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*Puesta de Sol* by Jim Dickerson

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## Auction Artwork To Go On Display At ACT Gallery

Arts for ACT Gallery will hold an opening reception and meet-the-artist session with the donated artworks from the Arts for ACT 2018 Fine Art Auction during Art Walk on Friday, October 5 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Live auction artists will be showcased in the Main Gallery, while artwork from the silent auction artists will hang in the White Gallery. New works from the gallery co-op artists will also be on display.

Wear purple to show your support for ACT and the participants in shelter and outreach.

More than 25 of Southwest Florida's finest artists will preview their artwork for the live auction fundraiser. This year, artists donated original oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings. Donated items also include jewelry, sculptures, photography and fine crafts. Over 40 artists were juried into the silent auction.

Arts for ACT Gallery is a nonprofit gallery owned and operated by Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc., a nonprofit agency that provides shelter and support services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. ACT is celebrating 40 years serving the communities of Lee, Hendry and Glades counties. It offers a 24-hour hotline, three safe emergency shelters with a total of 116 beds, counseling, children's program, outreach counseling, rape crisis center, on-call crisis response team, advocacy and assistance throughout the judicial system.

The exhibit is also featuring new works by over 25 co-op artists. These exhibits continue until October 30.

Arts for ACT Gallery is located at 2265



*Nice View* by Jill Lindsay



*The Bee Eaters* by Kim Kraft Beckler

First Street in downtown Fort Myers, 2018. For more information, visit [www.artsforactgallery.com](http://www.artsforactgallery.com).✽

## Alliance Juried Exhibit Opens Next Friday

The Alliance for the Arts will host an opening reception for *Dia de los Muertos: A Juried Exhibit* on Friday, October 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. The free event features local and regional artists, face painting, interactive art projects, flower crowns, tequila tasting and light refreshments. The show will be on view through November 3.

In many parts of Mexico, South America and the United States, *Dia de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) is a time to remember and celebrate the lives of friends and family. More about reveling life than remembering death, this unique day encourages people to connect with loved ones while reflecting on the ties that bind the past to present.

"Community participation is a powerful part of this holiday," said exhibitions coordinator Krista Johnson. "That's why we've called on local artists to contribute to this lively and fun exhibit."

All artworks were submitted online. Pieces will showcase traditional Mexican sugar skulls merged with the artist's aesthetic. Categories are sculpture, painting (including oil, acrylic, collage, watercolor and mixed media), photography, prints and drawings.

Receptions are open to the public and do not require tickets or reservations. While gallery admission is free, a \$5 suggested donation keeps Alliance programming affordable and accessible.

The Alliance for the Arts is located



*The Misinterpretation Of Death And Its Disastrous Consequences* by Cesar Aguilera

image provided

at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, call 939-2787 or visit [www.artinlee.org/sugarskulls](http://www.artinlee.org/sugarskulls).✽

## Dark Art To Entertain During Reception

The 2nd annual Dark Art exhibition at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will kick off with an opening reception during Art Walk on Friday, October 5 at 6 p.m. Presented by the Syzygy Collaborative Art Project, the works selected – primarily from local artists – explore the creepy and macabre in art and celebrate the freedom for artists to pursue the entire spectrum in thematic art.

This juried collection of artwork will be displayed in the Grand Atrium until October 26. Beginning at 6 p.m., Wicked Apple Art will be demonstrating a live body paint session on the main stage, while local artists Dharma LeFevre and Cloud Kent will be painting live around the main gallery.

There will also be tarot readings



*Come To The River* by Cesar Aguilera

image provided

by Shelby Elmore, a fire spinning performance by Fiero outside on the gallery steps and live music. At 9 p.m.,

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

# Walker Plumbing On Bay



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

In the 1920s, J. Deleon “JD” Walker opened his plumbing business on Bay Street across from the Arcade Theatre. The business is pictured here in a photo probably taken circa-1934. By that time, however, Walker had sold the business to GH Blemke, although the business retained Walker’s name. The two people in the photo are unidentified. Walker’s years of ownership spanned the 1920s boom. Before setting up shop on Bay, the plumber had worked out of his home on McGregor Boulevard in the mid-19-teens. By 1921, he was working in connection with Heitman-Evans Hardware at First and Hendry.

Within a couple of years, he had moved to a small two-story building on Bay Street next to the new Ford Garage. He shared the building with a cigar factory.

The year 1926 spelled big changes for Bay Street. In June, Fort Myers was abuzz with the development of the street into a commercial center, as the press grandly put it.

The invention of modern Bay Street from Jackson to Dean Street was made possible courtesy of fill. It should be noted that it wouldn’t be the last time the business district stretched north thanks to fill.

Along with street construction came the Morgan Hotel addition, the Towles Building at Bayview Court, a new service station and a Cadillac company. All helped to bring the street up to boom-time standard.

Walker Plumbing wasn’t left out. Even the building occupied by it and the cigar factory was rebuilt and got the new Spanish stucco façade visible in the historic photo.

That year seems to have been a good one for Walker, as for many local business people. He showcased his skills in an ad announcing that he had installed the



Today, a parking lot is located on Bay Street between Hendry and Jackson and at sidewalk’s end is the parking garage for Campo Felice. At left is the Tidewater Building.

photo by Gerri Reaves

plumbing, heating and vacuum cleaning systems at the Morgan Hotel at First and Dean.

“My work is appreciated,” the ad straightforwardly attests, “because it is done well.”

Also that year, Walker Plumbing was one of several contractors featured in prominent ads for the “Ideal Homes” being constructed in the new subdivision of Valencia Terrace just south of downtown.

By 1928, GH Blemke bought out Walker, advertising as his “successor” on Bay Street and retaining the business’s name. Walker, meanwhile, continued his plumbing work from his home on East First Street.

Also that year, Prather’s completely new dry cleaning plant opened on Bay, adjacent to Walker’s east side. Note the sign for Prather’s Dry Cleaning Co. in the historic photo.

One curious detail in this photo can’t be overlooked – the gopher tortoise the man is displaying. The animal was possibly a contestant in a gopher tortoise derby, an event with a long history in Fort Myers. For many years, it was even a regular Edison Festival event.

In January 1931, the first official gopher derby was held in Fort Myers. (By the way, derbies were held in other Florida cities, such as Punta Gorda, too.) That first derby was held on First Street and was sponsored by the American Legion.

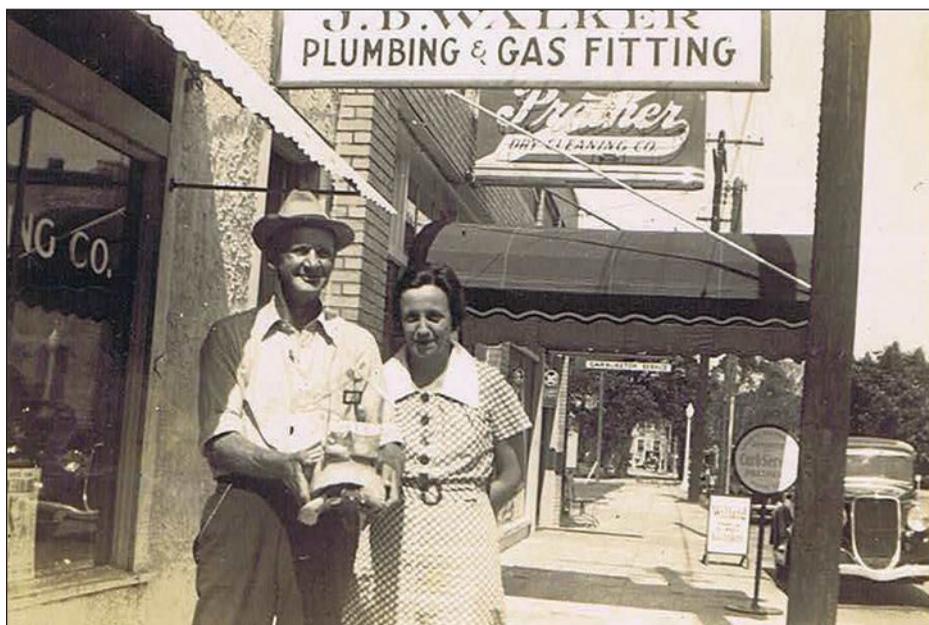
The animals were decorated, sometimes quite elaborately, like the tortoise in the photo, and they were named. Some were even displayed in store windows days before the event to promote businesses.

The chairman of that first derby, JG Holst, was quoted in the *Fort Myers Press* answering a question about what could be done if the tortoises didn’t respond to the starting gong: “...we would put turpentine on their toes, or a mild acid on their tails, or use some similar device.”

While we have to allow that those were different times and that no doubt the chairman meant the remarks to be humorous, they certainly have the power to make us cringe today.

In March 1935, the poisoning of the previous year’s champion and the theft of 12 others brought a somber note to the derby. Someone stole the key to the gopher paddock in the Patio de Leon and committed the offenses. That year the derby was

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Circa-1934, an unidentified couple display a “decorated” gopher tortoise at the Walker Plumbing storefront on Bay Street. In the distance at the end of the sidewalk is the Royal Palm Hotel casino.

photo courtesy SWFL Historical Society

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**CHEF ED SURA**

**Passed Hors d'oeuvres:**

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**Passed Hors d'oeuvres:**

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**Passed Hors d'oeuvres:**

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**4th Course:**

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**CHEF MELISSA AKIN**

**Passed Hors d'oeuvres:**

Roasted Corn Blini, Avocado Crème Fraiche, Local Caviar

**5th Course:**

Duck Confit Ravioli, Smoked Duck Breast, Foie Gras Ganache, Coffee Sand, Pomegranate-Cranberry Syrup



**PASTRY CHEF LEV DALKE**

**6th Course:**

Biko Cake, Corn whipped Panna Cotta, Sesame Nougatine, Puffed Rice, Kabuso Sauce



**CHEF PAT SHEERIN**

City Mouse, Ace Hotel Chicago  
Chef / Managing Partner Trencherman, Chicago  
Executive Chef, Signature Room, Chicago  
French Culinary Institute Degree, New York  
Bachelor of Arts Michigan State University



**CHEF ANDREW ZIMMERMAN**

Sepia and Proxi Restaurants, Chicago  
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Culinary Institute America, Hyde Park, New York  
Jean Banchet Award for Culinary Excellence  
as Top Celebrity Chef 2007  
Michelin Star holder at Vie 2011



**CHEF MELISSA AKIN**

Executive Chef, Il Cielo  
Host Pastry Chef James Beard Foundation 2017  
Chef, Wild Dunes, Charleston  
Associates Degree, NECI 1998



**PASTRY CHEF LEV DALKE**

Graduated French Pastry School,  
Kennedy King College, Chicago 2012  
Levy Restaurants, Mizzou, MO  
Nourish Café & Market, MO  
Sugarjones Inc, IL

## Alliance Official To Guest Bartend At Local Brewery

The Alliance for the Arts Executive Director Lydia A. Black will serve as guest bartender at Coastal Dayz Brewery on Thursday, October 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. The partnership between the two businesses involves all tips from the evening being donated to the Alliance for the Arts, a nonprofit community visual and performing arts center whose mission is to transform lives and improve the community through the arts.

"We are excited to partner with Fort Myers' newest local brewery to support our local arts and craft beers," said Black. "Brewing beer is a form of creative and artistic expression. We see this as a chance to connect artisans with the amazing people who support them and show love to our talented local makers."

The event comes alongside the announcement of the Alliance for the Arts second annual Arts On Tap Fundraiser, scheduled for Saturday, October 20 from 7 to 10 p.m.

Now in its second year, Arts On Tap is a taste of creativity in the Alliance gallery featuring the craft of local brewers including Coastal Dayz. Additional crafters include Big Blue Brewing, Bury Me Brewing Co., Eight-Foot Brewing, Fort Myers Brewing Company, Momentum Brewhouse, Palm City Brewing, Point Ybel Brewing Company and Scotty's Bierwerks. The first 75 guests to purchase a



Lydia Black photo provided

ticket to Arts On Tap will receive an exclusive Support Local pint glass. Arts On Tap is for ages 21 and older. A state-issued form of I.D. is required.

Coastal Dayz Brewery is located at 2161 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, call 939-2787, visit [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org), or visit the facebook page at [www.facebook.com/artinlee.org](http://www.facebook.com/artinlee.org), Instagram (@AlliancefortheArts) or follow us on Twitter (@ArtInLee).\*



A local drag entertainer at a previous festival photo courtesy Jason Boeckman

## SWFL Pride Fest 10th Anniversary October 6

Pride-SWFL celebrates its 10th annual SWFL Pride festival at the Alliance for the Arts on Saturday, October 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This event is inclusive and open to the public.

SWFL Pride is an outdoor family-friendly event that includes live entertainment, food and drink vendors, and games and activities for all ages. Parking is free and available onsite.

The annual event was launched in 2009 as a celebration for Southwest Florida's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community and allies. A few hundred people attended the first year it was hosted. Since then, attendance at SWFL Pride has grown significantly. More than 6,000 people attended SWFL Pride in 2017.

This year's entertainment is headlined by Halcyon, a popular female acoustic duo from Tampa. Entertainment will also

include Kelly Neff, Lisa Noe, Melissa Crispo, Delaran, dance music by DJ Kooshie and B103.9's DJ Mad Mel, and performances by local drag entertainers.

Admission is a \$5 donation at the door. Limited tickets for the VIP tent are available for purchase online. Bring a chair or blanket for the entertainment. Coolers or pets are not allowed.

Additionally, a Tea Dance party is planned on Sunday, October 7, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Celsius, 2213 Main Street in Fort Myers. Donations accepted at the door. The event will include drink specials, dancing and live entertainment. For ages 21 and older.

Pride-SWFL is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting visibility and acceptance for Southwest Florida's LGBT community.

Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more event information, or to become a Pride sponsor, vendor or volunteer, visit [www.prideswfl.com](http://www.prideswfl.com). Connect with Pride-SWFL on social media at [facebook.com/pride.swfl](http://facebook.com/pride.swfl), @SWFLPride, and SWFLPride on Instagram.\*

## Continental Women's Club

The Continental Women's Club will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at The Hideaway Country Club on Thursday, October 4 at 11:30 a.m.

Lisa Black, a mystery writer who currently works as a latent print examiner

for the City of Cape Coral's Police Department, will be the program presenter. Black works mostly with fingerprints and crime scenes. Her topic will be True Versus Fictional Crime With A Real Life CSI.

Cost to attend is \$22. The meeting is open to the public.

The Hideaway Country Club is located at 5670 Trailwinds Drive in Fort Myers. Call 691-7561 for more information.\*

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Fort Myers Art:

## Theater To Help Mark Art Walk's 10th Anniversary

by Tom Hall



**G**hostbird Theatre Company is presenting a live performance in the front window of The Franklin Shops on First in downtown Fort Myers during Art Walk on Friday, October 5.

Designed by Artistic Director Barry Cavin and appropriately titled *Windowstories*, the production will involve a continuous performance set within a rather dusty scene of books, puppets, umbrellas and brooms. Is it a broken fairy tale? A woman trapped in domesticity? A scene of how we make our own prisons or our own escapes?

"This performance and installation piece also announces our theme for the upcoming Ghostbird season," said Cavin. "We yearn for freedom, for new destinations and identities, while we are arrested by our fears that come with traveling away from captivity and toward our humanity."

Ghostbird will be mounting Cavin's play *Boxes Are for What We Keep* this November at the Happehatchee Center



The Franklin Shops on First will be the site of a Ghostbird Theatre Company production

photo courtesy www.artswfl.com

in Estero. And in January, it will produce James Brock's *Everyone on this Train* at the Southwest Florida Community Foundation Collaboratory in Fort Myers. It will also host the 13th annual 24 Hour Festival in March at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.

"We are so fortunate to have so many partners like the Franklin Shops to set aside their business and space for our productions," said Cavin. "It's a sign of just how much our community supports the arts."

*Windowstories* also marks the 10th anniversary of Art Walk in the downtown Fort Myers River District.

### Theatre Conspiracy Holding Auditions For *Rancho Mirage*

Theatre Conspiracy at the Alliance for the Arts is holding an open casting call for *Rancho Mirage* by Steven Dietz. The production will be directed by Anne Dodd and be performed at 7:30 p.m. on May 9, 10 and 11 as well as May 16, 17 and 18,

with 2 p.m. matinees on May 12 and 19.

