282-3171
HealthPark Medical Center	1-800-936-5321
Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce	332-3624
Foundation for Quality Childcare	425-2685
Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce	454-7500
Fort Myers Beach Library	463-9691
Lakes Regional Library	533-4000
Lee County Chamber of Commerce	931-0931
Post Office	1-800-275-8777
Visitor & Convention Bureau	338-3500

ARTS

Alliance for the Arts	939-2787
Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall	481-4849
BIG ARTS	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	278-4422
Cultural Park Theatre	772-5862
Edison Festival of Light	334-2999
Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade	332-4488
Florida West Arts	948-4427
Fort Myers Harmonica Band	610-653-7940
Fort Myers Symphonc Mastersingers	288-2535
Gulf Coast Symphony	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater	472-6862
SW Florida Symphony	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy	936-3239
Young Artists Awards	574-9321

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

American Legion Post #38	239-332-1853
Angel Flight	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center	731-3535
American Business Women Association	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL	339-8046
Audubon Society	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR	482-1366
Caloosahatchee Folk Society	321-4620
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Cape Coral Stamp Club	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists	415-2484
Embroiderers Guild of America - Sea Grape Chapter	239-267-1990
FM UDC Chapter 2614 - United Daughters of the Confederacy	728-3743
Friendship Force Of SW FL	561-9164
Garden Club of Cape Coral	239-257-2654
Horticulture and Tea Society	472-8334
Horticultural Society	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation	939-7278
NARFE (National Active & Retired Federal Employees)	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL	667-1354
Sons of Confederate Veterans	332-2408
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association	561-2118
Kiwanis Fort Myers Beach	765-4254 or 454-8090
Kiwanis Fort Myers Edison	694-1056
Kiwanis Fort Myers South	691-1405
Iona-McGregor	482-0869
Lions Club Fort Myers Beach	463-9738
Lions Club Fort Myers High Noon	466-4228
Lions Club Estero/South Fort Myers	898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County	768-0417
Organ Transplant Recipients of SW Florida	247-3073
POLO Club of Lee County	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society	472-6940
United Way of Lee County	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour)	211 or 433-3900

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum	395-2233
Burrough's Home	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates	334-7419
Fort Myers Skate Park	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site	239-992-0311
Langford Kingston Home	239-334-2550
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center	765-8101
Skatium	321-7510
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Southwest Florida Museum of History	321-7430
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PUZZLES

