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| 1/01 | A MURDER SUICIDE AT THE PORT OF THE ISLANDS RESORT IN COLLIER COUNTY; LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ARREST A MAN WHO ATTEMPTED TO KIDNAP A FOUR YEAR OLD IN A LEHIGH ACRES WALMART; A 15 YEAR OLD FACES CHARGES FOR USING A GUN TO ROB SEVERAL PEOPLE IN FORT MYERS; THE COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AVIATION UNIT RESCUE A LOST PADDLE BOARDER IN THE TEN THOUSAND ISLANDS; FIRST BABY BORN IN LEE COUNTY AT LEE HEALTH; SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARE TAX FREE UNTIL JANUARY 14 TH ; EIGHT NEW FLORIDA LAWS AND CHANGES WENT INTO EFFECT TODAY JANUARY 1 ST ; THE COLLIER COUNTY WATER SEWER DISTRICT HAS RAISED THEIR RATES FOR WATER, WASTEWATER, IRRIGATION QUALITY WATER AND WHOLESALE POTABLE WATER SERVICES; NAPLES COUNCIL WOMAN BETH PETRUNOFF ANNOUNCED SHE PLANS TO KEEP HER POSITION; TODAY MARKS THE START OF RED GROUPER SEASON IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA; A FULL-CIRCLE MOMENT FOR THE NEW NAPLES POLICE CHIEF CIRO DOMINGUEZ GREW UP IN COLLIER COUNTY AND WENT TO NAPLES HIGH SCHOOL NOW HE'S RUNNING THE DEPARTMENT HE SPENT HIS LIFE WORKING IN; A LITTLE BOY'S SPIDER MAN ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE WAS STOLEN FROM THE ALDI'S PARKING LOT NOW THE NORTH PORT POLICE ARE MAKING SURE A LITTLE KID WON'T START OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH A BROKEN HEART; |
| 1/02 | TRAUMATIC MEMORIES OF A MURDER SUICIDE ARE LIVING IN THE MINDS OF EMPLOYEES AND GUESTS WHO WERE AT PORT OF THE ISLANDS RESORT WHEN GUNSHOTS RANG OUT; A FORT MYERS TEENAGER IS ARRESTED AFTER BEING CAUGHT WITH A STOLEN GUN; A FISH THIEF IS STILL ON THE RUN AFTER HE WAS CAUGHT ON VIDEO HAULING A 50 POUND TARPON OUT OF BASS PRO SHOP'S FISH TANK IN ESTERO; SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL MEMBER DOCTOR SCOTT CRATER HAS RESIGNED OVER THE STATE OF FLORIDA NEW FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORM; AMERICAN CRUISE LINES' NEWEST SHIP THE AMERICAN GLORY ARRIVING PUNTA GORDA FOR PASSENGERS TO EXPLORE THE AREA; TIGER FM AT DUMBAR HIGH SCHOOL IN FORT MYERS HAS IT ALL AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO ONE EDUCATOR'S DEDICATION TO GIVING HIS STUDENTS AND THEIR COMMUNITY A PLATFORM ALL THEIR OWN; TAKING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE NEXT LEVEL THAT'S THE GOAL FORT MYERS POLICE CHIEF JASON FIELDS IS FOCUSED ON FOR 2024; RED SOX SPRING TRAINING TICKETS GO ON SALE THIS WEEK; FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM UPSET O NUMBER SEVEN FAU IS SHAKING UP THE WORLD OF COLLEGE BASKETBALL; |
| 1/03 | ALLEGATIONS OF MISOGYNY AND RACISM ARE BEING THROWN AT TWO HIGH RANKING FORT MYERS CITY OFFICIALS IN AN OPEN LETTER FROM A FORT MYERS EMPLOYEE; A LEE COUNTY MAN ACCUSED OF BUILDING A DESTRUCTIVE DEVICE MADE HIS FIRST APPEARANCE IN COURT; LEE COUNTY LEADERS ARE ALICO ROAD ARE THE CENTERPIECE OF THE COUNTY'S ECONOMIC GROWTH; COLLIER COUNTY FAMILIES COULD SOON HAVE A NEW AFFORDABLE PLACE TO CALL HOME; THE CITY OF SANIBEL MAYOR RICHARD JOHNSON TALKED ABOUT WHAT THE CITY PLANS TO DO TO FILL THE SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL MEMBER DOCTOR SCOTT CRATER VACANT SEAT; HOMEOWNERS IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY ARE FED UP DEALING FLOODING FROM MONOR RAIN STORMS; THE CHAPEL BY THE SEA WAS DEMOLISHED ON FORT MYERS BEACH; LOCAL PASTORS OF FIFTEEN LEE COUNTY CHURCHES ARE COMING TOGETHER TO FORM A MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE TO HELP THOSE IN NEED; HOOKED ISLAND GRILL REOPENS AFTER HURRICANE IAN; RUNNING ONTO THE FIELD AT THE ROSE BOWL WAS SURREAL IN ITSELF FOR PETER SIMMONS THE THIRD A FORMER BISHOP VEROT PLAYER ON THE MICHIGAN WOLVERINE NATIONAL |

CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM; BISHOP VEROT FOOTBALL PLAYER CARTER SMITH WINS THE GATORADE FLORIDA FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR;

1/04

A PLAN IS IN THE WORKS TO PUMP NEW LIFE INTO THE CITY OF PALMS PARK IN FORT MYERS; CHRISTOPHER WORRELL THE EAST NAPLES PROUD BOY WHO WAS CONVICTED FOR INSURRECTIONIST WILL SPEND THE NEXT TEN YEARS BEHIND BARS; LEE COUNTY DEPUTIES ARRESTED MICHAEL MAREE FOR MAKING EXPLOSIVES; THE FORT MYERS POLICE DEPARTMENT IS UPGRADING THEIR BODY CAMERAS; THE COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CARE PROGRAM WAS CREATED OVER A DECADE AGO IT ALLOWS PEOPLE LIVING WITH AUTISM, DEMENTIA OR OTHER DISABILITIES AND THEIR GUARDIANS TO CREATE A PROFILE DETAILING THEIR UNIQUE NEEDS; THE IRAQ WAR HEROES MONUMENT AT ECO PARK IN CAPE CORAL WAS LOOKING RUN DOWN AND TODAY THE RESTORING PROCESS BEGAN BY A LOCAL VETERANS GROUP; FIFTEEN MONTHS AFTER HURRICANE IAN, PEOPLE IN OSPREY BAY HAVE A NEW PLACE TO CALL HOME; FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY MEN'S TENNIS COACH IS ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE; NEW LEGISLATION FILED TODAY TO CREATE A UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM IN FLORIDA;

1/05

THE LEE COUNTY NAACP IS DEMANDING ANSWERS IN THE POLICE KILLING OF CHRISTOPHER JORDAN; A NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTION IN COLLIER COUNTY IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO BECOMING A REALITY AFTER THE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION VOTED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A 305-UNIT RENTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT; SAINT MATHEWS HOUSE IS OPENING TWO EMERGENCY SHELTERS TO MAKE SURE THOSE WHO NEED A ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS DUE TO THE BAD WEATHER GET ONE; THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FLOODED DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS FOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL FORT MYERS SEA FOOD AND MUSIC FESTIVAL; DEPUTIES IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WILL SOON BE USING NEW 3-D TECHNOLOGY TO BETTER HELP PEOPLE IN DISTRESS; A GROUP OF MEN ARE PROVING THEIR DISABILITY DOESN'T DEFINE THEM THE LOUISVILLE SLUGGER WARRIORS NATIONAL AMPUTEE BASEBALL TEAM" IS MADE UP ENTIRELY OF MILITARY VETS WOUNDED WARRIORS AND COLLEGE AMPUTEE BALL PLAYERS; FORT MYERS WOMEN'S APPAREL RETAILER CHICO'S ANNOUNCED THE FINALIZATION OF THEIR BILLION DOLLAR SALE TO SYCAMORE PARTNERS A PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM SPECIALIZING IN RETAIL INVESTMENTS; THE CONSERVANCY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA IS LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO PROTECT PANTHER HABITAT;

1/06

ONE PERSON IS DEAD AFTER A HIT AND RUN CRASH ON PALM BEACH BOULEVARD; A HIT AND RUN CRASH INJURES THREE PEOPLE IN COLLIER COUNTY; MEDICAL EPISODE BEHIND THE WHEEL LEADS TO A FORTY THOUSAND POUND SPILL OF RAW CHICKEN ON I-75 NEAR CORKSCREW ROAD; THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FLOODED DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS FOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL FORT MYERS SEA FOOD AND MUSIC FESTIVAL; TORNADO TOUCHED DOWN BETWEEN MOORE HAVEN AND LAKEPORT IN GLADES COUNTY;