Written by America's most widely-proclaimed playwright, Stephen Dietz, *Rancho Mirage* is a black comedy that looks at three affluent suburban couples whose truths finally catch up with them. At an ill-fated dinner party, these longtime friends are awakened to the secrets of their past with hilarious and farcical results. A National New Play Network Rolling World Premiere comedy, *Rancho Mirage* asks what remains between us when youth, dreams and the last bottle of wine are gone.

Dodd will conduct auditions between noon and 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 29 at the Alliance for the Arts, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. The play contemplates a cast consisting of four women and three men; the three 40-something couples, Diane and Nick Dahner, Louise and Trevor Neese, and Pam and Charlie Caldwell, along with a 17-year-old babysitter by the name of Julie. All seven roles are available.

Actors are encouraged to have a prepared monologue between one and two minutes in length; if not, cold readings will be available.

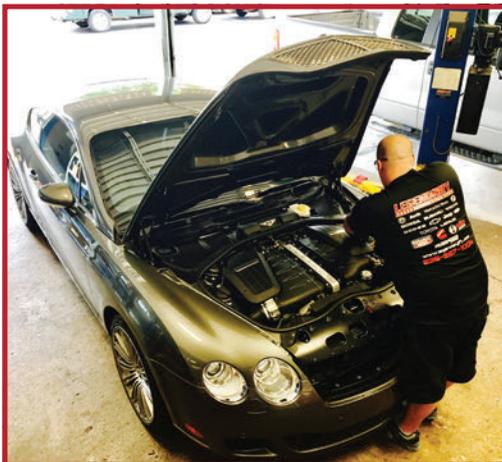
For more information, call Bill Taylor at 939-2787.

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## Clay Shooting Tournament Raises \$30,000

With a new construction management major on the horizon, the Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Foundation created a new way to generate financial support for students. Dubbed the Eagle Eye Clay Shooting Tournament, the event featured seven teams competing at the Bermont Shooting Club in Punta Gorda. The tournament generated roughly \$30,000 for scholarships for future construction management students.

"The Clays Tournament was a 'blast' - literally," said Richard Behr, dean of the UA Whitaker College of Engineering at FGCU. "It was a great show of camaraderie and support from local business for the BS in Construction Management program that we are gearing up to launch in summer 2019. Strong industry support for our construction management program will enable us to build a truly outstanding program. Thank you to everyone who took a shot at supporting our new construction management initiative."

Sponsors for the event included Chris-Tel Construction; UBS Genesis Wealth Management; B&I Contractors, Inc.; Coca-Cola; Lee Drywall; Gulf Point Construction; RG Architects, PA; and Shoot Center.

"It was a great event," said Molly Scott, manager of marketing and public relations for Chris-Tel Construction. "Chris-Tel was happy to continue our support of FGCU

by stepping up to be the grand sponsor for the inaugural clay shooting tournament. We were delighted by the response of so many participants and with the amount of money raised. We hope this will be an annual event for the university and the construction management program."

Jeremy King, vice president of wealth management at UBS Genesis Wealth Management, said, "UBS Genesis Wealth Management wanted to raise money for scholarships at FGCU's [construction management major]. The Eagle Eye Tournament provided a platform for many of our area leaders in construction to come together for a cause that will benefit Southwest Florida for many years to come."

For more information about this tournament, contact Angela Kunkle at 745-4343 or [akunkle@fgcu.edu](mailto:akunkle@fgcu.edu).\*

## Bonsai Society Meeting

The Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida will meet at the Berne Davis Botanical Garden on Saturday, October 20 at 9 a.m. The group will discuss displays, pots and stands for the November 3 to 4 show. There will also be slides shown from the 2017 show.

The public is invited; admission and parking are free, and advice will be available on trimming and maintaining your tree.

The Berne Davis Botanical Garden is located at 2166 Virginia Avenue in Fort Myers. For more information, visit [www.bonsaiswfl.org](http://www.bonsaiswfl.org).\*

## Arts On Tap Fundraiser Set For October 20

The Alliance for the Arts will host the 2nd annual Arts On Tap fundraiser on Saturday, October 20 from 7 to 10 p.m. Arts On Tap is a taste of creativity in the Alliance gallery featuring the craft of local brewers and hand-selected wines benefiting the Alliance for the Arts.

Participating crafters include Big Blue Brewing, Bury Me Brewing, Coastal Dayz Brewery, Eight Foot Brewing, Fort Myers Brewing Company, Momentum Brewhouse, Palm City Brewing, Point Ybel Brewing Company and Scotty's Bierwerks. Culinary creations will come from Cristof's and University Grill. The event also features two new brews from creative collaborations between the Alliance and award-winning brewmasters from Palm City and Point Ybel.

Alliance will have a vibrant backdrop of local art with the Dia de los Muertos juried exhibit. Participating featured artists include David Acevedo, Cesar Aguilera, Jeff and Dale Ocasio, Guy Tieman, Amy Matsumoto, Rich Bravo, Terry Lynn Spry, Leo and Krista Johnson and Barbara Yeomans.

"The Alliance for the Arts is all about supporting small, independent makers who have a story," said development and marketing director Jessica Wisdom. "We're excited to celebrate the art of craft beer for the second year in a row.



Jeannine Windsor and Brian Hahn of Momentum Brewhouse

photo provided

In our never-ending quest to outdo ourselves, this year's event will be bigger and better with more art, more food, more fun and, of course, more beer!"

Last year, Arts On Tap attracted over 200 guests. Tickets are \$75 and include unlimited tastings from participating breweries, wine, culinary creations, pub snacks, gallery admission, music, games, a silent auction and a raffle. The first 75 guests to purchase a ticket will receive an exclusive Support Local pint glass. Arts On Tap is for ages 21 and older. A state-issued form of I.D. is required.

The event is sponsored by Briers CPA, Custom Packaging and Products, The Dorsey Law Firm, EnSite, GMA Architects & Planners, HBKS Wealth Advisors, Priority Business Solutions, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank and Seminole Casino Hotel. Sponsorships and visibility opportunities are also available by contacting [jessica@artinlee.org](mailto:jessica@artinlee.org).

The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, call 939-2787 or visit [www.artinlee.org/ontap](http://www.artinlee.org/ontap).\*

## Help Select Movies For Film Festival At TGIM

Thank God for Indie Movie Mondays (TGIM) will be held at Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on October 1 at 6:30 p.m. That evening, along with each first Monday of the month, judges and attendees screen films, then discuss their merits and pitfalls.

Join co-hosts Eric Raddatz and Melissa Tschari DeHaven as well as guest judges John Scoular, Suzie Bennett and Jamie Kuser for fresh short indie films, music and comedy. Get a look at how the Fort Myers Film Festival (FMff) views submissions for independent films and participate in the selection process. Have a say whether or not they should make final programming.

The 9th annual Fort Myers Film Festival will be held in April 2019 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Alliance for the Arts, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, IMAG History & Science Center with parties and dinners at Twisted Vine Bistro, Firestone and other select venues.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, or \$8 for students and seniors.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. For more information, visit [www.sbdac.com](http://www.sbdac.com) or call 333-1933. \*

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## Along The River

After kicking off its fifth year on Captiva last weekend and moving to downtown Fort Myers during the week, the 10-day **Island Hopper Songwriter Fest** will wrap up on **Fort Myers Beach** this Friday, September 28 through Sunday, September 30.

Midland, one of the festival headliners, will perform poolside during a ticketed pool party at the Pink Shell Beach Resort & Marina on Fort Myers Beach from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday. All other performances are free.

Besides Pink Shell, festival venues include Cabanas Beach Bar at DiamondHead Beach Resort, Lighthouse Tiki Bar & Grill, Pierside Grill and Famous Blowfish Bar, Yucatan Beach Stand, Matanzas on the Bay, Nervous Nellie's and Pinchers Fort Myers Beach Tiki Bar.

Island Hopper is an award-winning festival. The 2017 Island Hopper Fest received three SunSational Awards through the Florida Festival & Events Association (FFEA), and the Southeast Tourism Society named Island Hopper one of the Top 20 Events.

This year's festival brings more than 75 singer-songwriters from around the country who will perform more than 100 shows. The Songwriter Fest will feature more than 30 new artists including Heidi Newfield (*Johnny & June*) and Lee Thomas Miller (*The World*, recorded by Brad Paisley) at venues on the beach.

For more information and complete schedules, visit [www.islandhopperfest.com](http://www.islandhopperfest.com) or follow the festival hashtag #islandhopperfest as well as the Twitter,



Lee Thomas Miller will perform at the Island Hopper Songwriter Fest on Fort Myers Beach photos courtesy [fortmyers-sanibel.com](http://fortmyers-sanibel.com)

Instagram and Facebook feeds.

The Heights Foundation 3rd annual **benefit golf tournament** will take place at **Heritage Palms Golf and Country Club** on Friday, September 28. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. There will be a shotgun start at 1 p.m., while the dinner, auction and awards ceremony will be at 6 p.m.

Proceeds support The Heights Center's programs that work to build strong, self-sufficient families in the Harlem Heights neighborhood of Fort Myers.

Entry fee for a foursome is \$600 and two golfers are \$300. Golfer registration deadline is September 21. For more



Midland will play at a pool party during Island Hopper Songwriter Fest

information, visit [www.heightsfoundation.org/golf](http://www.heightsfoundation.org/golf) or contact Jim Sanger at 482-7706 or [jim@heightsfoundation.org](mailto:jim@heightsfoundation.org).

The 3rd annual **Walk Like MADD and 5K** will be held at **JetBlue Park** this Saturday, September 29. Registration is from 7 to 8 a.m. Race time is 8:30 a.m. Family fun time is from 9 to 11 a.m.

Presented by Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice and Purtz, PA, the awareness and fundraising event features a one-mile walk and five-kilometer USA Track and Field-certified run ending on home plate at Fenway South in Fort Myers. After the walk and run, there will be family and pet friendly activities as well as music and food from local celebrity chefs and restaurants.

Registration fees and other contributions directly benefit victims and survivors of drunk, drugged and substance-impaired driving crashes as well as fund MADD SWFL's free informational programs.

JetBlue Park is located at 11500 Fenway South Drive in Fort Myers. For more information and to sign up, visit

[www.walklikemadd.org](http://www.walklikemadd.org).

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Lee, Charlotte and Hendry Counties will hold its 1st annual 5K walk, **NAMI Walks Southwest Florida**, at the **City of Fort Myers Pier** this Saturday, September 29 at 7 p.m. With a fundraising goal of \$75,000, the event is designed to raise awareness and funds for mental health.

All are welcome to fill the bridge in downtown Fort Myers and be a part of a movement that improves lives and communities one step at a time.

Check-in will begin at 6 p.m. at the registration tent near the corner of Hendry Street and Edwards Drive, and various activities for all ages will take place throughout the evening. Fundraising walk teams are encouraged.

There is no charge to participate. Register online at [www.namilee.org/namiwalks\\_swfl](http://www.namilee.org/namiwalks_swfl). For more information about NAMI Walks Southwest Florida or details about donating, volunteering or becoming a sponsor, visit [www.namilee.org](http://www.namilee.org).

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## IMAG To Hold Boo Bash

The IMAG History & Science Center will host a special Boo Bash during Science Saturday on October 6 from 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Guests will enjoy the opportunity to launch mini pumpkins by giant sling shot, sink their fingers into pumpkin pie play dough and see a spooky science show. Flaming, exploding pumpkins, bubbling cauldrons and fiery green tornadoes will be featured in the science show. Children in costume will be able to trick or treat with the IMAG staff. There will even be a costume-making station for those who forget a costume.

For guests interested in a special Mad Science workshop at 12:30 p.m., there are three ways to obtain entry for this first-come, first-served event:

1. Enter the IMAG Science Themed Pumpkin Carving Contest. Bring in a pumpkin carved or decorated with a science theme. One winner will receive free registration for the IMAG School's Out Camp (\$50 value).

2. Bring in a new or gently used Halloween costume for our Halloween Costume Drive. All costumes will be donated to Starz.

3. Donate at least \$10 to the IMAG Education Programs Scholarship Fund. Spooky Science Shows will be presented at 11:30 a.m. (in the IMAG theater) and 1:30 p.m. (outside).

The IMAG History and Science Center is a family-friendly destination offering fun interactive exhibits, an aquarium, history displays and a 3D theater.

The IMAG History and Science Center is located at 2000 Cranford Avenue in Fort Myers. For more information, visit [www.theimag.org](http://www.theimag.org).

## Social Media Campaign On Water Quality

The Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce Women in Business Committee (WIB) will host its October networking meeting at Cornerstone Builders of Southwest Florida on Wednesday, October 3 from 4 to 6 p.m. Event attendees will have an opportunity to hear from a panel of marketing and public relations professionals about the Southwest Florida Challenge (#SWFLChallenge), a positive social media campaign launched in response to water quality issues facing Southwest Florida that promotes patronage of local attractions.

Panelists include Teri Hansen of Priority Marketing, Connie Ramos-Williams of CONRIC PR & Marketing, Randy Mitchelson of iPartnerMedia, Angeli Chin of Veer 90 Creative and Tamara Pigott of the Lee County Visitors and Convention Bureau. Samantha Scott of Pushing the Envelope will moderate the panel.

Guests will enjoy a complimentary beverage, plus light appetizers, along with networking and a 50/50 raffle with proceeds benefitting the Women in Business Scholarship Fund. The non-profit spotlight will highlight Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida. All business professionals are invited to attend. Admission is \$10 for Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce (GFMCC) members and \$20 for future GFMCC members.

Cornerstone Builders of Southwest Florida is located at 14680 South Tamiami Trail in Fort Myers. To register, call 332-3624 or visit [www.fortmyers.org](http://www.fortmyers.org).\*

## Blessing Of The Stone Crab Fleet This Saturday

The Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet will take place at the historic Everglades Rod & Gun Club in Everglades City on Saturday, September 29. Arts & Crafts booths will welcome visitors at 10 a.m., and the opening ceremony starts at 10:30 a.m. followed by local pastors visiting each vessel to wish them well as they brave dark early mornings to collect these local delicacies.

Activities include the kiddies' frog-jumping contest, a raffle for five pounds of claws and a coconut guava cake contest with a prize of \$100 cash.

The Blessing of the Fleet is a free family-fun festival, and everyone is welcome. It is sponsored by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation dedicated to the area's unique history.

Boats are allowed to drop their traps 10 days before the official harvest starts on October 15.

The Everglades Rod & Gun Club is located at 200 Riverside Drive in Everglades City. For information, visit [www.evergladeshistorical.org](http://www.evergladeshistorical.org) or phone Marya at 695-2905.\*

Kara Sajdak and Calli Johnson.

The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.\*

## Holocaust Survivor To Speak At FSW In LaBelle

Born in Italy to a Jewish mother and a Roman Catholic father, Holocaust survivor Cesare Frustaci will share his story at the Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) Hendry/Glades Curtis Center Building A-114 on Wednesday, October 3 at 5:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

At just two years old, Frustaci's family was ordered to leave Italy. The family went to Hungary where he and his mother were forced to live inside a Yellow Star house within a Jewish ghetto. Hoping to save him, his mother sent Cesare out onto the streets with only a piece of bread and his baptismal certificate. Frustaci will share his experiences during this time as a child in the Holocaust.

Following Frustaci's presentation, Sam Parish, director of operations/educational specialist at The Holocaust Museum and Education Center, will discuss how persuasion affected the Holocaust.

Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) Hendry/Glades Curtis Center is located at 1092 East Cowboy Way in LaBelle. For more information, contact Pam Macander, senior staff assistant, at 863-674-6000.\*

## Alliance Theatre To Present A Killer Comedy

Theatre Conspiracy at the Alliance for the Arts continues its 25th consecutive theatre season with *Murderers*, a world premiere play by Jeffrey Hatcher and directed by June Koc. Shelly Sanders, Rob Green and Carolyn England star as the most delightful killers you'd ever want to meet.

Gerald, Lucy and Minka look like everyday people, and each relates to us as they would a trusted friend. But they have one dark secret in common – they're murderers.

Homicide has never been so hilarious in this quirky whodunit show. Set in Riddle Key Retirement Center in Riddle, Florida, three unlikely killers justify their crimes in the most outrageous ways.