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Super Crossword

HART-HEALTHY
VERSE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pasture
 - 6 Boots out
 - 12 Part of a picket fence
 - 16 Driver's navig. aid
 - 19 Lauder of perfumery
 - 20 "Chicago" actress Henshall
 - 21 At this point
 - 22 50 Cent's genre
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 26 L.A.-to-Denver dir.
 - 27 "Was — das?" (German question)
 - 28 Close by
 - 29 Sports deal
 - 31 Author — de Cervantes
 - 35 Poker payoff
 - 36 Riddle, part 2
 - 39 "Raging Bull" director
 - 41 German for "eight"
 - 43 Dresser sections
 - 44 Riddle, part 3
 - 47 "Our Town" actor Erwin
 - 48 Phnom — (capital of Cambodia)
 - 49 "Dies —" (Mass hymn)
 - 50 Halt
 - 51 Soap star Emma
 - 56 Ukrainian capital
 - 58 Hidden stash
 - 62 Follows
 - 64 Riddle, part 4
 - 71 Clears of stuffiness
 - 73 Stood for
 - 74 Mesa's kin
 - 75 Riddle, part 5
 - 78 Morsels
 - 79 "— mind?!" ("Excuse me?!")
 - 80 Roll spread
 - 82 Belief
 - 83 Alphabet opening
 - 86 "I've had — to here!"
 - 90 "Big Love" actress Mireille —
 - 92 Paella veggie
 - 93 Riddle, part 6
 - 102 Slayer of Medusa
 - 104 Monetary unit of Iran
 - 105 Dumbfound
 - 106 End of the riddle
 - 108 Baseball two-bagger: Abbr.
 - 110 Slushy frozen drink
 - 111 "8 Simple Rules" actress Katey
 - 112 "— Fideles"
 - 114 "Gloria in excelsis —"
 - 115 Labor org. for dockworkers
 - 116 Riddle's answer
 - 124 Actor Cruise
 - 125 Tuning knob
 - 126 Cheapest in a line of products
 - 127 Delay leaving
 - 128 Ending for Japan
 - 129 Alluring
 - 130 Gossipy meddlers
 - 131 In reserve
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Hardly any
 - 2 Suffix with book
 - 3 Plane landing guess
 - 4 Suffix with book
 - 5 Most moist, as a lawn at dawn
 - 6 Lead-in to "while"
 - 7 Bulge (out)
 - 8 People: Prefix
 - 9 Spotted cat
 - 10 Fey of "Mean Girls"
 - 11 Person on a quest
 - 12 Hebrew underworld
 - 13 Zodiac cat
 - 14 Bark noise
 - 15 Salver for serving Earl Grey, say
 - 16 Most terrific
 - 17 Gratify in a servile way
 - 18 Goes faster
 - 24 Napping
 - 25 Volcano in E. Sicily
 - 30 Uncooked
 - 31 AOL rival
 - 32 Here, to Henri
 - 33 Weed B — (Ortho product)
 - 34 Suffix with press
 - 35 Tip of an ink-filled implement
 - 37 End of a college URL
 - 38 "It's so cold!"
 - 40 Look for
 - 42 Roman 201
 - 45 Heat: Prefix
 - 46 Part of MIT: Abbr.
 - 50 Sofa variety
 - 51 Rough guess
 - 52 Soul singer India.—
 - 53 Artist Chagall
 - 54 Make sum mistakes?
 - 55 Replay effect, in brief
 - 57 Prospect
 - 59 PC program
 - 60 Filly's sibling
 - 61 Beating organ
 - 63 Chop — (Chinese-style dish)
 - 65 Bronze-hued
 - 66 Data, in brief
 - 67 Taken illicitly
 - 68 Move away from nursing
 - 69 Really dislike
 - 70 Make leave
 - 72 Certain boxing win, for short
 - 76 Opposite of "day," in French
 - 77 Leased car, e.g.
 - 81 Partners of aahs
 - 83 Highly pertinent
 - 84 Cow-bison hybrids
 - 85 Poker or canasta
 - 87 Long, angry speech
 - 88 As a joined group
 - 89 Gp. with putters
 - 91 Fixed charge
 - 93 Little tykes, to Scots
 - 94 Czech sci-fi play of 1921
 - 95 Belief
 - 96 Historic section of a city
 - 97 Blue Jays' city
 - 98 Go — tear
 - 99 Die dot
 - 100 WWW access enabler
 - 101 Comrade of Fidel
 - 103 Salty body
 - 107 At dawn, e.g.
 - 109 Artist's cap
 - 113 Sour plum
 - 114 Video store offerings
 - 117 Whopper
 - 118 Send via a phone line
 - 119 Genetic helix
 - 120 007 creator Fleming
 - 121 — Lankan
 - 122 Hobbit foe
 - 123 Bill the "Science Guy"

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Macbeth's title
- 6 Hot dog side dish
- 11 Tar
- 12 Bay windows
- 14 Mr. Ed's owner
- 15 President Woodrow —
- 16 Suitable
- 17 Aristocratic
- 19 Pair
- 20 Fishing need
- 22 U.K. fliers
- 23 Ball of yarn
- 24 Gold-finger?
- 26 Copious oil wells
- 28 Water barrier
- 30 Mainlander's memento
- 31 Outstanding
- 35 Kitchen lure
- 39 Apiary house
- 40 Tease
- 42 Strait-laced
- 43 Commotion
- 44 Olympian's award
- 46 Mound stat
- 47 Infamous middle name
- 49 "Die Hard" star
- 51 Taxed
- 52 Loud sounds
- 53 Fight
- 9 Get snug and cozy
- 10 Not as fast
- 11 Honey bunch?
- 13 Hemingway's "The — of Kilimanjaro"
- 18 Satchel
- 21 Tureen accessory
- 23 Tweet
- 25 7-Down's mule
- 27 Red or Black
- 29 Copes
- 31 Wrap
- 32 Neatens (up)
- 33 Develop
- 34 Disencumber
- 36 Threatening conclusion
- 37 More like a mud pit
- 38 Accumulate
- 41 Sunrises
- 44 Encounter
- 45 Narnia's Aslan, e.g.
- 48 DIY buy
- 50 Perjurer's pronouncement