1/07

DESOTO COUNTY DEPUTIES NEED YOUR HELP FINDING A HOMICIDE SUSPECT AFTER A SHOOTING THAT HAPPENED AT THE FLEA MARKET ON US-17 AND M-L-K JUNIOR STREET; A CHARLOTTE COUNTY MAN ACCUSED OF STABBING HIS MOTHER TO DEATH IS NOW FACING MURDER CHARGES; LOCAL MUSICIANS ARE COMING TOGETHER IN CONCERT TO PLAY THEIR MUSIC IN PROTEST OF A REZONING PROJECT, COLLIER COUNTY IS REZONING THE AREA OF SEVENTH AVENUE NORTHWEST FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE MASON CLASSICAL ACADEMY; LEE HEALTH IS CONSIDERING MAKING THE SWITCH FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TO A PRIVATE NON-PROFIT TOMORROW PEOPLE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE YOUR OPINION AND GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED AT A TOWN HALL; NEW STATE LEGISLATION WAS FILED THAT WOULD HELP CREATE A UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM; THE FORT MYERS POLICE DEPARTMENT JUST UNVEILED NEW AND UPDATED BODY CAMERAS MEANT TO KEEP PEOPLE SAFE; A LEE COUNTY DEPUTY STEPPED INTO ACTION WHEN HE CAME ACROSS THIS INJURED BOBCAT WHILE ON DUTY;

1/08

THE FIRST TIME PEOPLE ARE SEEING BODY CAMERA FOOTAGE FROM THE NIGHT A MAN WAS SHOT AND KILLED IN HIS HOME BY FORT MYERS POLICE OFFICERS DURING A STANDOFF; BANNING FLORIDA KIDS FROM TIK TOK, INSTAGRAM, SNAPCHAT AND OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA IS THE GOAL OF FLORIDA'S PROPOSED HOUSE BILL ONE; THE DESOTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS LOOKING FOR EMILIO OLALDE WHO IS ACCUSED OF KILLING HIS EX-GIRLFRIEND IN BROAD DAYLIGHT; THE CITY OF FORT MYERS PLANNING TO GO BACK TO FREE PARKING DOWNTOWN FOR PEOPLE VISITING CENTENNIAL PARK AND THE PLAYGROUND; CAPE CORAL HOSPITAL'S I-C-U EXPANSION IS COMPLETE AND READY

TO OPEN FOR SERVICE; THE EXPANDED FLORIDA MOVE OVER LAW GOES INTO EFFECT; THE FORT MYERS BEACH COUNCIL WILL TAKE APPLICATIONS TO FILL A NEWLY OPEN SPOT ON COUNCIL; SECURITY PROTOCOLS ARE RAMPING UP FOR THOSE ENTERING THE NAPLES CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS; VALERIE'S HOUSE OF FORT MYERS HAS A NEW LOCATION; A TUG BOAT AND CRANE MOVED INTO POSITION TO MOVE DAMAGED BOATS OUT OF THE FORT MYERS YACHT BASIN IN DOWNTOWN; A FORMER ISLAND COAST HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH IS NOW TAKING THE DETROIT LIONS TO NEW HEIGHTS;

1/09

HOMEOWNERS IN PUNTA GORDA ARE SEEING FLOODING DUE TO THE RECENT RAINS AND WANT THE CITY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE STORM DRAINS BECAUSE THEY CAN'T HAVE THEIR HOUSE FLOOD AND NEED REPAIRS EVERY FEW MONTHS; THE HEARTBROKEN DESOTO COUNTY FAMILY OF A WOMAN SHOT AND KILLED AT A FLEA MARKET IS SPEAKING OUT; A BUS DRIVER WILL BE DRUG TESTED AFTER HITTING A KID ON A BIKE OUTSIDE AUBREY RODGERS HIGH SCHOOL IN COLLIER COUNTY; A COLLIER COUNTY NURSE IS ACCUSED OF RACKING UP THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ON HER SENIOR PATIENTS' CREDIT CARDS; WINK NEWS CONSUMER REPORTER ANDRYANNA SHEPPARD EXPLAINS HOW TECHNOLOGY, THE ECONOMY AND SOCIAL CHANGES WILL IMPACT PEOPLE AND THEIR JOB THIS YEAR; STAYING LOYAL AND TRUE TO THE SCHOOL THAT GAVE YOU A CHANCE IN A WORLD WHERE THE TRANSFER PORTAL ALLOWS ATHLETES TO STAY IN SCHOOL FOR FIVE, SIX AND EVEN SEVEN YEARS IT'S NOT NORMAL BUT TWO FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY PLAYERS HAVE STAYED; GAVIN BRINDLEY AND SEAMUS CASEY FROM ESTERO WON GOLD MEDALS FOR TEAM USA HOCKEY;