*Murderers* opened September 27 and runs through October 7. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturdays with a new 7:30 p.m. start time and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

For theatregoers who are blind, or have moderate to severe vision loss, an audio described performance will take place during the Oct. 7 matinee. Call

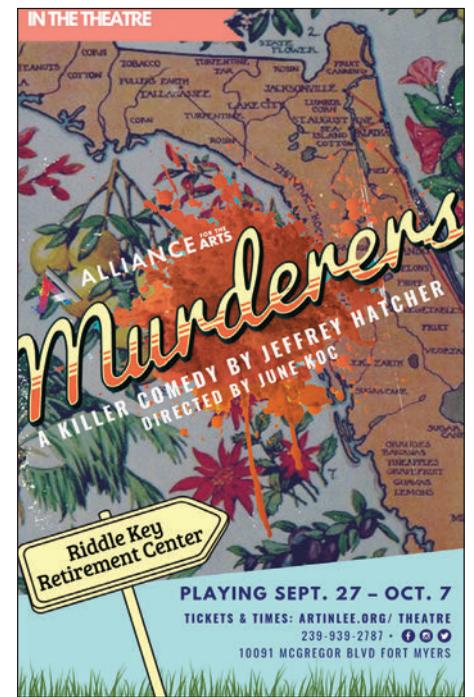


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The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. To purchase tickets or for more information, call the box office at 939-2787 or visit [www.artinlee.org/theatre](http://www.artinlee.org/theatre).\*

## Date And Time Set For Taste Of The Town

The 36th Taste of the Town will be held at the Alliance for the Arts on Sunday, November 4 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Taste of the Town is the signature fundraising event of the Junior League of Fort Myers. It began as a small "French Picnic" at several locations throughout Fort Myers, with members creating most of the menu. Now, local restaurants provide "tastes" of their best dishes at low prices to showcase their food to the public. Proceeds will benefit the volunteer mission of the 50-plus year-old service and leadership organization for women.

General admission tickets are \$10 at the event and children under age 12 are admitted free. VIP tickets are \$60 per ticket, or two tickets for \$100. Parking is free on a first-come, first-serve basis at surrounding business. Signs will designate available parking areas.

"We are thrilled to be hosting our 36th Taste of the Town at Alliance for the Arts this fall" said Emily Frost, committee co-chair for the event. "Taste of the Town allows the Junior League of Fort Myers to share with the community our mission of developing the potential of women in Southwest Florida."

Joining Frost is a dedicated committee of eight Junior League volunteers, including committee co-chair Samantha Didio, Laura Richardson, Megan Postiglione, Chelsea Davis, Crystal Goetz,

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## ARC Saves 26 Dogs And Cats From Hurricane

The Animal Refuge Center in North Fort Myers took in 19 cats and seven dogs this morning from Fairfield County Animal Control in Williston, South Carolina. Had a safe place not been found for these animals before Hurricane Florence makes landfall, they would have been euthanized.

"I think having Irma so fresh in our memories and knowing what it was like to be hunkered down here with all our animals on property, not knowing how bad storm surge can be... we had no other choice but to step up," said ARC Board Trustee Laura Braun.

Brother Wolf Animal Rescue provided the transportation, driving 12 straight hours overnight. The ARC has teamed up with Brother Wolf before to save animals in harm's way.

The ARC set up an intake process in advance of the animals arriving. Each was cleaned up, fed and examined once at the

shelter. Some are known to have heartworm, and one is pregnant. The animals will now spend 10 days in a medical quarantine before being evaluated for adoption.

"Anything we can do to help out animals in need is our ultimate goal. It's great to see we can have an impact," Braun said.

The Animal Refuge Center is Southwest Florida's largest no-kill shelter and vows that once an animal is accepted for adoption, it will not be destroyed to make room for another.✽

## College Night Set For October 3

High school students interested in furthering their education after graduation can attend the School District of Lee County's 2018 College Night at Florida SouthWestern State College on Wednesday, October 3 from 6 to 8 p.m.

College Night is designed to give 11th and 12th grade students the chance to meet representatives from more than 100 colleges, universities and technical schools and determine which meet their needs and interests. Come prepared with questions and leave with information to help make the choice that is best for you.

Suncoast Credit Union will help to defer the cost of the event with a generous grant. Suncoast Credit Union Arena at FSW is located at 13351 FSW Parkway in Fort Myers.

Security will conduct bag checks at the door. Outside food and drink are prohibited.✽

## Registration Open For 5K For United Way

Registration is open for the 7th annual LCEC Goblin Gallop 5K Walk/Run benefiting the United Way of Lee, Hendy, Glades and Okeechobee counties. This year's race will be held at the Lee Civic Center on Saturday, October 27. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. and the race starts at 7:30 a.m.

A Kids Fun Run for children age 12 and younger will immediately follow the 5K. Cost is \$25 for ages 18 and older before October 10 and \$30 thereafter, \$20 for ages 13 to 17 and \$30 after October 10, and \$15 for the Kids Fun Run.

All 5K participants registered before October 10 will receive a race shirt and gift bag. All children registered before October 10 will receive a race shirt and ribbon. Participants who register after October 10 will receive shirts and bags as supplies last. Packet pickup will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Smoothie King at 1806 Del Prado Boulevard South in Cape Coral.

Lee Civic Center is located at 11831 Bayshore Road in North Fort Myers. For race and sponsorship information, visit [www.lcec.net/sitepages/5k.aspx](http://www.lcec.net/sitepages/5k.aspx), [www.athlinks.com/event/lcec-goblin-gallop-5k-for-united-way-240151](http://www.athlinks.com/event/lcec-goblin-gallop-5k-for-united-way-240151) or call 656-2380.✽

## Churches/Temples

### ALL FAITHS UNITARIAN CONGREGATION

Sunday 10:30 a.m., 2756 McGregor Boulevard, [allfaiths-uc.org](http://allfaiths-uc.org), 226-0900.

### ALL SAINTS BYZANTINE RITE CATHOLIC

Sunday 10:30 a.m. 10291 Bayshore Road, 305-651-0991.

### ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX

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

### BAT YAM-TEMPLE OF THE ISLANDS

Friday Shabbat at 7 p.m. 2050 Periwinkle Way. [www.batyam.org](http://www.batyam.org) 579-0296.

### BETH SHILOH MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE

Friday 8 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. 15675 McGregor Boulevard, 437-3171.

### BIBLESHARE

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

### BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRIES

Sunday 10:30 a.m. 16581 McGregor Boulevard, 267-3166.

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### CHAPEL OF CYPRESS COVE

Sunday 10 a.m. 10200 Cypress Cove Circle, [revtedalhouse@aol.com](mailto:revtedalhouse@aol.com), 850-3943.

### CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Sunday 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. 13500 Freshman Lane, 768-2188.

### CONGREGATIONAL

Sunday 10:30 a.m. 1619 Llewellyn Drive, [taecc.com](http://taecc.com), 334-4978.

### COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

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

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Sunday 9:45 and 11 a.m., 7 p.m.;

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. 8400 Cypress Lake Drive, 481-5442.

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

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Sunday 10:30 a.m., 5916 Winkler Road, 437-4330.

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Sunday 10 a.m., 8210 College Parkway, 482-3133.

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Saturday 5 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.; Tuesday 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday 9:30 a.m. 9650 Gladiolus Drive, 454-4778.

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

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Sunday 10:30 a.m. 2154 McGregor Boulevard, 218-8343.

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Sunday 7:45 and 10 a.m. 19691 Cypress View Drive, [lambogodchurch.net](http://lambogodchurch.net), 267-3525.

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Friday 6:30 and 7 p.m. 8505 Jenny Cae Lane, [nbcministry@embarqmail.com](mailto:nbcministry@embarqmail.com), [facebook.com/nbcministry](http://facebook.com/nbcministry), 656-0416.

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Monthly 9 a.m. 1900 Park Meadows Drive, [newcovenanteyes.com](http://newcovenanteyes.com), 220-8519.

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Sunday 11 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m. 16120 San Carlos Boulevard, Unit 10, 985-8503.

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Sunday 10:30 a.m. [www.17671PineRidgeRoad.com](http://www.17671PineRidgeRoad.com), 267-7400.

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Sunday 8 and 10 a.m. 15840 McGregor Boulevard, [www.peaceftmyers.com](http://www.peaceftmyers.com), [peaceftmyers.com](http://peaceftmyers.com), 437-2599.

### REDEEMER LUTHERAN

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

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Sunday 10 a.m. 3049 McGregor Boulevard, 344-0012.

### SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN

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

### SAINT NICHOLAS MONASTERY

Sunday 9:30 a.m. 111 Evergreen Road, [saintnicholasmonastery.org](http://saintnicholasmonastery.org), 997-2847.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC

Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.; Saturday 4 p.m.; Sunday 9 and 11 a.m. 13031 Palm Beach Boulevard, 693-0818.

### SOUTHWEST BAPTIST

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

### TEMPLE BETHEL SYNAGOGUE

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

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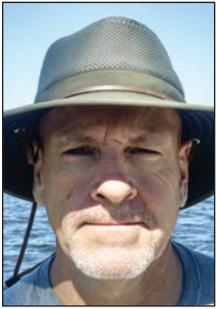
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CROW Case Of The Week:

# Cooper's Hawk

by Bob Petcher



A Cooper's hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*) is a medium-sized hawk that is about the size of a crow. Like many other birds of prey, males are generally smaller than females. Both

genders do have long tails and small but strongly hooked bills.

An adult Copper's hawk has reddish eyes compared to a juvenile's yellow eyes. Adults also have more mature upperparts with reddish-banded chests in contrast to juveniles' brown upperparts and brown-streaking, white underparts.

Copper's hawks sport a flap-flap-glide flight pattern, not a consistent flapping sequence. The wing beats become more aggressive if this hawk is in pursuit of prey. This hawk doesn't mind crashing through tree branches in pursuit of birds, its primary source of food. In fact, Copper's hawks are not known to be fish-eaters. They prefer mourning doves, jays, robins, pigeons or game birds such as grouse, pheasants and quail. While smaller birds are usually not targeted, the so-called chicken hawk does attack small mammals like mice, squirrels or chipmunks, rabbit and bats.

At CROW, an adult Cooper's hawk

was admitted to the clinic from Cape Coral on September 20. The finder reportedly discovered the hawk on the ground in his backyard. Its wings had been splayed for more than 12 hours.

When the patient arrived at the clinic, it received diagnostic tests including an intake exam, radiographs and blood work. The intake exam did not reveal any obvious signs of trauma, but the hawk was a bit thin, dehydrated and unable to stand. X-rays did not show any broken bones or other abnormalities. Blood work was noted to be within normal limits, which was said to reduce the chance that toxicity, such as rodenticide, was the issue.

While red tide poisoning was not totally ruled out, it does seem unlikely, according to Dr. Malka Spektor, CROW veterinary intern.

"No testing was done to look for brevetoxicosis, but it would be extremely unlikely because Cooper's hawks eat birds and small mammals, not fish or shellfish," she said shortly after the patient's intake. "It is still on the list of possibilities, but very low down."

CROW medical officials believe that the hawk possibly experienced some kind of trauma, leaving it temporarily stunned. It was given fluids, started on a re-feeding plan and given some time to rest. It was reassessed daily for further neurological symptoms.

"Wild birds are very good at hiding signs of pain or injury as a survival mechanism," said Dr. Spektor. "As far as visual signs of trauma, if they are there, we generally find them through physical



Patient #18-3731 appears to have recovered from a traumatic experience

photo by Brian Bohman

examination and radiographs.

"Generally, a patient that is temporarily stunned will recover within 24 to 48 hours. The patient has shown neurologic improvement, and is now using its feet more than it was on intake. No other neurologic symptoms have developed."

After more tests, medical treatment and rest during the weekend, the patient appears to be doing much better.

"Based on the diagnostics, we were able to eliminate a number of potential causes. It is most likely that the hawk sustained some swelling near its spine as the result of a trauma, such as a window

strike. As the swelling reduced, it was able to regain function of its legs," said Dr. Spektor. "After the weekend, the hawk has shown great improvement and is not only standing, but is also flying. It will likely be released in the next couple of days."

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

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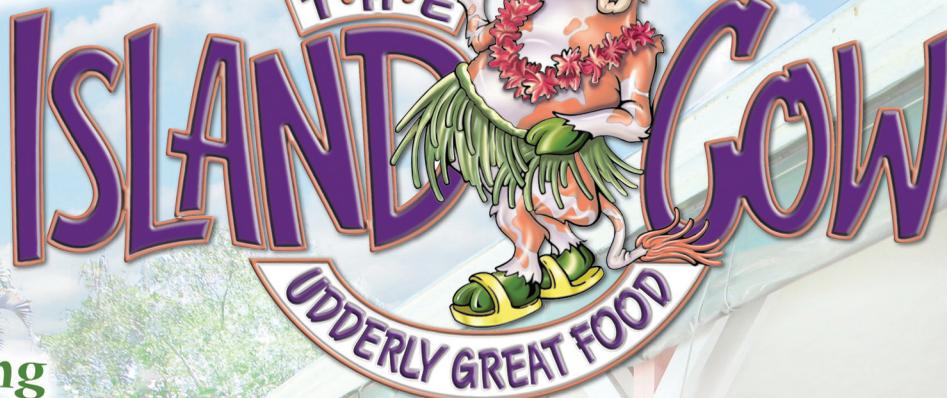
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# Life Rebounds In The Sound



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

This week proved to be one of the more memorable weeks of fishing on the sound than I have had in months. Bait birds and feeding fish have returned and,

for now, things are looking so much better. In the middle sound just past Red Light Shoals, schools of feeding ladyfish and diving birds were a very welcome sight of normality.

Fishing with longtime clients, the Naylor family from England, we went and gave shark fishing a go. After heading up to Rocky Channel on the low incoming tide, it did not take long to catch our first shark of the day. We caught blacktip sharks in the three- to four-foot range, basically one after another, as we watched quite a few tarpon rolling around the boat. About an hour into the trip, Gary Naylor was lucky enough to hook one of these tarpon that made a crazy long run and had us thinking it was another shark until it leaped sky high. After chasing this fish around, Gary did a great job and managed to mark tarpon off his bucket list.

With all the schools of ladyfish and bait in the sound, the fall run of tarpon

we get to enjoy should only get better and better. Once you locate these fish, you can generally return to them day after day or as long as the conditions remain the same. Fall tarpon fishing is my favorite fishing of the whole year as not only do these fish have very little angler pressure, they seem to feed better as they are packing on fat before the water temperature drops and they migrate south.

Taking a stay-cation this weekend and heading up to Little Palm Island for a few days, I had a chance to see not only the condition of Pine Island Sound but also Charlotte Harbor and Lemon Bay. From Sanibel Lighthouse all the way north to Boca Grande, it was dead fish free and odor free. Once past Boca Grande, things were not so great at the northern most point of our trip, Lemon Bay. It was full of dead fish and the strong smell of red tide. Riding outside down the beach of Gasparilla and Little Palm Island, the red tide was really bad with cloudy water and no life.

Although Southwest Florida is far from being done with this nasty red tide, the sound seems like it has rebounded for now, although there are areas to our north that are not so lucky. Don't lose hope! Get back out on the water and enjoy some of our fabulous fall fishing.

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



Gary Naylor's bucket list tarpon comes boat side while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week photo provided

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## Plant Smart

## American Evergreen

by Gerri Reaves

American evergreen (*Syngonium podophyllum*) is a member of the Arum family and one of the most recognizable of traditional houseplants. Its relatives include elephant ear and anthurium.

Credit this vine's decades of popularity to an ability to grow and spread so easily – the same characteristics that helped it to become a category-1 invasive pest plant in Florida.

The Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council defines category-1 species as ones that “are altering native plant communities by displacing native species, changing community structures or ecological functions, or hybridizing with natives.” The definition is based on “the documented ecological damage caused.”

Nearby Miami-Dade County has taken a firm stand on American evergreen and labeled it a “controlled landscape plant,” meaning that it cannot be planted within 500 feet of native plant communities because of its invasive potential.

A native of Central America, this fast-growing succulent vine is an epiphyte, or air plant.

Epiphytes are not parasites; they use their supporting plants as platforms to gather sunlight and nutrients. Orchids are among the best known epiphytes.

American evergreen develops fleshy stems that can be wrist-thick and quickly climbs trees with aerial roots. Its weight can threaten native trees with toppling.

It also can shade out natives and is known to be a particular threat to several endangered native ferns.

When restricted to the ground, it forms a thick cover that can overtake other plants.