DOWN

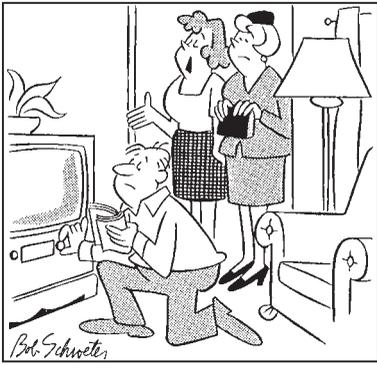
- 1 Taiwan's capital
- 2 Having a handle
- 3 Priestly garment
- 4 It may be a proper subject
- 5 Slip-up
- 6 Cereal quantity
- 7 Canal of song
- 8 Have a bug

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 R Q O N M K S T R E V O C J I

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Breast | Head | Pupil | Thigh |
| Coverts | Iris | Scapulars | Tibia |
| Eyestripe | Mantle | Tarsus | Wattle |
| Feet | Primaries | Tertials | |



"Harry's on a physical fitness kick—he got rid of the _____."
answer on page 31

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!

Absolve
NEATO

Indication
CATER

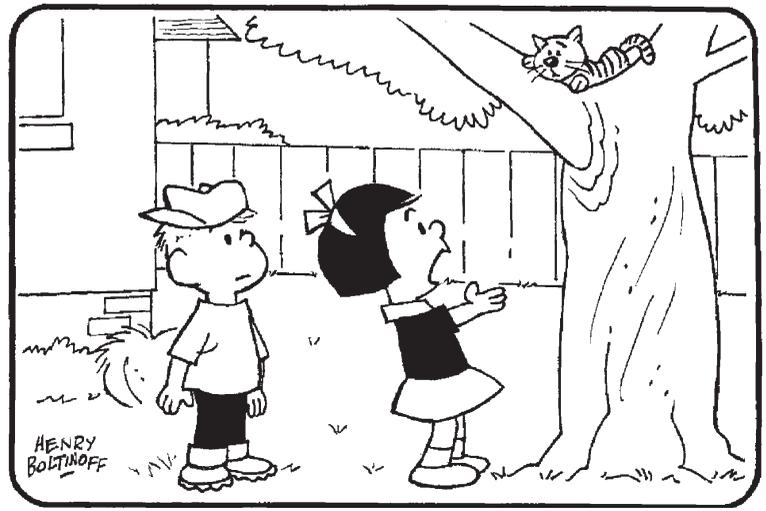
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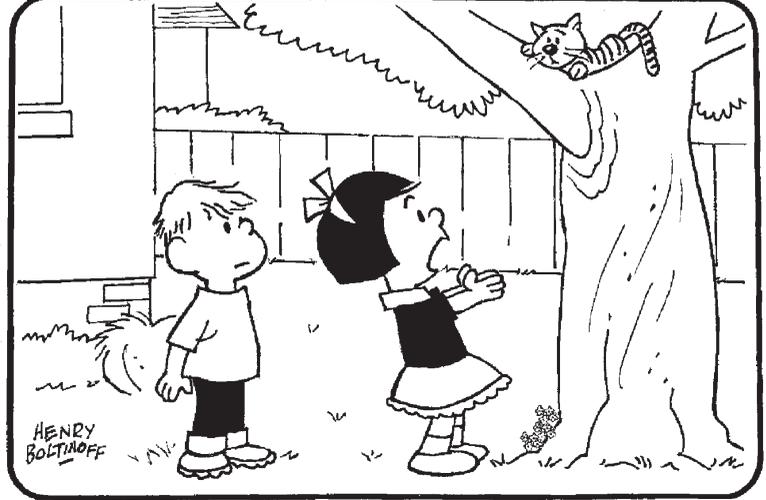
TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Boy's hat is missing. 2. Girl's skirt has ruffle. 3. Boy's left arm is hidden. 4. Flowers added near tree. 5. Cat's tail is longer. 6. Girl is extending both arms.