1/10

COVERING THE DES MOINES IOWA DEBATE LIVE FROM IOWA; ANOTHER NIGHT OF CHAOS IN CAPE CORAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING; A CAR HAS CRASHED INTO A HOME IN CAPE CORAL; MAN IS ACCUSED OF HURTING A POLICE OFFICER WHILE DRUNK DRIVING IN CAPE CORAL; DESOTO DEPUTIES SAY EMILIO OLALDE IS STILL ON THE RUN FOR KILLING OLIVIA MALDONADO DE LA TORRE; PEOPLE ARE DIVIDED OVER A NEW BILL THAT'S HOPING TO MAKE MAIL IN BALLOTS MORE SELECTIVE; BONITA SPRINGS PETER SIMMONS WAS ON THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM; A NEW HEALTH BILL OF RIGHTS FOR PEOPLE LIVING ON MARCO ISLAND THAT KEEPS PRIVATE EMPLOYERS FROM ASKING THEIR WORKERS FOR VACCINE DOCUMENTATION AND ALSO BANS VACCINE MANDATES AND COVID-19 MASKING; MUSICAL THEATER TROUPES FROM AROUND THE WORLD PREFORMED AT THE BONITA ARTS CENTER; A SOUTHWEST FLORIDA COUPLE PLAN TO PADDLEBOARD EIGHTY MILES ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN TO RAISE MONEY AND AWARENESS FOR FAMILIES WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS;

1/11

THE COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTED MARIA AVILAR RAMOS AND MICHELLE DUME AFTER THE AGENCY SAYS THEY STOLE CREDIT CARDS FROM THE SENIORS THEY CARED FOR AND BOUGHT THINGS FOR THEMSELVES; A MANATEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT IS FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES FOR THREATENING ANOTHER CHILD WITH A KNIFE IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA; COLLIER COUNTY DEPUTIES ARREST A MAN FOR ROAD RAGE AFTER HE POINTED A GUNS AT A MOTHER AND HER DAUGHTER; THE CITY OF FORT MYERS ABRUPTLY FIRED COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR LIZ BELLO-MATHEWS; OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS NEXT WEEK FOR LEE COUNTY SCHOOL STUDENTS; THE AUBREY ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL GIRL'S BASKETBALL TEAM HAS EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS OF BEING A FIRST YEAR SCHOOL; THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARREST AMAN ON SEVERAL COUNTS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING; THE ORIGINAL CHICO'S STORE CELEBRATED THEIR LONG AWAITED GRAND RE-OPENING ON SANIBEL; THE CALOOSAHATCHEE CONNECT PROJECT IS NOW ABLE TO KEEP IT'S PROMISES OF TACKLING WATER SHORTAGES WITH A GROUNDBREAKING SOLUTION; BUSINESS LEADERS IN THE FORT MYERS RIVER-DISTRICT MET WITH THE MAYOR TO BRING UP THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT THE NEW PAID PARKING PROGRAM; FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE'S PANTHER PULSE REPORTED TWO FLORIDA PANTHERS WERE HIT AND KILLED IN HENDRY COUNTY THIS WEEK;

1/12

ANTHONY VUOLO IS CHARGED WITH FIRST DEGREE ARSON IN CONNECTION WITH A FORT MYERS HOUSE FIRE; THE FBI ARRESTED A CHARLOTTE COUNTY MAN WITH CHILD PORN ON HIS PHONE; A WOMAN WAS BEING CHASED AND SHOT AT WHILE DRIVING HER CAR IN COLLIER COUNTY SHE REFUSED THE DIRECTION OF THE 911 DISPATCHER BECAUSE SHE FEARED FOR HER AND HER DAUGHTERS LIVES; AN ANIMAL SHELTER IN CRISIS LEAVING HUNDREDS OF CATS AND DOGS AT THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE IN DESPERATE NEED OF HELP; FORT MYERS CITY MANAGER MARTY LAWING SAYS THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES IN THE CITY'S NEW DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN; THE FACELESS BRONZE STATUES THAT USED TO ADORN DOWNTOWN NAPLES HAVE