One of its distinctive features is the difference between young and old leaves. Young arrowhead-shaped leaves inspire an alternate common name, arrowhead vine. At that stage, the plant is also called *Nephtytis*.

Older leaves, on the other hand, have three to five leaflets on long stems. Mature leaves can develop a whorl of up to 12 lance-shaped leaflets with the largest one in the center.

Leaves are large and all green or



**Invasive thick-stemmed American evergreen easily climbs trees, which can topple under the vine's weight in the treetops**

photos by Gerri Reaves

sometimes variegated in lighter grayish green. Many cultivars exist.

The rooting stems and the leaves exude a milky sap that can irritate the skin.

Contributing to the plant's popularity is its ability to grow even in bad conditions, such as low light and poor soil. Specimens kept indoors with little light retain the arrowhead-shaped leaves in a perpetual youth.

It blooms infrequently, but when it does, the whitish or greenish flowers are similar in structure to those of spathe lily (*Spathiphyllum*) or anthurium (*Anthurium andreaeanum*) – a fleshy spike embedded with flowers and sheathed in bracts.

This vine easily roots from cuttings, but given its invasive status, think twice about propagating it. It is not recommended for landscape use in Florida.

If it's in your yard, consider removing it, taking care to properly dispose of all plant parts that might propagate.

Sources: *Five Hundred Plants of South Florida* by Julia F. Morton, *Florida Landscape Plants* by John V. Watkins and Thomas J. Sheehan, [www.edis.ifas.ufl.edu](http://www.edis.ifas.ufl.edu); and <https://mrec.ifas.ufl.edu>.

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



The stems, leaves, and roots of this epiphyte exude a milky sap that can irritate the skin

## Fundraiser For Red Tide Solutions

DataPartners will be the lead sponsor of a charity event set to raise funds and awareness for Captains for Clean Water, a nonprofit organization dedicated to finding science-based solutions to Florida's red tide crisis, at the St. James Bay Golf Club on October 5 and 6.

The Pars for a Purpose event will include outdoor music and a banquet dinner on the first day and a charity golf tournament and awards ceremony on day two.

“Captains for Clean Water is doing a fantastic job of spreading awareness and influencing politicians on the need to solve this crisis,” says Jody Pelfrey, co-owner of DataPartners, a database marketing company headquartered in Southwest Florida. “We're proud to support Captains for Clean Water, and are invested in finding a solution since we see the tragedy of red tide here locally every day.”

Captains for Clean Water advocates for restoration of the natural flow of Lake Okeechobee water south into the Everglades to prevent the ecological and financial disaster caused on Florida's coasts by blue-green algae and red tide blooms. The organization started out as a group of fishing guides from Fort Myers and has become a leader in the grassroots movement to end the ecological devastation resulting from Lake Okeechobee discharges.

“I was born and raised in Fort Myers and fished here since I was old enough to walk,” said Pelfrey, who was shocked by the destruction of fish and wildlife he witnessed this summer. “I felt compelled to do something because I've never seen it this bad.”

To register for Pars for a Purpose, visit [www.captainsforcleanwater.org/pars-for-a-purpose-golf-tournament](http://www.captainsforcleanwater.org/pars-for-a-purpose-golf-tournament).

St. James Bay Golf Club is located at 151 Laughing Gull Lane in Carabelle, Florida, about 50 miles south of Tallahassee. For more information about DataPartners, visit [www.datapartners.com](http://www.datapartners.com).✽

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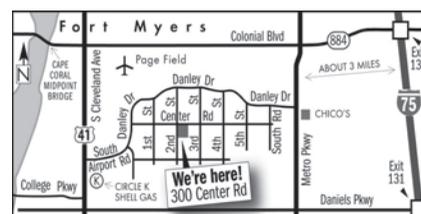
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# Celebrity Chef Tour Dinner Returns To Il Cielo

The award-winning Il Cielo restaurant on Sanibel will host its second James Beard Foundation (JBF) Celebrity Chef Tour Dinner on Thursday, November 29. The tour brings a taste of what happens at the James Beard House in New York City to more than 20 cities across the country each year. Tickets for the two-night event will go on sale soon.

Hosted by Il Cielo's Chef Melissa Akin, the dinner begins with a cocktail reception featuring Tito's Vodka and hors d'oeuvres from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., followed by a one-night-only, multi-course dinner with wine pairings. JBF nominees will be preparing specialty and signature dishes during each course. The culinary experience ends with a decadent dessert course by Pastry Chef Lev Dalke, who graduated from The French Pastry School in Chicago.

"The opportunity for us to host a second James Beard Celebrity Chef Tour event at Il Cielo is something we are looking forward to," said Marcus Preece, Il Cielo's general manager. "For just one night, we will be hosting award-winning chefs from across the country who, in turn, put together a six-course meal that everyone can enjoy." This year will also feature a chef meet and greet on Wednesday, November 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The James Beard Foundation's mission is to celebrate, nurture and honor chefs



**Chef Melissa Akin** photos provided



**Chef Ed Sura**

and other leaders making America's food culture more delicious, diverse and sustainable for everyone.

Participating JBF nominee chefs include Pat Sheerin (City Mouse, Ace Hotel, Chicago), Ed Sura (Hai, Austin), Paul Virant (Vie, Western Springs, Illinois and Vistro, Hinsdale, Illinois), and Andrew Zimmerman (Sepia and Proxi, Chicago).

For more information, visit [www.ilcielosanibel.com](http://www.ilcielosanibel.com) or [www.jamesbeard.org/events/sanibel-island-fl-2](http://www.jamesbeard.org/events/sanibel-island-fl-2).



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## Rotary Club Promotes Literacy In Lee County

In the very early stages of learning, a dictionary can serve as a significant tool and quick reference book for young students. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Fort Myers South and Rotary District 6960, third graders will be gifted with the power of words on Friday, October 12 at elementary schools across Lee County in celebration of the 19th annual Dictionary Day.

Rotarians will distribute almost 900 brand-new English and Spanish dictionaries to students at five different elementary schools. The project aims to help third graders complete the school year as respectable writers, active readers and creative thinkers. The usefulness of a dictionary goes beyond the spellings,

pronunciations and definitions it lists. Young students can benefit from an increased self-reliance and resourcefulness inspired by the saying, "look it up." It's an opportunity for students to expand their vocabulary.

This project has been in place for over a decade and has been made possible through the tireless efforts of the Rotarians who have made a personal commitment to improving literacy and the quality of life in Southwest Florida.

Dictionaries will be distributed at the following schools in Fort Myers: Colonial Elementary School at 3800 Schoolhouse Road; Heights Elementary School at 15200 Alexandria Court; Orangewood Elementary School at 4001 Deleon Street; Ray V. Pottorf Elementary School at 4600 Challenger Boulevard; and Tanglewood Riverside Elementary School at 1620 Manchester Boulevard.

For more information, contact James Applegate at 281-1223 or visit [www.rotarysouth.org/calendar](http://www.rotarysouth.org/calendar).

## Symphony Hires New General Manager

Susan Anderson has been appointed as the general manager of the Southwest Florida Symphony. Her career in orchestra management has stretched over 30 years.

Anderson graduated from the College of William and Mary and received a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University. She began her career in New York with the prestigious *Live from Lincoln Center* broadcast and as assistant orchestra manager at the New York Philharmonic.

Anderson has worked for the Cleveland Orchestra and spent many years with the Baltimore Symphony. She has managed dozens of symphony tours, both domestic and abroad, including tours of the former Soviet Union, Europe, Asia and South America, with orchestras from Cleveland, New York, Baltimore, San Francisco, Indianapolis, and Atlanta as well as the Boston Pops. Since 2011, Anderson served as general manager of the Santa Barbara Symphony in California where she worked closely with Southwest Florida Symphony maestro Nir Kabaretti before his local appointment. Earlier this year, Anderson was interim general manager of the Atlanta Symphony.

Anderson states, "I'm so excited to



Susan Anderson photo provided

be close to my family here in Fort Myers now, and to be part of the Southwest Florida Symphony. I can hardly wait to begin working with Maestro Kabaretti, our great musicians and staff, and to continue the incredible performances we have all enjoyed." She will join the symphony full-time on November 5.

The Southwest Florida Symphony is the only professional symphony orchestra in Lee County and one of the oldest on Florida's Gulf Coast. For more information, visit [www.swflso.org](http://www.swflso.org).

## Hodges Official Named To Lighthouse Board

Lighthouse of SWFL Inc. has appointed Chip McElroy, MFA, to its foundation board.

"My family has been involved with and supported this organization for a few years, and my wife works with students with disabilities, so I decided it was time to get involved," McElroy said.

McElroy is the program chair and associate professor of digital design and graphics in the Fisher School of Technology at Hodges University.

Lighthouse of SWFL is a non-profit, vision rehabilitation agency, whose mission is to enable people of all ages living with a visual impairment or blindness to remain independent, active and productive in society. Classes include safe cooking, Braille, orientation and mobility, technology using iPhones and iPads, art classes, ballroom dance and more.



Chip McElroy photo provided

## LARC Receives \$2,500 Grant For Program

Rotary Club of Fort Myers recently awarded LARC a \$2,500 grant to purchase equipment needed to complete an engraving enterprise for their Adult Day Training Workshop program.

LARC (Lee Association for Remarkable Citizens) has been serving

the needs of individuals impacted by intellectual and developmental disabilities since 1954 and provides specialized training so clients can live, work and participate in their communities to the fullest extent that their capabilities allow.

"We are so grateful for the Rotary Club of Fort Myers" said Angela Katz, development director for LARC. "LARC enterprises provide opportunities that help people attain their highest levels of capabilities and independence. The new engraving enterprise will provide skills

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Book Review

# When Life Gives You Lululemons



by Di Saggau

Few can forget *The Devil Wears Prada* by Lauren Weisberger. It was made into a fabulous movie, and now the author is back with *When Life Gives You Lululemons*, which picks up where *Prada* left off.

Emily Charlton has left *Runway* magazine, moved to Los Angeles, where she is chain-smoking, depressed and dissatisfied with her career as a celebrity stylist and image consultant. She knows everyone from the Kardashians to the Clooneys, but she's not a happy camper. The novel opens with her watching her husband, Miles, standing in an infinity pool with a topless girl on his shoulders.

Emily gets a phone call that ends up taking her to New York on a publicity emergency for one of her clients, a rapper named Rizzo, who is a real piece of work. She visits her friend Miriam, a married mother of two in Greenwich, Connecticut, who enlists Emily's help for a former supermodel named Karolina Hartwell, who has been charged with DUI. Karolina has been wrongly accused. Her husband is a handsome senator from New York, and the bad publicity

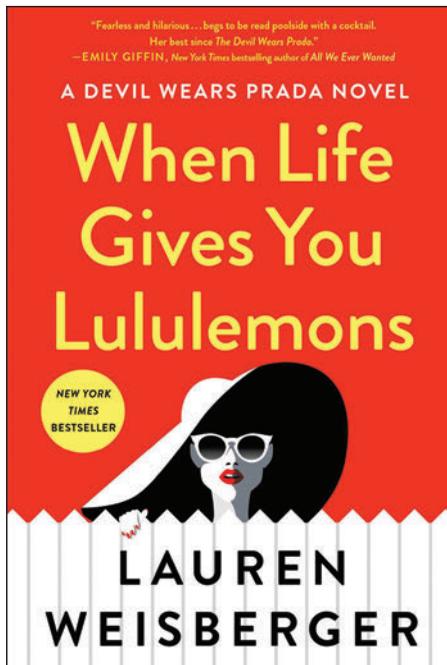


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jeopardizes his presidential aspirations so he wants to dump Karolina, which will cause her to lose custody of a stepson she adores.

Emily has lost a few clients and is hopeless with social media. She needs a big opportunity. Emily finds her comeback opportunity in Karolina. Emily, Karolina and Miriam band together to navigate the social land mines of suburban Greenwich. They reveal the truths and the lies that simmer just below the glittering surface. Along the way, an indispensable ally emerges in

one Miranda Priestly.

So many designer labels fill *Lululemons* that it's like *CliffNotes* for the upper class. Frette makes the best towels, Matouk are the chic sheets, et cetera. Emily is introduced to "sip 'n' see parties," where the Greenwich housewives sip wine in honor of a newborn, but the baby never makes an appearance. Emily gets a real education

at these parties.

*When Life Gives You Lululemons* gives readers an alluring look into a sexy, over-the-top world, with Weisberger's signature wit. I sure loved the book and hope it's made into a movie. Did anyone else have to Google Lululemons to see what they were? It's never too late to learn something new.\*

## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

### Dear Readers,

This is the final article about homework, at least for a while, and it's about writing a homework contract with your child. It

can be hard to get on the same page with your child about everyday trouble spots like homework and numerous other behaviors like cell phone use. But when you both develop and agree to something in writing, sticking with it can be much easier.

Homework contracts should be written as formal documents with specific behaviors clearly outlined for each party as well as rewards and consequences for following or not following the contract. Both parents and child should sign the document and include a review date as well.

Here is a sample document for elementary-aged students adapted from [www.understood.org](http://www.understood.org) that may be helpful in writing your own contract.

This contract between "child's name" and "parents' names" and begins on \_\_. We agree to look at it again after \_\_ weeks.

### For Student To Fill Out

Getting Ready for Homework (check all that apply) I will:

Write assignments in my notebook.  
Put worksheets in my homework folder.

Check to make sure I have the materials I need before I leave school.

Ask my teacher if I can't remember what the homework assignment is.

Doing My Homework (check all that apply) I will:

Work at the spot we've chosen for homework.

Let my parent know if I need more or new materials.

Stick to this homework schedule (write in times)

Spend at least \_\_ minutes on my homework.

Take a \_\_ minute break if I get frustrated or can't concentrate.

Ask for help only after I try to do my homework on my own.

Getting My Homework to School (check all that apply) I will:

Ask my parent to check over my homework.

Pack my homework in my homework folder and backpack.

Put my supplies back where they belong.

### For Parents To Fill Out

I will (check all that apply):

Check my child's assignment notebook daily.

Provide the necessary supplies.

Provide a quiet area as a homework spot.

Be available to answer questions during homework time. If I cannot be available, I will make sure my child knows who will be able to answer questions as they come up.

Help my child as needed by demonstrating how to find the answers and providing guidance.

Check in with my child's teacher about any questions or concerns that come up during homework time.

Allow my child to take breaks as needed.

Check over homework when it's done.

Provide the rewards or consequences agreed to in this contract.

### Rewards and Consequences

For following this contract and finishing my homework, I will get the following rewards:

At the end of the day:

At the end of the week:

If we don't follow this contract and I don't get my homework done, the consequences will be:

For student:

For parents:

Signatures and date.

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## LARC Grant

training on a whole new level, ultimately opening new doors of opportunities for people with disabilities."

"This new equipment offers so many benefits" said Kevin Lewis, executive director for LARC. "LARC's Workshop program prepares individuals for the workplace through paid on the job training, the engraving enterprise will expand this program allowing participants to engrave and create custom products while earning competitive wages."

To learn more about how you can help or about LARC, contact Katz at 334-6285 ext. 229 or visit [www.larccounty.org](http://www.larccounty.org).\*

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*Women Who Made a Difference in the City's Development*

By Robin C. Tuthill and Thomas P. Hall

"Packed with facts and employing an engaging storytelling style, [Female Pioneers of Fort Myers] both teaches and entertains. Local history buffs and newcomers to history will value Tuthill and Hall's research and appreciate the accessible format, too."

Geri Reaves, PhD, author of *Legendary Locals of Fort Myers* and *Fort Myers, Then & Now*

## Lawyers Association President Sworn In

Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, PA Attorney Traci McKee was recently sworn in as president of the Florida Defense Lawyers Association (FDLA) at its annual meeting in Boca Raton, Florida. McKee is the first female president in over a decade. The FDLA is comprised of thousands of attorneys and industry professionals who come together to form a strong alliance that promotes fairness and justice in the civil justice system for all parties.

Michael Corso, McKee's mentor and chair of the firm's Tort & Insurance Litigation Department as well as a past president of FDLA, stated "we hired Traci in 2007 after she served as an intern in between terms at Stetson Law School. We felt she was a rising star then, and she certainly has exceeded all our expectations. We are confident that she will continue to do so as president of FDLA." Former FDLA President Francisco Ramos stated "Traci has been a game changer for the FDLA. I can't wait to see her lead the organization as president. Mark my words. It's going to be revolutionary."