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		6	5			1		
7				1		9		5

SUDOKU

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.

answer on page 29



Blueberry Biscuit Cookies

- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup pecans, chopped
- 1/2 cup honey, divided
- 2 tablespoons low-fat milk
- 2 cups biscuit mix

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large mixing bowl, combine biscuit mix, blueberries, pecans, and milk. Mix well and add enough of the honey to make the mixture stiff like cookie dough. Place dough by tablespoonful onto a greased baking sheet about 2 inches apart. Bake until edges begin to brown, about 15 minutes. Remove from oven and drizzle remaining honey on each cookie. Bake an additional 5 minutes and serve immediately.*



Blueberry Biscuit Cookies

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Aries (March 21 to April 19) There's nothing an Aries Lamb likes less than having to tackle a humdrum task. But finding a creative way to do it can make all the difference. A more exciting time awaits you this weekend.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) Finishing up a job on time leaves you free to enjoy your weekend without any Taurean guilt pangs. A romantic attitude from an unlikely source could take you by surprise.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) Moving in a new career direction might be seen by some as risky. But if you have both the confidence to see it through and the facts to back you up, it could prove rewarding.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) Holding back on a decision might be difficult, considering how long you've waited for this opportunity. But until you're able to resolve all doubts, it could be the wiser course to take.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) You still need to move carefully where financial matters are concerned. Better for the Lion to move slowly than pounce on a "promising" prospect that doesn't keep its promises.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) A rejection of an idea you believe in can be upsetting. But don't let it discourage you. Get yourself back on track and use what you've learned from the experience to try again.

Libra (September 23 to October 22) The early part of the week could find you looking to balance your priorities between your family obligations and your career responsibilities. Pressures begin to ease by week's end.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) An associate's problem could cause unavoidable delays in moving ahead with your joint venture. If so, use the time to look into another project you had previously set aside.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) Although a financial problem could be very close to being resolved in your favor, it's still a good idea to avoid unnecessary spending for at least a little while longer.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) Support for some unwelcome workplace decisions begins to show up, and continues to build, so that by week's

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 FRIDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 88 Low: 79	 SATURDAY Sunny High: 86 Low: 77	 SUNDAY Sunny High: 87 Low: 78	 MONDAY Sunny High: 90 Low: 80	 TUESDAY Few Showers High: 85 Low: 76	 WEDNESDAY Few Showers High: 87 Low: 78	 THURSDAY Sunny High: 89 Low: 76
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Redfish Pass Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	12:21 am	4:59 am	11:32 am	6:30 pm
Sat	1:19 am	5:26 am	11:55 am	7:09 pm
Sun	2:13 am	5:51 am	12:21 pm	7:49 pm
Mon	3:07 am	6:14 am	12:53 pm	8:32 pm
Tue	4:03 am	6:38 am	1:29 pm	9:19 pm
Wed	5:06 am	7:03 am	2:11 pm	10:09 pm
Thu	2:58 pm	11:02 pm	None	None

Point Ybel Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	10:37 am	5:01 am	None	6:32 pm
Sat	12:24 am	5:28 am	11:00 am	7:11 pm
Sun	1:18 am	5:53 am	11:26 am	7:51 pm
Mon	2:12 am	6:16 am	11:58 am	8:34 pm
Tue	3:08 am	6:40 am	12:34 pm	9:21 pm
Wed	4:11 am	7:05 am	1:16 pm	10:11 pm
Thu	2:03 pm	11:04 pm	None	None