DISAPPEARED AFTER THE HOFFMANN COMPANY SOLD THEIR PROPERTIES DOWNTOWN; WINK NEWS REPORT CLAIRE GALT IS IN IOWA COVERING THE IOWA CAUCUSES; GOVERNOR DESANTIS ANNOUNCED NEARLY TEN MILLION DOLLARS IN FUNDING FOR PROJECTS THAT WILL HELP COMBAT EFFECTS OF HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS INCLUDING BLUE-GREEN ALGAE; THE 39TH ANNUAL CAPE CORAL ART FESTIVAL FEATURES MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED ARTISTS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE BEING HELD IN DOWNTOWN CAPE CORAL; THE 23RD ANNUAL CHARLOTTE COUNTY BOAT SHOW IS BACK AT THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS; A FORMER DUNBAR FOOTBALL STAR IS GETTING READY FOR HIS SECOND STRAIGHT PLAYOFF APPEARANCE FOR THE TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS; FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY OFFICIALLY SWORE IN ITS FIRST EVER FEMALE PRESIDENT DOCTOR AYSEGUL TIMUR;

1/13

WILSON GUANULEMA IS IN JAIL ACCUSED OF A FATAL HIT AND RUN CRASH ON PALM BEACH BOULEVARD IN FORT MYERS; HUNDREDS OF ARTISTS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE DESCEND ON SOUTHWEST FLORIDA FOR THE 39-TH ANNUAL CAPE CORAL ART FESTIVAL; WINK NEWS CONSUMER REPORTER ANDRYANNA SHEPPARD EXPLAINS HOW PEOPLE CAN KEEP POP UPS AWAY AND YOUR WALLET SAFE; THIEVES WITH EXPENSIVE TASTE TOOK MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF LUXURY ITEMS FROM A FORT MYERS ANTIQUE STORE; THE PUNTA GORDA SEAFOOD AND MUSIC FESTIVAL IS GOING ON THIS WEEKEND AT LAISHLEY PARK; DEL WEBB NAPLES IN AVE MARIA IS HOSTING THE 2024 WINTERFEST OPEN A ROUND ROBIN STYLE PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT; SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SAW TWENTY CANCELLATIONS AND ONE HUNDRED DELAYS DUE TO BAD WEATHER IN THE MIDWEST AND NORTHEAST;

1/14

CLAIRE GALT CONTINUES TO BRING COVERAGE ON THE IOWA CAUCUS; MEN AND WOMEN ARE STEPPING UP TO HELP IMPROVE DOZENS OF LEE COUNTY COMMUNITIES DOZENS OF LOCAL LEADERS AND PASTORS ARE COMING TOGETHER TO GIVE VOICES TO THE VOICELESS AND TACKLE THEIR ISSUES; TOMORROW IS MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR DAY AND THERE IS SO MUCH GOING ON TO CELEBRATE THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT LEADER IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA; A PORT CHARLOTTE CHURCH IS FINALLY SEEING PROGRESS AFTER HURRICANE IAN'S DESTRUCTION THE PILGRIM CHURCH OF PORT CHARLOTTE HAD A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TAKE THEIR MONEY AND RUN LEAVING THE CHURCH IN THE SAME STATE AS IT WAS FOR OVER A YEAR AFTER THE STORM; CAPE CORAL FIREFIGHTERS AWARDED A CAPE CORAL MAN WITH A COMMUNITY RECOGNITION COIN AFTER HE CAME TO THE RESCUE AFTER A NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE CATCHES ON FIRE;

1/15

FLOOD WATERS TOOK OVER MANY STREETS IN CAPE CORAL; RELENTLESS RAIN MADE THE COMMUTE FOR MANY NEAR IMPOSSIBLE DUE TO FLOOD STREETS IN FORT MYERS; THE HEAVY RAIN CAUSED A GAS STATION'S ROOF TO COLLAPSE IN NORTH FORT MYERS; THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS CRACKING DOWN ON A-T-V AND DIRT BIKE DRIVERS AFTER A GROUP POP WHEELIES ON ATV'S AND MOTORCYCLES RIDING DOWN STATE ROAD 82; A LEE COUNTY DEPUTY SAVES A MAN TRAPPED IN A FLIPPED CAR; THE 17TH ANNUAL MLK BREAKFAST WAS HELD AT THE CALOOSA SOUND CONVENTION CENTER; DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY THRU OUT SOUTHWEST FLORIDA; A DESOTO COUNTY MAN IS HIDING FROM AUTHORTIES CRIME STOPPERS SAYS FIDEL FLETCHER HAS TIES TO CHARLOTTE AND DESOTO COUNTIES AND MAY BE HIDING IN ARCADIA CALL THE CRIME-STOPPERS NUMBER 1-800-780 TIPS; THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL MADE SOME CHANGES TO THE CAPE CORAL YACHT CLUB PLAN AFTER PUBLIC INPUT;