McKee's practice focuses on defending individuals, corporations, insurance companies and governmental entities in professional malpractice, premises liability, product liability and an array of personal injury and property claims. She is known as the "lawyer's lawyer," representing attorneys and law firms in malpractice and grievance matters, and represents several local school boards and organizations with custody of children. In addition, McKee represents clients in



**Traci McKee** photo provided  
appeals and has argued before the Florida Supreme Court. McKee also serves as treasurer of the Southwest Florida Federal Court Bar Association.

McKee has been recognized for her professional achievements, including being named as an Up and Comer by *Florida Trend Magazine's* Legal Elite (2016-17), recognized by *Florida Super Lawyers* magazine as a Rising Star (2010-18) and earned the highest AV rating by Martindale Hubbell. She was also honored with the James A. Dixon Young Lawyer of the Year Award from the Florida Defense Lawyers Association (2010-11).

McKee graduated valedictorian of Stetson University College of Law (JD, summa cum laude, 2007) after receiving her undergraduate degree from the University of North Florida (BBA, summa cum laude, 2000).✪

## Volunteers Sought For Income Tax Assistance

The United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee is seeking volunteer tax preparers, interpreters and greeters to help the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites during the 2018 tax season. An orientation and training class for new volunteers will be offered on Saturday, November 17 at Florida Gulf Coast University. For tax professionals or experienced volunteers, an online training and certification tool is available.

With the support of trained, IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers, VITA sites provide free tax preparation to individuals and families earning less than \$66,000 per year throughout the five county area of Lee, Hendry, Glades, Okeechobee and Charlotte counties.

Volunteers of all ages and levels of experience are welcome, though all volunteers need to be comfortable working with a computer. There is a special need for bilingual Spanish speakers. Flexible hours are available January through April. Volunteers will receive specialized IRS

certified training including learning how to prepare basic tax returns, using online tax preparation software, and learning about tax deductions and earned income tax credits that benefit eligible taxpayers. In addition, experienced agents, certified financial planners and non-credentialed tax return preparers can earn continuing education credits when volunteering as a VITA tax preparer.

"For the past 11 years, VITA volunteers have made a real difference in the lives of people in our community," said Cliff Smith, president of United Way. "Volunteers who come back year after year tell us the VITA program is very rewarding because they connect with members of our community and empower families to achieve economic success."

Last year, 150 volunteers helped file nearly 5,000 federal tax returns, bringing over \$6.7 million dollars in federal tax refunds back to the local community through the United Way VITA program. In addition, United Way VITA clients saved the cost of tax preparation by a commercial service which totaled over \$1.2 million.

Interested volunteers can register online at [www.unitedwaylee.org/become-vita-volunteer](http://www.unitedwaylee.org/become-vita-volunteer), contact Patrice Cunningham at [patrice@unitedwaylee.org](mailto:patrice@unitedwaylee.org) or call 433-7557.✪

## Home Watch Conference Comes To Area

Home Watch experts from across the U.S. and Canada will gather in Southwest Florida for the inaugural International Home Watch Alliance conference at the Holiday Inn Fort Myers Airport from November 2 to 4. Cost is \$499 per person until October 12 and \$599 after that date. To register, visit [www.ihwalliance.org](http://www.ihwalliance.org).

"This is the first conference of its kind for Home Watch business owners and allied professionals who serve seasonal homeowners," said Diane Pisani, co-founder of the nonprofit International Home Watch Alliance. "Home Watch is one of the fastest-growing professions in Southwest Florida, and the alliance is the leader in advocacy, professional development and ethics."

A Home Watch educator and advocate, Pisani has trained more than 500 Home Watch professionals and is the author of *The Ultimate Home Watch Interview Guide*, an essential guide to help residents find the right Home Watch professional. Years of first-hand experience in the business led her to co-found the International Home Watch Alliance, a professional organization created to establish standards in an unregulated industry.

"Florida won't let a barber cut your hair without a license, but the Home Watch profession is completely unregulated,"



**Diane Pisani** photo provided

Pisani said. "Members of the International Home Watch Alliance adhere to ethical and professional guidelines that give consumers confidence that they're hiring the best certified Home Watch reporters."

The conference will include presentations by leading Home Watch authorities in areas such as sales, management software, legal issues, insurance, marketing, media and industry trends.

The Holiday Inn Fort Myers Airport is located at 9931 Interstate Commerce Drive in Fort Myers. For more information, visit [www.ihwalliance.org](http://www.ihwalliance.org), email [info@ihwalliance.org](mailto:info@ihwalliance.org) or call 707-4296.✪



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## Financial Focus

# Have You Planned For Long-Term Care?



by Jennifer Basey

**I**f you are fortunate, you will retain your physical and mental capacities throughout your life and can always live independently. But there are no guarantees for any of us. If you ever

require some form of long-term care, will you be prepared?

So what is the risk of needing long-term care services? According to the Department of Health & Human Services, about 40 percent of individuals over age 65 receive some form of paid in-home care, with an average care period lasting less than one year. However, about one-third of the population receives care in a nursing home: Of those individuals, about half stay less than one year, 30 percent stay between one and three years, and 20 percent stay longer than five years.

And, unfortunately, this care can be expensive. For example, it costs \$97,500 per year, on average, for a private room in a nursing home, according to the 2017 Cost of Care Survey produced by Genworth, an insurance company. In some major metropolitan areas, the cost is much higher. Furthermore, Medicare typically pays only a small percentage of these expenses.

So, how do you protect yourself against these potentially catastrophic

costs? Essentially, you have four options:

**Self-insure** – You can try to build enough financial assets to cover the costs of a long-term care event. However, you would need to accumulate an extremely large sum to fully protect yourself, and you'd be diverting assets that could be used to help fund your retirement.

**Long-term care insurance** – A traditional long-term care (LTC) insurance policy will pay for qualified long-term care costs. The younger you are when you purchase your policy, the lower your annual premiums are likely to be. Keep in mind, though, that a basic LTC policy offers no death benefit or cash value – your premiums are only paying for a nursing home stay, home health care or other type of long-term care service. (Also, even a good LTC policy will include a waiting period before the insurance kicks in and a maximum amount of coverage, such as three years.)

**Hybrid/linked benefit insurance** – Because of some concerns about paying for insurance but never needing care with traditional long-term care insurance, this type of insurance provides a death benefit plus long-term care coverage. You can accelerate the death benefit to help pay for long-term care costs, and you can also choose to create an additional pool for these costs after the death benefit has been exhausted. But if you don't need long-term care, you still have the life insurance death benefit. Due to the death benefit, your premiums will be higher than those of a traditional long-term care policy.

**Life insurance with long-term care/chronic illness rider** – By choosing a permanent life insurance policy with this rider, you can accelerate all or part of the death benefit to pay for long-term care costs. (Your death benefit will then be reduced.) This option generally provides more flexibility in paying premiums than

a hybrid policy, which may require a larger dollar commitment. Similar to hybrid, you still have the life insurance benefit if you don't need care.

Which option is best for you? There's no one "right" answer for everyone, but a financial professional can help you choose the method that's most appropriate for your situation. And from an economic standpoint – and possibly an

## Superior Interiors

## Spruce Up Your Front Entryway

by Marcia Feeney



**T**he front entryway of a home makes the first impression on guests, neighbors and passers-by. There is simply no excuse to neglect this space. With the daily activities of friends and

neighbors passing your home, it is vital to put forth the effort to make the front entryway just as endearing and welcoming as the main attraction.

Take advantage of seasonal splendors and spruce up your entryway by using nature as your inspiration. Transform your outdoor space and give your neighbors something to talk about, with a few helpful hints.

If the stairs and railings are outdated and make the rest of the space look uninviting, now's the time for an upgrade. A more modern finish on both pieces can bring the front entryway back to life. If you'd rather not turn this into a large project, just spruce up the current setup. A fresh coat of paint or an arrangement

emotional one, too – you may be better off by taking action sooner, rather than later.

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of fresh flowers can easily transform the stairwell.

Beyond functionality, lighting can make or break the mood of your front entryway. If the single pendant light fixture isn't doing it for you anymore, consider a different style, such as sconces. Add some flare by stringing lights through the railing to guide guests up to your home.

A bright, beautiful bench is a staple front entryway piece – if space allows for it, of course. If there is no room to accommodate a full bench, add a small chair with a stool that acts as a side table.

What better way to welcome guests with open arms than by embracing the natural elements in front entryway decor? Plant fresh, seasonal flowers in the flower bed. Place potted plants near the doorway or pick up a few hanging arrangements from the local florist. Don't forget to hang a gorgeous wreath on the front door. This is a simple way to freshen up an entryway, just make sure to regularly maintain the greenery.

Beyond the natural features, don't forget about the accent pieces that complete the entryway. A welcome mat that greets guests at the door, or a sign that can be seen from the edge of the driveway can emphasize the desired feeling of an inviting oasis.

*Marcia Feeney is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at [marcia@coindcedden.com](mailto:marcia@coindcedden.com).*

## Community Leaders Recognized

**G**ulfshore Life magazine has just named eight Men & Women of the Year for their outstanding contributions to the greater community of Southwest Florida. The distinguished winners include leaders in business, philanthropy and the arts from both Collier and Lee counties. They will be honored at a reception and awards presentation on November 8 at the Naples Grande Beach Resort.

The 2018 Men & Women of the Year are:

Chauncey Goss, Sanibel city councilman and conservationist;  
Dawn Montecalvo, president of Guadalupe Center;  
Juan Diaz, artist;  
Katie Schweikhardt, development director, United Way of Collier County;  
Mike Martin, president, Florida Gulf Coast University;  
Stacey Deffenbaugh, news anchor, NBC2;  
Susie McCurry, trustee, Naples Children & Education Foundation;

Scott Burgess, president and CEO, David Lawrence Center.

The 2018 honorees join an elite group of more than 250 former Men & Women of the Year, named every November for the past 21 years.

## Building Industry Groups To Host Market Trends

**T**he Collier Building Industry Association and Lee Building Industry Association will host the 8th annual home building industry event, Market Trends, at Miromar Design Center on Tuesday, October 30. This event is the region's largest program of its kind and brings together prominent building industry professionals and businesses to support the Building Industry Associations of Lee and Collier counties.

Randy Thibaut, president and CEO of Land Solutions, Inc., will be presenting facts and insight that directly impact the industry. His knowledge of the market and accurate, up-to-date research will provide attendees with the tools needed to make informative

decisions that positively impact the Southwest Florida region.

Early registration is encouraged as seats are limited. Tickets are \$35 for members and \$55 for non-members and can be purchased by visiting [www.markettrends2018.com](http://www.markettrends2018.com).

Thibaut, the founder of Land Solutions, Inc., a full-service real estate company specializing in the feasibility, development, acquisition and disposition of land and improved properties throughout Southwest Florida. He has been actively involved in the creation, development, sales and marketing of residential and resort developments throughout the area since 1982. He has more than 30 years of experience in the Southwest Florida real estate industry with residential and commercial sales, development, project management and new home construction. Thibaut has personally brokered over one billion dollars in real estate transactions locally. He is a co-founder and board member for Builders Care, a nonprofit organization formed by the Lee Building Industry Association to provide construction services at no cost to needy and deserving elderly and disabled homeowners who cannot obtain home

repairs through traditional means. He also serves on the board of the Lee Building Industry Association.

Miromar Design Center is located at 10800 Corkscrew Road in Estero.

## Scholarships Awarded

**T**hree Fort Myers natives have been awarded scholarships from Tallahassee Community College Foundation.

Tatianna Gonzalez received the D'Alemberte Scholarship and the Montserrat & William B. Webb Scholarship. V'Queajah Mallard received the Bank of America Dream Makers Scholarship. Consuelo Parra-Hermida received the TCC Boys State & Girls State Scholarship.

## College Graduate

**F**ort Myers native Katelyn Hart recently received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Rockford University in Rockford, Illinois.

## Critical Thinking Series Has Broad Range Of Topics

Nursing, forensic science and leadership are just some of the topics that the Florida SouthWestern State College's (FSW) Critical Thinking Lecture Series will highlight during its October lineup.

Free and open to the public, the Critical Thinking Lecture Series features college and community leaders who discuss how they use critical thinking skills in their profession or focus on critical topics from their area of career or academic interest. Presentations take place weekly, and the fall series runs September through November.

The full schedule can be viewed at [www.fsw.edu/ctls](http://www.fsw.edu/ctls). Presentations can be viewed live on the Thomas Edison Campus or digitally at all other FSW locations.

The October lineup includes:

Think Like a Nurse with Angie Vitale, FSW Nursing professor – Tuesday, October 2, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. FSW campus locations include Thomas Edison Campus: U-102; Collier Campus: M-201; Charlotte Campus: O-118; Hendry/Glades Curtis Center: A-106

Critical Thinking: Tackling Challenges in Forensic Science with Pricilla Doyle, FSW Intro to Crime Scene Technology and Intro to Forensic Science adjunct professor, and Forensic Death Investigator, District 21 Medical Examiner's Office – Wednesday, October 10, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. FSW campus locations include Thomas Edison Campus: AA-177; Collier Campus: M-201; Charlotte: O-117; Hendry/Glades Curtis Center: A-114

Making Chemistry -198.5 Degrees of Cool with Kim Hilton, FSW Chemistry professor – Wednesday, October 17, 2 to 3 p.m. FSW campus locations include Thomas Edison Campus: AA-177; Collier Campus: M-201; Charlotte Campus: O-117; Hendry/Glades Curtis Center:



Angie Vitale

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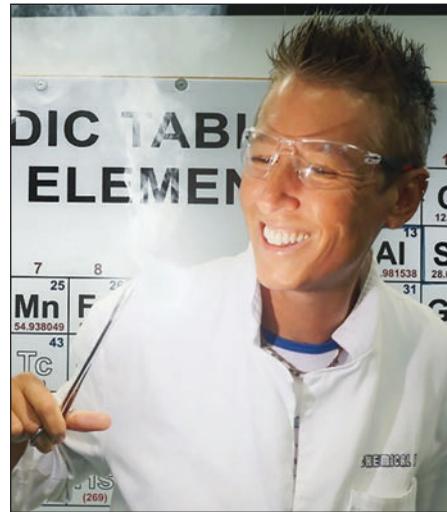


Dr. Martin Tawil

A-114

Cutting Edge Science = Magic? with Dr. Joseph van Gaalen, FSW Geology adjunct professor and director of Assessment and Effectiveness – Thursday, October 18, 6 to 7 p.m. FSW campus locations include Thomas Edison Campus: AA-177; Collier Campus: A-103; Charlotte Campus: E-105; Hendry/Glades Curtis Center: A-106

Servant Leadership: Lesson from the



Kim Hilton

Front-Lines with Dr. George Harvey, FSW adjunct professor and student success advisor – Monday, October 22, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. FSW campus locations include Thomas Edison Campus: U-102; Collier Campus: M-201; Charlotte Campus: O-117; Hendry/Glades Curtis Center: A-114

Top 10 Reasons Why People Fail with Dr. Martin Tawil, FSW Cornerstone professor – Tuesday, October 30, 11



Pricilla Doyle

a.m. to noon FSW campus locations include Thomas Edison Campus: AA-177; Collier Campus: M-201; Charlotte Campus: O-118; Hendry/Glades Curtis Center: A-114.

For more information on the FSW Critical Thinking Lecture Series, contact Whitney Rhyne, director of strategic initiatives, at 433-6943 or [whitney.rhyne@fsw.edu](mailto:whitney.rhyne@fsw.edu).

## Reserve Seats For Blue Chip Business Award

The Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award event is coming soon and offering a new feature – online registration. Now in its 24th year, the program recognizes small business owners who have overcome adversity to achieve success.

The 24th annual Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award ceremony will take place on Thursday, November 1 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa, located at 5001 Coconut Road in Bonita Springs. Registration for the event is free, as always, but is only being offered online this year. To register, visit [www.bit.ly/bluechipregistration](http://www.bit.ly/bluechipregistration).