Punta Rassa Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	11:36 am	5:08 am	None	6:23 pm
Sat	12:26 am	5:45 am	12:05 pm	7:09 pm
Sun	1:12 am	6:24 am	12:29 pm	7:55 pm
Mon	1:59 am	7:03 am	12:50 pm	8:43 pm
Tue	2:55 am	7:46 am	1:18 pm	9:33 pm
Wed	4:03 am	8:36 am	1:55 pm	10:22 pm
Thu	5:05 am	9:32 am	2:47 pm	11:10 pm

Cape Coral Bridge Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	2:31 am	8:15 am	1:42 pm	9:46 pm
Sat	3:29 am	8:42 am	2:05 pm	10:25 pm
Sun	4:23 am	9:07 am	2:31 pm	11:05 pm
Mon	5:17 am	9:30 am	3:03 pm	11:48 pm
Tue	6:13 am	9:54 am	3:39 pm	None
Wed	7:16 am	12:35 am	4:21 pm	10:19 am
Thu	5:08 pm	1:25 am	None	None

PUZZLE ANSWERS

SUPER CROSSWORD

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MAGIC MAZE

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end, the gregarious Goat is as popular as ever.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) Congratulations. Deciding to attend a social function you might have earlier tried to avoid could turn out to be one of the best decisions you've made in a long time.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20) Getting into a new situation could prove to be a more difficult experience than you expected. Don't hesitate to ask for advice in coping with some of the more irksome challenges.

Born This Week: Your strong sense of duty makes you a valued and trusted member of your community. Have you considered a career in law enforcement?

MOMENTS IN TIME

- On June 9, 1772, colonists, angered by the British Parliament's passing of the Townshend Acts restricting colonial trade, board and set ablaze the HMS Gaspee, an armed British customs schooner that had run aground. British officials found no one willing to identify those involved, and the inquiry closed without result.

- On June 4, 1919, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote, is passed by Congress and sent to the states for ratification. On Aug. 18, 1920, Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the amendment, giving it the two-thirds majority necessary to make it the law of the land.

- On June 3, 1937, the duke of Windsor – formerly King Edward VIII – marries Wallis Warfield Simpson,

the American divorcee for whom he abdicated the British throne in 1936.

- On June 5, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issues a stern statement warning Japan to stop using poison gas in its war on China. Japan continued its use of these weapons until the end of the war, managing to keep its activities secret.

- On June 8, 1966, the rival National Football League (NFL) and American Football League (AFL) announce that they will merge. The first Super Bowl between the two leagues took place at the end of the 1966 season.

- On June 6, 1971, *The Ed Sullivan Show* airs for the last time, 23 years after its 1948 premiere. Gladys Knight and the Pips were the musical guests.

- On June 7, 2002, Michael Skakel is convicted in the 1975 murder of his former neighbor, 15-year-old Martha Moxley, with a golf club. Skakel, a nephew of Ethel Kennedy, the wife of the late U.S. Senator Robert Kennedy, was sentenced to 20 years to life in prison. In 2018, the Connecticut Supreme Court vacated the conviction and ordered a new trial.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- "It is far better to grasp the Universe as it really is than to persist in delusion, however satisfying and reassuring." – Carl Sagan

- You might be surprised to learn that some fish can hibernate. During the long, dark winters, the Antarctic cod will burrow under the seabed and stay there for days at a time, cutting its metabolism by two-thirds.

- Despite the fact that famed magician Harry Houdini exposed a number of mediums and psychics as frauds, Sherlock Holmes novelist Sir Arthur Conan Doyle persisted in believing that Houdini himself was a medium.

- Wearing skinny jeans can cause varicose veins.

- In Germany, Rice Krispies don't say "Snap, Crackle, Pop"; they say "Knisper, Knasper, Knusper."