1/16

YESTERDAY'S STORMS CAUSED MAJOR FLOODING ALL OVER THE AREA CAPE CORAL POLICE SAID THEY GOT ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTYFIVE REPORTS OF DISABLED OR FLOODED VEHICLES AND ASSISTED WITH THE RETRIEVAL OF ABOUT FIFTY WHILE THE CITY'S FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS OUT RESCUING DRIVERS WHO HAD DRIVEN RIGHT INTO RETENTION PONDS; THE WEATHER CREATED SOME CONFUSION AT SCHOOL AFTER A FAKE SOCIAL MEDIA POST SAID SCHOOL WOULD BE CANCELED IN LEE COUNTY; THE COLLIER SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS COTY CLEMENTS WAS CAUGHT ON SECURITY VIDEO WALKING INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD WALMART BATHROOM IN PORT CHARLOTTE AND CALLING IN A BOGUS BOMB THREAT; A FORT MYERS MAN ASK THE CITY COUNCIL FOR A GROUP EFFORT TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF HOMELESSNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH AFTER HIS HOUSE WAS SET ON FIRE BY A HOMELESS MAN; FORT MYERS CITY COUNCILMAN JOHNNY STREETS PROPOSED THE IDEA OF A DOWNTOWN FERRIS WHEEL AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING; A LOCAL FORT MYERS TEEN IS SHOWCASING TALENTS ON THE BASKETBALL COURT AND ON STAGE; SAINT MATTHEWS HOUSE IS OPENING A SHELTER IN FORT MYERS THAT WILL SERVE SINGLE WOMEN, SENIOR WOMEN AND WOMEN WITH CHILDREN WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS; ALVA DEVELOPMENT

FIGHT; THIRTEEN PEOPLE ARE ARRESTED FOR SELLING DRUGS IN IMMOKALEE; THE ARTS BONITA YOUTH THEATRE GROUP WON AN EXCELLENCE IN DANCE AWARD AT THE JUNIOR ARTS FESTIVAL IN ATLANTA; THE CITY OF FORT MYERS IS PLANNING TO TURN THE CITY OF PALMS PARK INTO A HOME FIELD FOR A NEW M-L-S NEXT PRO TEAM; FLOODING HAS BECOME AN UNFORTUNATE NORM IN THE CHARLOTTE HARBOR HISTORIC DISTRICT IN PUNTA GORDA; LEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHANGED LAWN WATERING RULES TO ONLY ALLOW ONE WATERING A WEEK;

1/17

STATE REPRESENTATIVE MIKE GIALLOMBARDO SENT THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL'S MAYOR AND EVERY CITY COUNCIL MEMBER A LETTER ASKING THEM TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND REVERSE THEIR VOTE TO GIVE THEMSELVES A HEFTY STIPEND; A MAN ESCAPES FROM GLADES COUNTY JAIL AND GOES ON A WILD CRIME SPREE; A WOMAN IS ARRESTED SUSPECTED OF MESSING WITH GRAVESITES IN FORT MYERS; A BEAUTY SALON'S BACK OPEN AFTER A MINI VAN PLOWED THROUGH IT IN FORT MYERS IN NOVEMBER; THE CAPE CORAL COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ARE PLANNING MULTIPLE OPTIONS FOR A NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AND THE CITY'S WELCOME SIGN; A NEW PROGRAM WILL INCENTIVIZE PLANE OPERATORS TO STAY QUIET IN THE SKIES OVER NAPLES THE FLY SAFE FLY QUIET PROGRAM WILL REWARD PILOTS BASED ON THE OVERALL QUIETNESS OF THEIR FLIGHT; THE WATER QUALITY IMPACT STUDY FOUND THAT IF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA HAD ANOTHER WATER CRISES EVENT IN CHARLOTTE, LEE OR COLLIER COUNTIES IT WOULD COST OUR AREA NOT MILLIONS BUT BILLIONS OF TOURIST DOLLARS; THE ROOKERY BAY RESERVE FIRE MANAGEMENT TEAM PLANS TO DO SOME PRESCRIBED BURNS THROUGHOUT THE NEXT FEW MONTHS; THE FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY SOFTBALL TEAM JOINED FORCES WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TO BUILD A HOME FOR A LOCAL FAMILY IN NEED; FORT MYERS CITY COUNCIL IS LOOKING TO RELOCATE THEIR BASE OF OPERATIONS TO THE OLD HODGES UNIVERSITY SITE; LEE HEALTH SAYS THEY ARE NOT AT CAPACITY WITH THEIR HOSPITAL BEDS BUT THEY ARE SEEING AN INFLUX OF PEOPLE AND WANT TO LET PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT OTHER OPTIONS SO THEY DON'T REACH CAPACITY;