The 2018 Southwest Florida Blue

Chip Community Business Award is coordinated and sponsored by McGriff Insurance Services and BB&T Bank, 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, Gulfshore Business, Hodges University, Lee County Economic Development Office/Horizon Council, Greater Lehigh Acres Chamber of Commerce, 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.\*

## Limited Spots For Entrepreneurial Spirit Program

Dress for Success SW Florida's Entrepreneurial Spirit Program (E\$P) will be held at Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Company, PA on Saturday, October 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is limited space still available for those that wish to attend.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit Program provides future women business owners with the tools and support they need to succeed in their career. The E\$P Dream Team includes four prominent women in the community, who will each cover specific topics that will help inspire and prepare future business owners:

Angela Cooley, partner at Markham

Norton Mosteller Wright & Company, PA, will discuss business accounting.

Christina Harris Schwinn, partner at Pavese Law Firm, will discuss legal documentation and incorporation.

Barbara Melvin, vice president and community leader at First Florida Integrity Bank, will discuss small business lending and SBA loans.

Connie Ramos-Williams, president and chief marketing officer of CONRIC PR & Marketing, will discuss new business branding and marketing.

All attendees will receive a certification of completion. A suggested donation of \$25 to Dress for Success includes continental breakfast and lunch. Limited seating is available, and reservations are required.

Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Company, PA is located at 8961 Conference Drive in Fort Myers. For more information or to RSVP, call 689-4992.\*

# Golf Legend's Victory Called Greatest Comeback In Sports History



by Ed Frank

In the annals of sports, there have been hundreds, even thousands, of stirring comebacks.

What about the 2004 Boston Red Sox, down three games to none to the New York Yankees in the America League Championship Series, who went on to win four straight from the Yankees and then four straight from the St. Louis Cardinals to capture their first World Series title in 86 years.

That is known as the greatest comeback in baseball history.

And then there is the 2017 Super Bowl Champions New England Patriots, who overcame a 25-point deficit to the Atlanta Falcons to take the game to overtime, and then win it 34-28 in the first OT series.

The 31 unanswered points cemented the Patriots legacy as the greatest comeback in Super Bowl history.

These are just two of so many stirring comebacks in sports history.

But none compare to what we witnessed last weekend when Tiger Woods, at age 42, overcame the adversity of four back surgeries, including back fusion surgery, to capture the Tour Championship for his first tour victory in more than five years and his 80th triumph on the PGA tour.

This amazing win before a bedlam gallery at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, and viewed by millions worldwide on television, already is being called "the Greatest

Comeback in Sports History."

This reporter spoke to several viewers afterwards, not all golf followers and not all sympathetic to Tiger's personal life travails, who admitted they had tears in their eyes when he sank that final put on the 18th hole to win the prestigious tournament.

You've got to remember that as recently as a year ago he was facing the possibility of never playing golf again. In fact, he wasn't sure if he'd ever live without pain the rest of his life let alone swing a golf club.

"I couldn't sit, I couldn't walk. I couldn't lie down without feeling the pain in my back and my leg. If this was to be how the rest of my life was going to be, it was going to be a tough rest of my life," he said after last Sunday's Tour championship victory.

But a never-give-up attitude and a ruthless work ethic has returned Tiger to the pinnacle of golf and has given the game a well-needed shot in the arm.

Since Woods had last won a tournament, the 2013 Bridgestone Invitational, 119 players have won on the PGA Tour and 16 have won Major tournaments.

Most grew up watching Tiger dominate the game year after year. But we must not forget his 80th tour victory last weekend edged him within two of Sam Snead's all-time victory count.

And even more incredible is the fact that when Tiger returned to competitive golf in his first comeback appearance at the Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas, he was ranked 668th in the world. His tie for second in the Valspar earned him enough points to vault to 149, and his win last weekend jumped him to No. 13.

One more strong finish could move him to the top 10 and within reach of No. 1 – a ranking he once held for a cumulative 683 weeks.

There will be many, many comeback heroics in sports in the years ahead. But Tiger Woods' Tour Championship last Sunday will always rank phenomenal.\*

## City Of Palms Classic Unveiled Tourney Lineup

The field for the 46th annual Culligan City of Palms Classic presented by Enterprise is set, and it's once again filled with stars. The tournament is set to take place from Monday, December 17 to Saturday, December 22 at the Suncoast Credit Union Arena on the campus of Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW).

Elite teams from as far away as Missouri, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. will be in Southwest Florida for this annual holiday tradition. Some of the top teams in the main draw include: defending Culligan City of Palms Classic champion and Class 5A Florida state champion University School (Fort Lauderdale, Florida); Oak Hill Academy (Mouth of Wilson, Virginia), a former national champion; Olive Branch High School (Olive Branch, Mississippi), Class 5A Mississippi state champion; and Mountain Brook High School (Mountain Brook, Alabama), Class 7A Alabama state champion. For a complete list of the teams go to [www.cityofpalmsclassic.com/teams](http://www.cityofpalmsclassic.com/teams).

Additionally, six of the top 25 seniors

in the nation will participate in this year's tournament, including: Cole Anthony of Oak Hill Academy, the ESPN No. 2 player in the Class of 2019; Vernon Carey, Jr. of University School, the ESPN No. 3 player in the Class of 2019; Josh Green of IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida, the ESPN No. 8 player in the Class of 2019; Armando Bacot of IMG Academy, the ESPN No. 17 player in the Class of 2019; D.J. Jeffries of Olive Branch High School, the ESPN No. 21; and Trendon Watford of Mountain Brook High School, the ESPN No. 23.

Culligan returns for its sixth year as Title Sponsor, and Enterprise Rent-A-Car is Presenting Sponsor for the fifth year.

Tickets for the tournament are now on sale. For more information and to purchase tickets, call the box office Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 800-440-7469 or 481-4849. Single day reserve tickets will be available later this fall.

No fees are collected from players and teams, and Classic Basketball Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation that acts as a foundation for the tournament. For many of the players, the tournament represents their first opportunity to travel outside their own city.

Since 1989, 155 Culligan City of Palms Classic players have been named

McDonald's All-Americans and 116 have been drafted by the NBA, including 71 first-round picks.

Visit [www.cityofpalmsclassic.com](http://www.cityofpalmsclassic.com) for more information including visitor information, ticket sales, schedule, team

information, history, sponsors and sponsorship opportunities, eNewsletter signup, a tournament bracket, scores and stats, information on how to lend financial support as a Friend of the Classic, and much more.\*

### SPORTS QUIZ

1. Baltimore's Zach Britton set an American League record in 2017 by converting 60 consecutive save opportunities. Who had held the A.L. mark?
2. Which two teammates on the 1986 New York Mets' World Series winner also were members on the New York Yankees team that went on to win the 1996 World Series?
3. When was the last time before 2016 that the University of Hawaii football team won a bowl game?
4. In the franchise history of the Los Angeles Clippers, name the two players who surpassed 10,000 career points.
5. Who was the only NHL player in the 2017-18 season who played at least 1,500 regular-season minutes at age 40 or older?
6. Name the Olympic athlete who has won the most career medals in women's speedskating.
7. Sei Young Kim set an LPGA tournament record in 2018 by shooting a 31-under 257. Who had she been tied with at the old record of 27-under par for a tournament?

### ANSWERS

1. Tom Gordon of the Boston Red Sox (1998-99), with 54 consecutive saves. 2. Dwight Gooden and Darryl Strawberry. 3. It was 2006. 4. Randy Smith (12,735 points) and Blake Griffin (10,863). 5. Boston's Zdeno Chara. 6. Ireen Wust of the Netherlands, with 11 (2006-2018). 7. Annika Sorenstam.

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## Chamber Presents Check

The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation recently presented a \$2,000 check to Florida Gulf Coast University at the September 12

Stock Your Cellar Wine Tasting Fundraiser at Bonita Bay Club.

The check will go toward growing the Foundation's endowment at FGCU and was accepted by Altony "Tony" Lee III, the incoming foundation chairman and FGCU director of major gifts. Wine at the event was provided by BreakThru Beverage Group.\*



Amy Ginsburg photos provided

## Symphony Holds Annual Meeting

The Southwest Florida Symphony, Lee County's only professional orchestra, and one of the oldest continuously operating orchestras in the state of Florida, holds its annual meeting at Gather Restaurant at Tarpon Point Marina on Wednesday, October 10 at 5 p.m.

Executive Director Amy Ginsburg, and



Tom Uhler

Symphony Board President Tom Uhler, along with staff and other board members, will review the 2017-18 concert season, and discuss the upcoming 2018-19 season.

This event is free and open to the public, but reservations are encouraged. Call the symphony's administrative office at 418-1500 if you plan to attend.

Gather Restaurant at Tarpon Point Marina is located at 5971 Silver King Boulevard in Cape Coral.\*

## Lee Clerk Office Promotion

Effective October 1, Kevin Karnes has been promoted to Chief Officer of Courts at the Lee Clerk of Court's Office.

Karnes joined the clerk's office in December of 2007 and has held several court department positions since. He holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree

in legal studies and completed the certified public manager's program from the Florida Center for Public Management at FSU.

The court department is a complex and volatile operation. It is highly regulated by Florida statutes, court rules, administrative orders and county ordinances juxtaposed with operational duties for 160 positions and 5 divisions, thousands of procedures and policies, improvement and efficiency projects, and technology and automation projects.\*

## Clerk Office Earns Award

For the 33rd year in a row, the Lee County Clerk's Finance Department has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

The CAFR is the audited financial statements for Lee County that includes the Board of County Commissioners, Clerk of Courts, Property Appraiser, Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections and Tax Collector offices.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The CAFR is judged by an impartial panel of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and must meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story.

"Receiving this award for 33 years in a row is a real testament to the clerk's financial team," Clerk of Court Linda Doggett said. "I am very proud of this accomplished and talented team of professionals lead by Finance Director Terry Mallow."

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A student putting during a math game at a previous Family Math Night photo provided

## College To Host Family Math Night

Learn how fun math can be at Family Math Night in Building U., Room 102, at the Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) Thomas Edison Campus on Thursday, October 18 from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.

This free, family-oriented event for students in kindergarten to fifth grade features fun math games created by teacher candidates in FSW's School of Education, demonstrating how mathematics doesn't only need to be

something you use at school.

"Learning mathematics can often be intimidating to students," said JoAnne Devine, professor of elementary education at FSW. "We are happy to show young students and their families that math can be fun."

While the event is open to anyone interested in exploring mathematics, students are encouraged to register by sending an email to [familymathnight@fsw.edu](mailto:familymathnight@fsw.edu).

The Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) Thomas Edison Campus is located at 8099 College Parkway. For more information, email [jdevine1@fsw.edu](mailto:jdevine1@fsw.edu).✱

## Edison Pageant Of Light Legacy Golf Tournament

The inaugural Legacy Tournament of the Edison Pageant of Light will be held at the historic Fort Myers Country Club on Saturday October 20, beginning at noon.

Cost for the four-person scramble is

\$100 per entry and \$400 per team and includes golf, goodies, raffle, prizes and two free mulligans. There will be a post party at The Edison Restaurant.

A portion of the proceeds of the tournament will benefit The Children's Home Society.

Fort Myers Country Club is located at 3591 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, call Dr. Virginia Harper at 849-5068 or Gina Sabiston at 850-4704.✱

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## Historic Downtown

held in the "diamondball park" (also called Diamond Field) on Bay Street.

Fortunately for the gopher tortoises, as well as animal lovers, such derbies were discontinued years ago.

Today, the gopher tortoise is listed by the State of Florida as a threatened species and is protected by law.

Walk down to Bay Street and imagine a boom-time business block where a parking lot is now.

Then visit these two research centers to learn more about the plumbers and other contractors who built Fort Myers.

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

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](http://www.swflhistoricalsociety.org) for more information.

Sources: Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, *Fort Myers News-Press*, and the *Fort Myers Press*.✱

## FSW Official Inducted Into Hall Of Fame

Keith Callaghan, assistant vice president of economic development and external affairs at Florida SouthWestern State College, was recently named to the Leadership Charlotte Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame recognizes Leadership Charlotte alumni who have distinguished themselves through their civic and business leadership and service to the community.

Callaghan is a Leadership Charlotte class of 2012 alumnus and chairs the Leadership Charlotte healthcare day and education day programming. He is involved with many local charities and serves on the boards of the Fred Lang Foundation, Charlotte Behavioral Health Care, the Boys and Girls Club of Charlotte County, Crossroads Hope Academy, the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce and the Visual Arts Center Endowment Trust. Callaghan serves as a Take Stock in Children mentor and volunteers for the Animal Welfare League, United Way and Leadership Charlotte. He has also served on the Charlotte County Community Health Improvement Partnership and School Health Advisory committees.

"When my wife and I arrived in Charlotte County 13 years ago, we



Keith Callaghan photo provided

didn't know a soul," said Callaghan. "The Leadership Charlotte program was my first introduction to the people of the county and to the wonderful organizations that support our community. I cannot say enough positive things about this program and the impact it's had on my life. It's an honor to be recognized by Leadership Charlotte."✱

## Vietnam War Heroes To Be Honored

Collier-Lee Honor Flight, an organization whose mission is to transport local veterans to Washington, DC to visit memorials and honor their service, has partnered with the Department of Defense (DOD) to distribute the official lapel pin commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. A pinning ceremony will be held at JetBlue Park stadium on Monday, November 12 at 9 a.m. The Veterans Day event is free and open to the public. Veteran check-in begins at 7:30 a.m.

"The pins will be presented in a dignified manner to each Vietnam War veteran during this public event to reflect our nation's thanks for their service and sacrifice," said Debi Lux, founder and assistant director, Collier-Lee Honor Flight. "We encourage all eligible veterans to register to join us for this special ceremony and hope the public will attend to honor the veterans' dedication to our nation."

The pins will be presented to living U.S. military who served during the Vietnam War period as a lasting memento of the nation's thanks. Any honorably discharged veterans that served in the United States armed forces between November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive the pin.

The guest speaker will be 92-year-old retired U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel George Hardy, a Tuskegee airman whose career spanned nearly 30 years in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Hardy was among the first black airmen to fly combat missions that provided escorts for bombers in Europe in 1945. He fought Nazis, North Koreans and Viet Cong, and some U.S. military commanders who discriminated against him and his fellow Tuskegee airmen because of the color of their skin. Hardy retired in 1971 after a military career in which he received the Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor, the Air Medal with 11 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

Veterans can register by visiting [www.collierhonorflight.org](http://www.collierhonorflight.org), clicking on Veterans and downloading the veteran application. Veterans are requested to note 50th Pinning Event on the application.

The completion of the veteran application will also submit a request for the veteran to participate in an upcoming Honor Flight. Support for these trips is provided by donors and volunteers and is at no cost to the veterans. Top priority is given to most senior heroes – survivors of WWII and any veteran with a terminal illness. The program also extends to Korean and Vietnam War Veterans as space allows, on a chronological basis.

JetBlue Park is located at 11500 Fenway Park South Drive in Fort Myers. Visit Collier-Lee Honor Flight on Facebook at [facebook.com/colliercountyhonorflight](https://www.facebook.com/colliercountyhonorflight).✱



Staff members of Cape Coral Hospital with members of the American Heart Association/  
American Stroke Association photos provided

## Hospitals Gain Achievement Awards

Cape Coral Hospital, Gulf Coast Medical Center, HealthPark Medical Center and Lee Memorial Hospital each earned the American Heart Association (AHA)/American Stroke Association's (ASA) Get With The Guidelines – Stroke Gold Plus Target Stroke Elite Plus Quality Achievement Award. The award recognizes success in implementing evidence-based guidelines and delivering excellent care for stroke patients. These awards acknowledge hospitals' exceptional performance in administration of clot-busting tPA medication, which significantly reduces disability after stroke.

"We are so proud that all four adult hospitals earned Get With The Guidelines – Stroke Gold Plus Target Stroke Elite Plus Quality Achievement Award," said Cindy Drapal, DNP, system director, Lee Health neurosciences. "Time matters when treating stroke and by continuing to implement the very best evidence-based guidelines into our processes, we ensure outpatients receive the best treatment."

According to the Centers for Disease Control, stroke is one of the leading causes of death and serious, long-term disability in the United States. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 40 seconds; someone dies of a stroke every four minutes; and 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

Get With The Guidelines – Stroke uses the "teachable moment" after a patient has a stroke and when they are most likely to listen to and follow their health care professionals' guidance. Studies show that patients who are taught how to manage their risk factors while still in the hospital reduce their

risk of a second stroke. Additionally, customized patient education materials are provided at discharge, and are based on each patient's individual risk profiles.