- Squid are well known for their uncanny ability to camouflage themselves by changing their color to match their background. What's really odd, though, is the fact that the creatures are color-blind.

- The word "conspire" means, literally, "to breathe together," meaning to be in harmony.

- Even though he was arrested and put on trial numerous times, famed 19th-century outlaw Frank James was never convicted of anything and never went to prison. He died in 1915, at the age of 72, of natural causes.

- Those who study such things say that not all your fingernails grow at the same rate. It seems the nail on your middle finger is a bit of an overachiever – it grows faster than the nails on your other fingers.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Give all power to the many, and they will oppress the few. Give all power to the few, and they will oppress the many. Both therefore ought to have power, that each may defend itself against the other." – Alexander Hamilton

TRIVIA TEST

- History:** Which woman won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her work with the poor in Calcutta, India?
- Literature:** What was the last known play written by Shakespeare?
- Language:** "Cyborg" is a shortened version of which futuristic phrase?
- General Knowledge:** What men's haircut was named after a style adopted by college rowing teams?
- Movies:** Who wrote the screenplay for the original *The Heartbreak Kid* movie?
- Geography:** Which three countries mainly make up the Scandinavian Peninsula?
- U.S. Presidents:** Who was the only president to be awarded a Purple Heart?
- U.S. States:** Which state has the most active volcanoes?
- Anatomy:** What is a more common name for enlargement of the thyroid gland?
- Games:** How many letters does each player draw to begin a game of Scrabble?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

- Mother Teresa
- The Noble Kinsmen
- Cybernetic organism
- The crew cut
- Neil Simon
- Sweden, Norway and Finland
- John F. Kennedy was wounded in WWII
- Alaska
- Goffer
- Seven

LCEC Hurricane Guide Available

The LCEC Hurricane Guide is a comprehensive how-to for preparing to weather any storm or disaster situation. Some of the topics addressed in the Hurricane Guide include: storm restoration process; preparing your home and business; life support; evacuation protocol; disaster supply kit; portable generator safety; debris and vegetation; important phone numbers and links. To download a copy of the guide, visit www.lcec.net.

Prep Insurance For Hurricane Season

The destructive force of a hurricane should never be taken lightly. The Sullivan State Farm agencies are taking the necessary steps to help Southwest Floridians take precautions to

prepare families and property ahead of hurricane season, which runs from June 1 to November 30.

Cape Coral State Farm agents Mike and Dawn Sullivan encourage homeowners to review and understand their home and auto policy coverage, deductibles and exclusions their policies may have. The right amount of coverage can make all the difference when trying to recover and rebuild following a storm.

"We understand how stressful it can be to prepare for hurricane season," Dawn Sullivan said. "That's why our caring and knowledgeable agents are only a phone call away. Your family's safety is at the top of our mind, and we want to make sure you are ready way before the first hurricane of the season ever forms."

Homeowners should also review policies like flood insurance, appropriate replacement cost coverage and short-term disability.

Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage caused by flooding. Nearly all flood insurance is written through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which is managed by

the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). A flood insurance policy normally takes 30 days from the date of purchase to go into effect. So, it's important to purchase the policy well in advance of hurricane season.

It's often challenging for homeowners to voluntarily leave their oasis behind when a storm is on the way. Those who decide to stay home may be putting their personal safety at risk. Enrolling in a short-term disability plan ahead of a dangerous situation can help a person who is later unable to perform the essential functions of their job due to an injury.

When leaving your home, be sure to have an evacuation plan in place for all family members and furry friends. Hurricane evacuation kits should be updated with fresh supplies each season.

Preparing your home and possessions with insurance coverage is the right first step, but you'll also want to prepare your home to withstand the storm. Keep this list in mind when you're preparing for an incoming hurricane:

Stock plywood and materials for boarding up windows

Secure your garage door
Designate a space to store garbage cans and outdoor furniture
Secure boats and cars
Create a home inventory with photos and videos of possessions
The Sullivans urge homeowners to consult with their insurance agents to keep their homes and families safe and secure this hurricane season. To make sure you're covered, call 541-0025.