1/18

DESOTO DEPUTIES CAUGHT OLALDE EMILIO HIDING OUT AT A HOME IN DESOTO COUNTY HE IS SUSPECTED OF KILLING HIS EX-GIRLFRIEND; US SENATOR RICK SCOTT OF NAPLES IS WORKING TO HOLD PEOPLE BEHIND SWATTING CALLS ACCOUNTABLE AFTER HE WAS THE VICTIM OF A CALL AT HIS HOME IN NAPLES; A NEW HELICOPTER WILL BE FLYING AROUND LEE COUNTY HELPING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE KEEP PEOPLE SAFE; PREVENTING COLLEGES FROM SPENDING MONEY ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION INITIATIVES AND REMOVING A SOCIOLOGY CLASS FROM A LIST OF CORE COURSES THAT'S WHAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVED; CAPE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER DAN SHEPPARD IS TURNING DOWN THE NEW STIPEND THAT WAS APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL; COLLIER EMS CHIEF TABATHA BUTCHER LOST HER JOB DUE TO THE HANDLING OF LEAVE AND DISCIPLINE OF AN EMPLOYEE; CITIZENS INSURANCE COULD SOON BE AVAILABLE FOR MORE PEOPLE; CITY OF PUNTA GORDA OFFICIALS SAY HALF OF THE FOURTEEN THOUSAND WATER METERS INSTALLED IN 2018 ARE FAULTY; THE PRICE TAG OF NAPLES STORMWATER BEACH OUTFALL PROJECT JUST TRIPLED; COLLIER COUNTY WANTS A SIDEWALK PROJECT IN NAPLES PARK BUT RESIDENTS ARE SAYING NO; THERE IS MASSIVE SUPPORT FOR THE NEW NCH HEART AND STROKE INSTITUTE IN NAPLES BUT AFTER NEARLY THREE YEARS THE CITY HAS YET TO APPROVE THE PROJECT; THE ASSOCIATION OF PICKLEBALL PLAYERS PUNTA GORDA OPEN IS IN FULL SWING;

1/19

A MOTHER AND SON DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE NEAR ARCADIA; A PLANE CRASHES UPSIDE DOWN IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY; NAPLES POLICE SAY 45-YEAR-OLD MATHEW SOLOMON ARRESTED FOR SMASHING UP A VAN WITH A GOLF CLUB OVER A STOLEN PARKING SPOT IN NAPLES; A MAN IN NAPLES IS ACCUSED OF EXPOSING HIMSELF TO A WOMAN NEAR THE NAPLES PIER; THE FLORIDA HOUSE UNANIMOUSLY PASSED A BILL THAT WOULD ALLOW COURTS TO REQUIRE THAT PARENTS WHO SHARE CUSTODY OF CHILD TO USE SAFE EXCHANGE SPOTS; FLYERS ARE POPPING UP AROUND CAPE CORAL CLAIMING TO BE RAISING MONEY FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SO THEY CAN BUY BODY ARMOR AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AND CLAIMS THAT POLICE TRAINING HAS BEEN REDUCED DUE TO BUDGET CUTS CAPE CORAL POLICE SAY THIS IS A SCAM; THE LARGEST BOAT SHOW IN THE NAPLES AREA IS BACK AND CELEBRATING ITS 57TH YEAR; THE SANIBEL LIGHTHOUSE BEACH PARKING LOT WILL BE CLOSED NEXT WEEK FOR REPAIRS TO THE ICONIC STRUCTURE; NAPLES CHEF KAYLA PFIEFFER WON THE TV SHOW CHOPPED; THE ONE-CENT INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX IN COLLIER COUNTY IS NO MORE; VOLUNTEERS WITH LEE CARES ARE KNOCKING ON DOORS AND LEAVING DOOR HANGERS TO PROMOTE