To receive the Get With The Guidelines – Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award, hospitals must achieve 85 percent or higher adherence to all guideline indicators and 75 percent or higher compliance with six of the 10 guideline measures. The Gold Level is awarded for 24 consecutive months of performance achievement. These measures include aggressive use of medications, preventative treatments, cholesterol-reducing drugs and smoking cessation – all aimed at reducing death and disability and improving the lives of stroke patients.

To achieve the Target: Stroke Honor Roll – Elite Plus recognition, hospitals must administer clot-busting medication within 60 minutes of arrival to the facility in 75 percent or more of eligible acute ischemic strokes and within 45 minutes of arrival in 50 percent of eligible acute ischemic stroke patients treated with IV tPA.

Offering 24/7 neurointerventional coverage with a full team of specialists, support staff, a dedicated neuroscience intensive care unit for stroke patients and a dedicated neurointerventional suite equipped with state-of-the-art biplane angiography systems, Gulf Coast Medical Center provides lifesaving care around-the-clock and close to home. Gulf Coast Medical Center also is Lee County's only certified comprehensive stroke center.

Cape Coral Hospital and Lee Memorial Hospital are primary stroke centers, which means they are recognized nationally for providing state-of-the-art care while focusing on quality, innovation and continual improvement. The stroke certification is a voluntary process that has elevated the level of care available in the community, according to Drapal.✱



Staff members of Gulf Coast Medical Center with members of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Associations



Staff members of HealthPark Medical Center with members of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association



Staff members of Lee Memorial Hospital with members of the American Heart Association/  
American Stroke Association

Doctor and Dietician

## Gluten-Free Italian Pasta Salad



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

When you try to lower carbs in your diet, sometimes you miss simple pleasures like pasta. But now, there are many more available pasta options that are higher in protein and fiber and much lower in carbs than traditional pasta. For instance, Banza is a brand made from chickpeas. It contains twice the protein, four times the fiber and about half the net carbs as regular pasta. Chickpeas are also a wonderful gluten-free option. Check it out at [www.eatbanza.com](http://www.eatbanza.com). You can swap any veggies in this recipe for ones you have available.

Ingredients:

- 1 12-ounce package of gluten-free, high protein pasta
- 4 or 5 slices of Italian salami, finely diced

- 1 can tuna, drained and flaked
- 1 can of cannellini beans
- 1 bell pepper, chopped
- ½ red onion, chopped
- 3 stalks of fresh broccoli, chopped
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 6 ounces of black olives, chopped
- 1 Tbsp. capers (optional)
- Juice of 1 lemon, plus some zest
- Approximately ½ cup EVOO
- Approximately ¼ cup red wine vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 to 2 Tbsp. Italian seasoning
- Your choice or cheese, such as grated Parmesan, fresh mozzarella, or Daiya Havarti with jalapeño

Optional: Chopped fresh basil and/or oregano

What to do:

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil, add pasta and cook until tender, approximately 6 minutes. Drain. Drizzle with EVOO and toss, sprinkle with a little kosher sea salt.
2. Mix olive oil, red wine vinegar, lemon juice and zest, sugar, spices and set aside. Adjust to your own taste.
3. Add the veggies and meats to the pasta and toss.
4. Add dressing and toss. Season with salt and pepper. Add cheese. Toss. For best results, make this salad 24 hours ahead of serving.

*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](mailto:info@caringmedical.com).✱*

## Drink Pink Campaign For Breast Cancer

An estimated 266,120 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in 2018. Among men, another 2,550 new cases are expected, according to the American Cancer Society. The team at CONRIC PR & Marketing relates to this staggering statistic through family experiences spurring the launch of the inaugural Drink Pink campaign in honor of national breast cancer awareness month in October.

The firm is challenging local restaurants to offer a signature Drink Pink beverage that will incite people to “Cheers for Change” all month long. Participating restaurants are encouraged to donate a minimum of 10 percent of revenue from their signature pink drink sales in October to a nonprofit breast cancer organization of their choice. CONRIC PR & Marketing has identified four nonprofit organizations in Southwest Florida that support breast cancer patients: Cancer Alliance of Naples, Partners for Breast Cancer Care, Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support and From Our Hearts.

Breast cancer knows no boundaries, but early detection and treatment can be the key to a healthy prognosis. The campaign seeks to increase awareness

of the disease and raise money for local organizations that offer services to support patients. Everyone is welcome to take part by simply having a signature beverage at a participating restaurant and sharing a photo on social media with the hashtag #DrinkPink.

The following establishments are already on board: Azure Restaurant (15301 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers); Boat House Tiki Bar & Grill, (17101 State Road 31, Fort Myers); Boat House Tiki Bar & Grill (5819 Driftwood Parkway, Cape Coral); Bubba’s Roadhouse & Saloon (2121 Southwest Pine Island Road, Cape Coral); Downtown Social House (1406 Hendry Street, Fort Myers); Fathoms Restaurant & Bar (5785 Cape Harbour Drive, Cape Coral); Gather (5971 Silver King Boulevard, Cape Coral); Keylime Bistro (11509 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva); Luna Rossa Italian Grill (10801 Corkscrew Road, Estero); Point 57 Kitchen & Cocktails (3522 Del Prado Boulevard South, Cape Coral); Prawnbroker Restaurant Group (7790 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers) RC Otter’s Island Eats (11506 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva); Society Restaurant + Lounge (13499 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers) The Jac Sanibel Island Bar & Grille (1223 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel); and The Firestone Grill Room, Martini Bar & Skybar (2224 Bay Street, Fort Myers).

For more information on the Drink Pink campaign, visit [conricpr.com/drink-pink](http://conricpr.com/drink-pink).✱

dearPharmacist

## Six Powerful Benefits Of Papaya Enzyme

by Suzy Cohen, RPh



I’m sure you’ve heard of those delicious orange fruits called papayas. Papayas themselves have all kinds of health benefits. For one, they are extremely fiber-rich. Also, the antioxidant content

is extraordinarily high and fantastic to help with the maintenance of healthy cholesterol levels and atherosclerosis (the build-up of plaque in the arteries).

Let’s focus on papain, the highly beneficial compound found in the leaves and fruit of the papaya. Papain is an enzyme which means it helps drive reactions in your body. For example, if you eat a hamburger, protease enzymes are secreted during digestion that help break down the meat, turning it into smaller protein molecules called amino acids. Enzymes that break down proteins are termed “proteolytic” enzymes. Papain is also a proteolytic enzyme and it’s commonly found in meat tenderizer. Here are five other powerful benefits of papaya and papain:

**Heal Your Skin and Wounds** – Papaya fruit and leaf can both be applied to minor burns and wounds to speed up the healing process. We use a lot of triple antibiotic ointment in the United States, however, where drugs are not heavily promoted or allowed, families use natural remedies. As an example, in Latin America, Hawaii and Tahiti, papain leaves are used commonly for burns. There are certain gels sold commercially.

Address Sinus and Breathing Problems

– Papain can thin mucus, specifically by diluting sinus mucin, a glycoprotein found in mucus. In this way, papain could be great for helping you with chronic sinus infections.

**Reduce Bloating and Diarrhea** – In a case study, a male patient with gluten intolerance added papain once daily, every day, for one month (while eating a gluten-free diet) and experienced better digestion, as well as improved stools, dramatically less diarrhea and an obvious decrease in bloat.

**Improve Antioxidant Capabilities** – Papain contains compounds that make it a potent antioxidant, helping to protect your body from cellular damage caused by free radicals. Papain, in fact, is an antioxidant on par with strong antioxidant vitamins like vitamins C and E.

**Fight Cancer** – The specific action papain has on cancer cells is by dissolving the thick protein coating around the cancer cell called fibrin. Other studies suggest that papaya juice has anti-proliferative effects, which means it might slow metastasis. Finally, it can induce apoptosis that, essentially, makes cancer cells run and hide.

Papaya is obviously loaded with medicinal benefits. I recommend it so long as you’re not allergic to it, to its skin or to the pineapple enzyme called bromelain (there’s a cross-sensitivity).

It’s easy to incorporate papaya and papain into your life. Supplements are widely available too. Supplementation might be a good idea if supported on acid-blocking drugs or PPI ulcer and reflux medications. If you sign up for my free newsletter at [www.suzycohen.com](http://www.suzycohen.com), I will send you a longer version of this article, and explain more about this. I’ll also share my recipes, a papaya tea recipe and more medical information.

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

## Chronic Pain Workshops

Learn how to better manage your chronic pain during a free six-week workshop, entitled Chronic Pain Self-Management, a research-based program developed by Stanford University.

The sessions will be held on:

Wednesdays beginning October 3 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Cypress Point, 6870 Alister Way, Fort Myers

Tuesdays beginning October 9 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Life Care Center of Estero, 3850 Williams Road, Estero

Fridays beginning October 12 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at The Sanctuary, 2nd floor conference room, 8960 Colonial Center Drive, Fort Myers

Learn how to better manage chronic pain conditions such as arthritis, fibromyalgia, back pain, headaches and more. Learn how to more easily manage your medications; understand the benefits of exercise; manage symptoms of stress, pain and fatigue; and make smarter decisions related to health eating. Participants will also receive a copy of the

book *Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Pain*.

Seating is limited and registration is required. Call 343-9264 for more information.✱

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## Dark Art

Pixel Winters and Company close out the night with a dark, strange – and maybe a little spooky – burlesque revue featuring some favorite local performers. Dark Art is an event bound to be weird and wonderful, with plenty of surprises in store. Costumes are encouraged, but may not include weapons that resemble or could easily be mistaken for real weapons.

Syzygy Collaborative Art Project is better known as the artist duo Danielle Branchaud and Nick Masiello. To learn more about Syzygy, visit [www.syzygyart.wordpress.com](http://www.syzygyart.wordpress.com).

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. For more information, visit [www.sbdac.com](http://www.sbdac.com) or call 333-1933.✱

# PETS OF THE WEEK

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## Haven on Earth Animal League

### Pud And Della



Pud

Della

**H**i! I'm Pud. I am a handsome, declawed, 14-year-old male champagne tabby with a very sweet personality. I am looking for a quiet home with someone who wants to give me lots of affection. I'm currently living with a foster family. I have been fully vetted and brought up to

date on all vaccines. My adoption fee is \$50. To find out more about me, call Diane at 860-833-4472 or email Haven on Earth Animal League at havenonearthanimalleague@yahoo.com.

Hello, I'm Della. I am a beautiful tabby girl who recently had a litter. I'm only 1 year old and very sweet. I have been fully vetted and brought up to date on all vaccines. Come see me at PetSmart on Six Mile Cypress. My adoption fee is \$100. To find out more about me, call Diane at 860-833-4472 or email Haven on Earth Animal League at havenonearthanimalleague@yahoo.com.

Haven on Earth Animal League, Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit animal rescue organization in Fort Myers, operated completely by volunteers. Its mission is to rescue, house, rehabilitate and re-home abused, unwanted, neglected and homeless animals into forever, loving homes.

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

## Lee County Domestic Animal Services

### Aliyah And Madonna

**H**ello, my name is Aliyah. I am a 3-year-old female terrier mix who is a medium-size sweetie that recently had a royal spa day at TenderCare Grooming. I was one pampered pooch and loved every minute of it. If you are looking for a dog that will be your constant companion and ready to hop in your lap at a moment's notice, look no further. My perfect person will be someone that can be home with me and give me the attention I have been missing. Stop by today to meet me - you won't be sorry.



Aliyah ID# A753608

My adoption fee is \$15.

Hi, I'm Madonna. I am a 1-year-old stunning Maine Coon that is as gentle as I am beautiful. I will curl up next to you to let you know it is 'Madonna time.' I am friendly with other cats and am content to just watch them run around

and play. I will sit nicely while you brush my coat, which is a definite plus for a Maine Coon.

My adoption fee is \$10.

Through September 30, the adoption fee for all cats and kittens will be reduced to just \$10 and dogs and puppies to just \$15. Adoptions include: sterilization; age appropriate vaccinations; county license; microchip ID; de-worming; flea treatment; a heartworm test for dogs; feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats; and a 10-day health guarantee. This is a \$500 package. The team of volunteers and staff are waiting to introduce your new family member to you. Check the website to be sure pets are still available.



Madonna ID# A752767

*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](http://www.leegov.com/animalservices) or call 533-7387.✱*

## PAWS Of Sanibel

### Matilda And Sasha

**H**i, my name is Matilda. My foster mom calls me Tilly for short. I'm about a year old and was found in the area of East Lake Road, off Casa Ybel Road. Some kind people took me in. The lady from PAWS took me over to Coral Veterinary Clinic in Fort Myers to have them look me over. I have been combo-tested (negative), had FVRCP and rabies immunizations, was treated for fleas and will be spayed this month. I did not have a microchip. PAWS was not able to find my people, and I am now available for adoption. My foster mom loves



Matilda

cuddling with me. She says I'm such a sweet girl and someone will be very lucky to have me.

Hello, I'm Sasha. I was picked up on Airport Road off Casa Ybel by the Sanibel Police after a call from a local resident. I am approximately 1 to 2 years old, have no microchip and am a tan/black tabby. I am very sweet and gentle and am now in a foster home. My combo test for FIV/FeLV/Heartworms was negative. I have been given immunizations for FVRCP, FeLV, rabies, and given a heartworm and flea preventive. I will likely be spayed this month. Please consider giving me a forever home.



Sasha

These young cats are extremely sweet and well-behaved. If you are interested in adopting one or both of these beautiful girls, call Pam at PAWS, 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 Symphonic Mastersingers	288-2535
Gulf Coast Symphony	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater	472-6862
SW Florida Symphony	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy	936-3239
Young Artists Awards	574-9321

#### CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

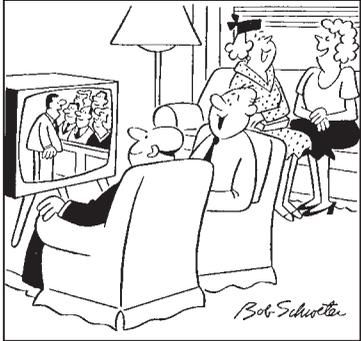
American Legion Post #38	239-332-1853
Angel Flight	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center	731-3535
American Business Women Association	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL	339-8046
Audubon Society	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR	482-1366
Caloosahatchee Folk Society	321-4620
Cape Chorale Barbershop Chorus	1-855-425-3631
Cape Coral Stamp Club	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists	415-2484
Embroiderers Guild of America - Sea Grape Chapter	239-267-1990
FM UDC Chapter 2614 - 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 Kingdon Home	239-334-2550
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center	765-8101
Skatium	321-7510
Southwest Florida Historical Society	939-4044
Southwest Florida Museum of History	321-7430
True Tours	945-0405

To be listed in calling card email your information to: [press@riverweekly.com](mailto:press@riverweekly.com)





"They could never get our wives on jury duty — can you imagine, two weeks of just \_\_\_\_\_!"

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### SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the CAPITAL letters below to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word to complete the gag!

Piece

Delay

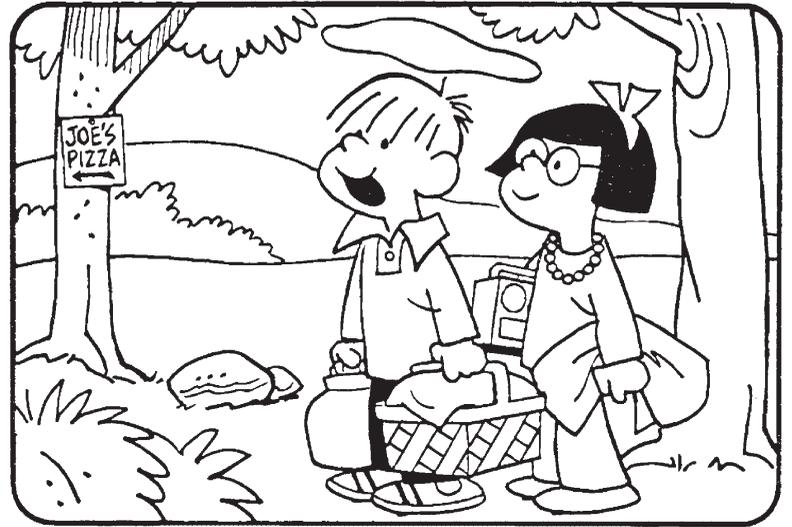
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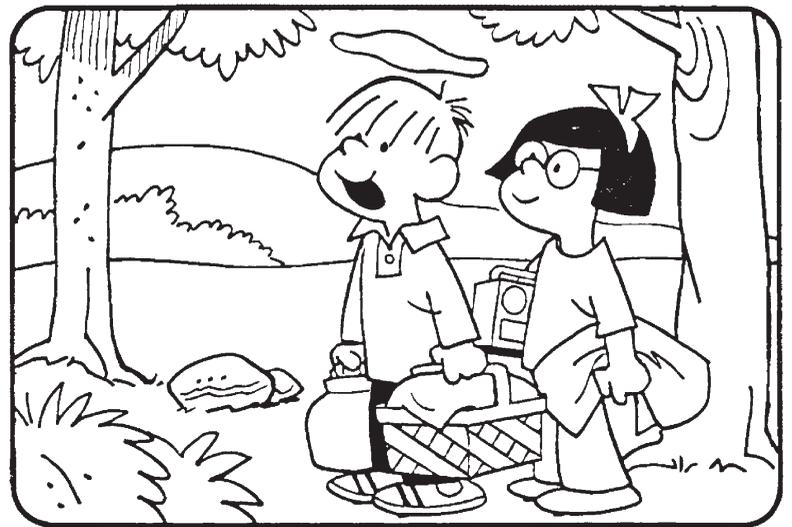
TODAY'S WORD

### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Sign is different. 2. Collar is different. 3. Cloud is different. 4. Basket weave is different. 5. Beads are missing. 6. Sleeve is shorter.