FWC To Offer License-Free Fishing Weekends

Want to try your hand at Florida fishing? The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will offer a license-free saltwater fishing weekend on June 1 and 2, and a license-free freshwater fishing weekend on June 8 and 9. During these weekends, a fishing license is not required for Florida residents or visitors. License-free weekends provide an excellent opportunity for non-licensed recreational anglers to experience

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1. Atone; 2. Trace;
3. Sunder; 4. Mingle
Today's Word
REMOTE



Cast a line during two license-free fishing weekends

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fishing.

The four license-free fishing days is held around National Fishing and Boating Week, a national celebration of fishing and boating from June 1 to 9. The Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation's www.takemefishing.org website offers information on events sponsored by businesses and communities during National Fishing and Boating Week, as well as fishing sites, recreational species identification and fishing tips.

These free fishing weekends are a part of the eight license-free fishing days the FWC offers each year. All bag limits, closed areas and size restrictions apply on these dates.

To learn more about license-free fishing days, visit www.myfwc.com/license. For fishing tips, visit www.myfwc.com/fishing.

Lionfish Challenge

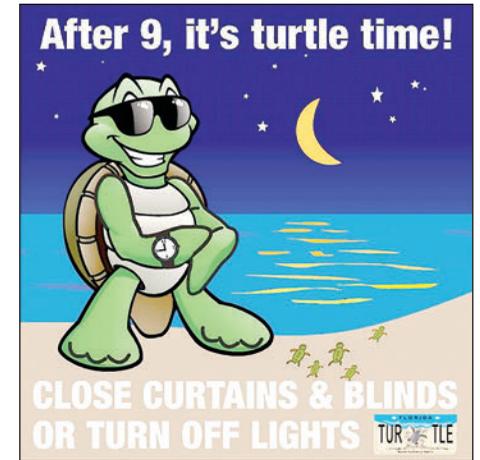
A total of 19,167 lionfish – the spiny invasive predators – were removed from gulf and Atlantic waters as part of the Emerald Coast Open, which coincided with the 5th annual Lionfish Removal and Awareness Festival at AJ's Seafood & Oyster Bar and HarborWalk Village in Destin on May 18 and 19.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) worked closely with the Emerald Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau on both the tournament and the festival.

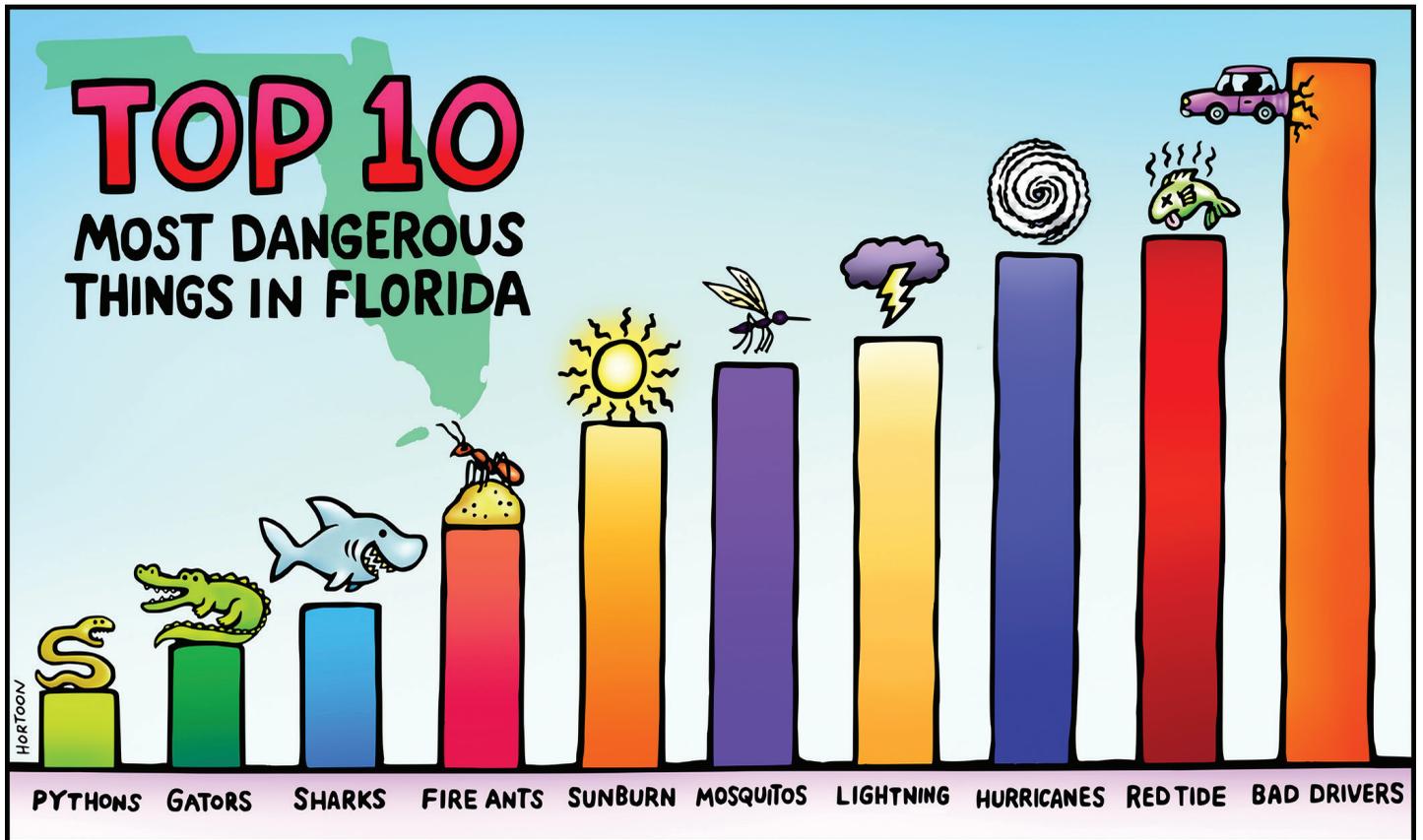
This tournament may be over but there are still chances to win prizes through the FWC's 2019 Lionfish Challenge, a removal incentive program that started May 18 on Lionfish Removal and Awareness Day and runs through Labor Day (September 2). This year, participants who submit the largest and smallest lionfish may be eligible to receive up to \$3,000 in cash prizes thanks to support from sponsors: American Sportfishing Association, Yamaha Motor Company, Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County and National Marine Manufacturers Association. Find more details on how to get rewarded for your harvest at www.fwcreefrangers.com.

Remember, lionfish and other exotic pets that can no longer be cared for should never be released into Florida waters or lands. To learn more about where to surrender an exotic pet for

adoption, visit www.myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats and click on "Nonnative Species" and "Exotic Pet Amnesty Program." ❄️



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Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Beach Homes	Captiva	2002	4,551	\$6,499,000	\$6,300,000	32
Captiva Beach	Captiva	1957	2,466	\$4,500,000	\$4,000,000	63
Cottages At Barefoot	Bonita Springs	2001	3,593	\$3,495,000	\$3,200,000	123
Tuscany Isle	Bonita Springs	2012	6,397	\$3,190,000	\$2,875,000	63
Carolands	Bonita Springs	2017	4,485	\$2,999,999	\$2,850,000	701
Barefoot Beach	Bonita Springs	1987	2,330	\$2,999,000	\$3,000,000	0
Isola Bella	Miromar Lakes	2006	4,436	\$2,099,000	\$1,759,500	377
Cassina	Miromar Lakes	2017	3,375	\$1,999,000	\$1,850,000	52
Siena	Bonita Springs	2012	4,028	\$1,489,000	\$1,420,000	21
Sanctuary At Wulfert	Sanibel	1999	4,511	\$1,295,000	\$1,310,000	3

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