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



#### Lobster Quiche

- 1 9-inch pie shell, uncooked
- 1½ cups lobster meat, cooked and sliced
- ½ cup Swiss cheese, shredded
- ¼ cup sharp Cheddar cheese, shredded
- ¼ cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- 4 eggs, well beaten
- ¼ cup white wine
- 1 cup half and half
- ½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- ½ cup scallions, chopped
- ⅛ teaspoon black pepper
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon nutmeg

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spread lobster meat in the pie shell; top with cheeses. Combine eggs, wine, half and half, Worcestershire sauce, mustard, scallions, salt and pepper. Pour mixture over lobster and cheeses. Sprinkle top with nutmeg. Bake at 350 degrees F for 40 minutes until custard is set. Cool for 10 minutes before cutting. Serve hot or at room temperature as an appetizer or main dish.

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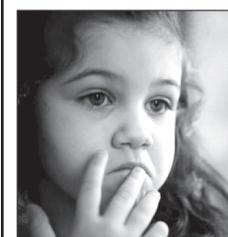
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### Redfish Pass Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	2:54 am	9:34 am	4:23 pm	9:15 pm
Sat	3:26 am	10:27 am	5:25 pm	9:43 pm
Sun	4:04 am	11:31 am	6:50 pm	10:13 pm
Mon	4:52 am	12:49 pm	9:00 pm	10:49 pm
Tue	5:54 am	2:14 pm	None	None
Wed	7:20 am	3:33 pm	11:38 pm	None
Thu	9:02 am	2:32 am	None	4:37 pm

### Point Ybel Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	1:59 am	9:36 am	3:28 pm	9:17 pm
Sat	2:31 am	10:29 am	4:30 pm	9:45 pm
Sun	3:09 am	11:33 am	5:55 pm	10:15 pm
Mon	3:57 am	12:51 pm	8:05 pm	10:51 pm
Tue	4:59 am	2:16 pm	None	None
Wed	6:25 am	3:35 pm	10:43 pm	None
Thu	8:07 am	2:34 am	11:10 pm	4:39 pm

### Punta Rassa Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	3:24 am	10:20 am	4:42 pm	10:18 pm
Sat	3:41 am	10:56 am	5:27 pm	10:42 pm
Sun	4:08 am	11:37 am	6:14 pm	11:05 pm
Mon	4:45 am	12:29 pm	7:06 pm	11:30 pm
Tue	5:28 am	1:42 pm	8:06 pm	None
Wed	6:20 am	12:00 am	9:11 pm	2:57 pm
Thu	7:38 am	1:47 am	10:25 pm	4:05 pm

### Cape Coral Bridge Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	5:04 am	12:05 am	6:33 pm	12:50 pm
Sat	5:36 am	12:31 am	7:35 pm	1:43 pm
Sun	6:14 am	12:59 am	9:00 pm	2:47 pm
Mon	7:02 am	1:29 am	11:10 pm	4:05 pm
Tue	8:04 am	2:05 am	None	5:30 pm
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## PUZZLE ANSWERS

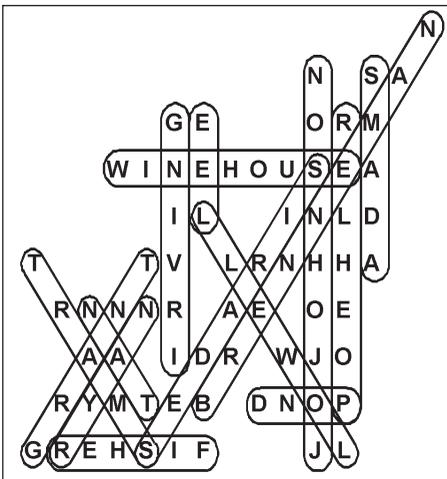
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## My Stars ★★★★★

### FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 2018

**Aries** (March 21 to April 19) You might need to get more facts to help you work out those problems with your new project. As always, a friendly approach shows the charming Arian at his or her persuasive best.

**Taurus** (April 20 to May 20) Information is what energizes ambition, and this is a good time for the ambitious Bovine to expand his or her range of knowledge and to be ready for the challenges that lie ahead.

**Gemini** (May 21 to June 20) This is a good time to consider making some long-overdue decorating changes at home or in your workplace. A splash of color can help raise spirits, even on the grayest day.

**Cancer** (June 21 to July 22) Learn more. Earn more. That's the formula for Moon Children looking to expand their career horizons. Investigate the best places to get those training courses you'll need.

**Leo** (July 23 to August 22) Your creative side helps gain attention for many of your ideas. But don't neglect the practical aspects involved in implementing their move from paper to production. Good luck.

**Virgo** (August 23 to September 22) A health problem should not be ignored. The sooner you check it out, the sooner you can deal with it and then move on. Some job advice comes from an unlikely source.

**Libra** (September 23 to October 22) A relationship takes an unexpected shift that could leave you puzzled and hurt. Asking for an explanation could help uncover the reason for this sudden turn of events.

**Scorpio** (October 23 to November

21) Your busy schedule has drawn down much of your energy levels. Restore them by spending a well-earned time out enjoying the arts – perhaps with that special someone.

**Sagittarius** (November 22 to December 21) Make that presentation with confidence. Remember: When you show you believe in yourself, it helps persuade others that you truly know what you're doing.

**Capricorn** (December 22 to January 19) Although you usually prefer doing things on your own, a group effort might be advisable at this time. Try to keep an open mind about suggestions from colleagues.

**Aquarius** (January 20 to February 18) This could be a good time to reassess some of your recent decisions and see if any adjustments should be made based on facts that you might have just uncovered.

**Pisces** (February 19 to March 20) An emotionally charged situation creates uncertainty about the future of your relationship. Best advice: Talk things out while there's still time to reach a new understanding.

**Born This Week:** You tend to act on matters of principle despite what others might advise.

### STRANGE BUT TRUE

• It was 19th-century English naturalist and biologist Charles Darwin who made the following sage observation: "It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change."

• In Nazi Germany it was illegal to name a horse Adolph.

• If you grew up with the Girl Scouts decades ago (as I did), you might be

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• In 1950, 70 percent of all the cars, buses and trucks in the world could be found in the United States.

• Statisticians claim that the more money a man makes, the more likely he is to cheat on his spouse.

• On at least one early map of the New World you'll see the name "Codfish Country" on the area now known as the United States.

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• Those who study such things say that the tradition of a bride and groom exchanging wedding rings originated in the Middle East.

• Farmers in Turkey marched on both the American and Soviet embassies in 1967, demanding reparations for crops that they lost to floods. Why were the Americans and Soviets to blame for floods in Turkey? The farmers claimed that the flights of spacecraft created "holes in the sky."

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The first symptom of love in a young man is timidity; in a girl, boldness." – Victor Hugo

### TRIVIA TEST

- Geography:** The ancient city-state of Tenochtitlan once existed at the same site as what major world city?
- Anatomy:** In humans, which gland regulates metabolism?
- History:** Which astronaut stayed aboard the Apollo 11 command service module while Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walked on the moon in 1969?
- Literature:** What was the working title of *The Secret Garden*?
- Famous Quotes:** What modern novelist once wrote, "It is our choices... that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities"?
- Animal Kingdom:** The wombat is a native of what country?
- General Knowledge:** Which major U.S. cities did Route 66 connect?
- Language:** What is a plague?
- Television:** Who played the Enterprise captain in the TV series *Star Trek: The Next Generation*?
- Art:** In what city is the Van Gogh Museum located?

### TRIVIA ANSWERS

- Mexico City
- Thyroid
- Michael Collins
- Mistress Mary
- J.K. Rowling
- in Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
- Australia
- A beach
- Chicago and Los Angeles
- Patrick Stewart
- Amsterdam

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# Regional Workforce Study Results Released

The sixth annual Southwest Florida workforce overview study has been released and provides key information about industries, occupations, employment gaps and projected job growth.

The study is divided into three major sections including historic, current, and projected employment by industry; employment gaps by occupation as of Summer 2018 and projected employment demand by occupation.

Which Southwest Florida occupations have the largest gaps between the number of workers demanded by employers and the available supply in the labor market?

While health care and social assistance remains one of the top employment industries in Southwest Florida, for the first time in three years, health care workers are not included on the employment gap list. Instead this year's top 10 list includes retail supervisors, retail salespersons, maintenance and repair workers, supervisors for food preparation and serving, landscaping and groundskeepers, construction trades supervisors, administrative supervisors, customer service representatives, maid and housekeeping cleaners and stock clerks and order fillers. The median wage varies from \$11.08 per hour to \$27.50 per hour.

Significantly, registered nurses as an industry fell from the list completely.

The study is conducted annually by Workforce Now, a research initiative that studies the regional workforce

and is comprised of researchers from Florida Gulf Coast University, Hodges University and Florida SouthWestern State College. Workforce Now is a partner in the FutureMakers Coalition, a cross-sector coalition from Hendry, Glades, Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties with the shared goal of closing the higher education gap and, more importantly, retaining those high-skilled Southwest Floridians in jobs within the region.

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity data identified 6,578 current employment gap positions for Southwest Florida, signifying a 30 percent increase (or 1,505 positions) compared to the figure reported in the Workforce Overview Study for 2017.

The top 10 projected high demand regional growth occupations for 2017 to 2025 are retail salespersons with an average annual demand for 4,355

employees per year. This is followed by waiters and waitresses at 3,477 employees per year, cashiers at 3,154 employees per year, food preparation and serving workers at 2,544 employees per year and landscaping and groundskeeping workers at 2,022 employees per year. The next five highest occupations in demand are customer service representatives, office clerks, secretaries and administrative assistants, restaurant cooks and construction laborers.

According to the study, health care and social assistance is projected to be the fastest-growing industry in Southwest Florida, adding an average of 1,673 employees each year from 2017 to 2025.

Additional findings of the study include: Southwest Florida has 573,482 employed workers in 2017, compared to 9.68 million employed in Florida and 153.34 million for the nation;

The average annual Southwest Florida wage is \$42,114 in 2017, compared to \$47,779 for Florida and \$55,331 for the nation;

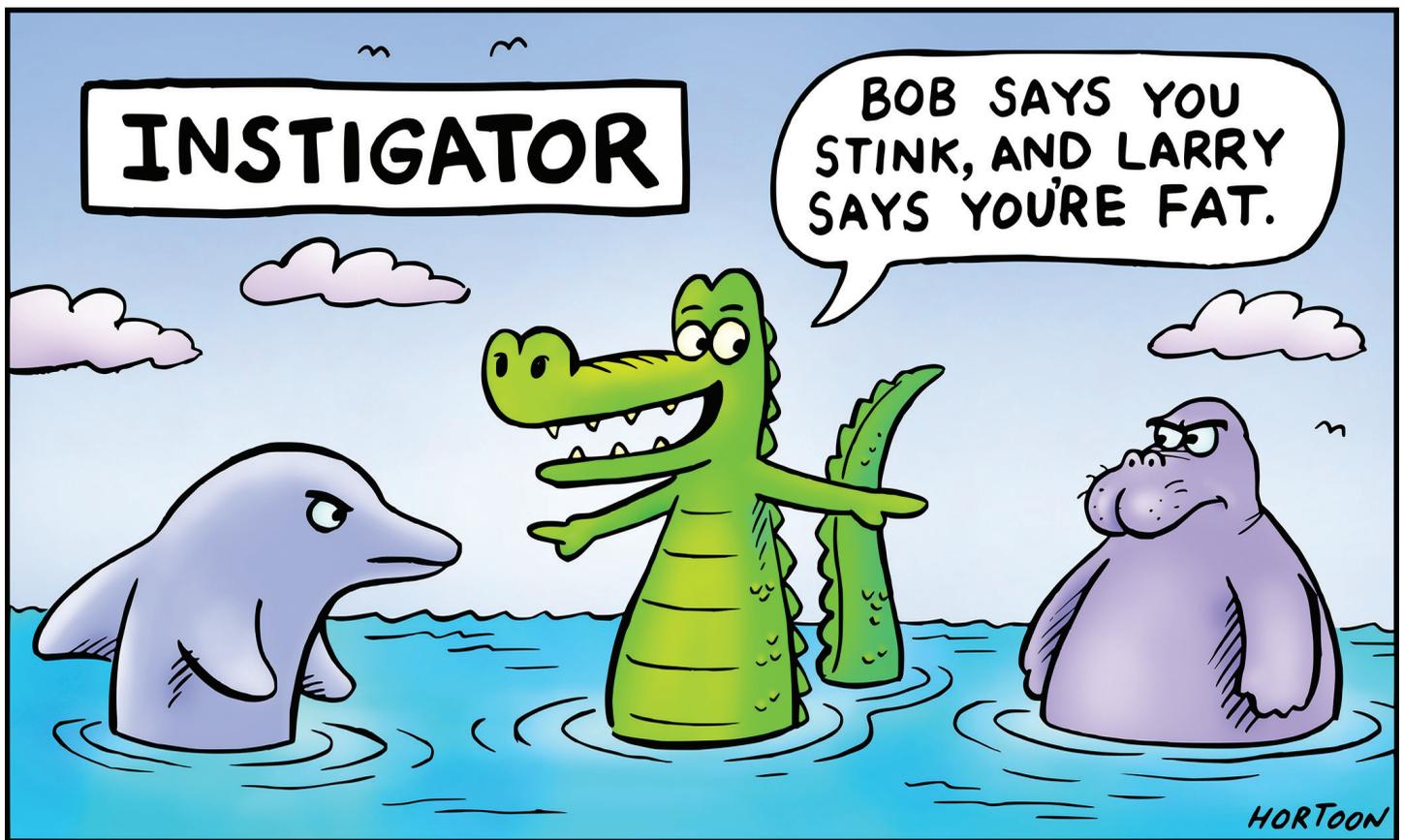
The largest industries by employment in 2017 are retail trade, accommodation and food services, health care and social assistance, construction and administrative and waste services;

The largest industries by wage income in 2017 are health care and social assistance, retail trade, construction, professional and technical services and accommodation and food services.

The full study can be downloaded from the Regional Economic Research Institute's website at [www.fgcu.edu/cob/reri/wfn/](http://www.fgcu.edu/cob/reri/wfn/).

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## Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Westlake Court	Estero	2018	3,017	\$1,610,000	\$1,610,000	0
Tidewater Island	Fort Myers	1996	4,325	\$1,299,000	\$1,200,000	71
Sunset Cove	Fort Myers	2005	3,967	\$1,196,000	\$1,167,500	13
Jose's Hideaway	Captiva	1981	792	\$1,150,000	\$750,000	751
Horse Creek	Fort Myers	2018	3,457	\$1,094,300	\$1,094,300	0
Heron Point	Estero	2001	3,015	\$968,000	\$900,000	0
Cedar Glen	Estero	2000	2,793	\$959,000	\$915,000	100
Not Applicable	North Fort Myers	2001	3,989	\$935,000	\$899,000	70
Sanibel Isles	Sanibel	1964	2,176	\$910,000	\$840,000	0
Arlington Oaks	Fort Myers	2007	3,309	\$825,000	\$780,000	4



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