- 1/20 THEIR HOUSING RECOVERY PROGRAMS IN LEE COUNTY; TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF ARE NOMINATED FOR THE GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY SCHOOLS; CAPE CORAL POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A SHOOTING THAT LEFT TWO PEOPLE HURT; A MOTHER AND SON ARE DEAD AFTER A DESOTO COUNTY HOME CATCHES FIRE; COLLIER COUNTY'S ONE CENT INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX HAS COME TO AN END; THE GARDEN BROTHERS HAVE BROUGHT THEIR NUCLEAR CIRCUS TO LEE COUNTY; THE CAPE CORAL YACHT CLUB IS UNDER A WATER ADVISORY NOTICE, TESTS WERE CONDUCTED REVEALING HIGH LEVELS OF BACTERIA; THE ICONIC NERVOUS NELLIE'S ON FORT MYERS BEACH REOPENED AFTER MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED DAYS OF RECOVERY EFFORTS, PATIENCE AND HARD WORK; SAINT MATTHEW'S HOUSE HAS THEIR DOORS OPEN FOR PEOPLE IN NEED PEOPLE CAN GO TO THE IMMOKALEE FRIENDSHIP HOUSE AT 602 WEST MAIN STREET OR THE NAPLES SHELTER ON 2001 AIRPORT ROAD SOUTH; SEVERAL FORMER FGCU BASEBALL PLAYERS ARE BACK IN THE BATTERS BOX FOR THE PROGRAM'S ALUMNI BASEBALL GAME;
- 1/21 GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS IS SUSPENDING HIS PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN; A LARGE AREA OF NORTH NAPLES IS UNDER A BOIL WATER NOTICE; JAMES GAINVORS WAS FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER AFTER HE SHOT AND KILLED HIS NEIGHBOR MATT HANSON OUTSIDE HIS PORT CHARLOTTE HOME ON THE FOURTH OF JULY; THE FORT MYERS POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THE LATE FORT MYERS POLICE CHIEF DERRICK DIGGS WILL RECEIVE THE FOUNDERS AWARD AT THE 2024 NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HALL OF FAME; SEVERAL COLD WEATHER SHELTERS IN OUR AREA OPENED UP AS TEMPERATURES REACHED THE LOW 40S IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA;
- 1/22 JAMES GAINVORS SHOT AND KILLED MATHEW HANSON LAST YEAR FOLLOWING ARGUMENTS ABOUT FIREWORKS WAS SENTENCED TO FIFTEEN YEARS IN JAIL; A TRAGIC HEAD ON CRASH IN COLLIER COUNTY TOOK THE LIFE OF AN AQUATICS SUPERVISOR FOR THE CITY OF NAPLES; BALLOONS, FLOWERS, CANDLES AND PICTURES PLACED IN MEMORIAL FOR A MOM AND HER SON WHO DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE IN DESOTO COUNTY; STEPHEN DUKES OF HD CUSTOM HOMES PLEADED GUILTY FOR HIS CRIMES OF TAKING MONEY AND NOT BUILDING HOMES IN A CHARLOTTE COUNTY COURTROOM; CUSTOMERS WITH COLLIER COUNTY WATER SEWER DISTRICT IN NORTH COLLIER ARE UNDER A BOIL WATER NOTICE; THE SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL IS SEARCHING FOR A NEW COUNCIL MEMBER FOLLOWING DOCTOR SCOTT CRATER'S RESIGNATION OVER THE NEWLY INTRODUCED FORM SIX REQUIRING OFFICIALS TO MAKE THEIR FINANCES PUBLIC; FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN COLLGE WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM IS RANKED FIRST OVERALL IN PRESEASON POLLS; FENTANYL, METH AND COCAINE ALL SEIZED AS A RESULT OF A SEARCH WARRANT IN ENGLEWOOD; THE PUNTA GORDA MASONS UNVEILED A SPECIAL TRIBUTE WALL DEDICATED TO FIRST RESPONDERS WHO DIED IN SERVICE TO CHARLOTTE COUNTY; MASSIVE COST INCREASES FOR A LONG-ANTICIPATED STORM WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN NAPLES;
- 1/23 A GUN BATTLE ON A QUIET CAPE CORAL STREET AS A BABY SITS IN A CAR JUST FEET AWAY WHILE BULLETS FLY; A TEEN WHO IS SUSPECTED OF STEALING A RANGE ROVER IN FORT MYERS WITH A GROUP OF KIDS IS FACING ADDITIONAL CHARGES; A DESOTO COUNTY MAN IS FACING FELONY CHARGES FOR AN ODD DINNER CHICKEN WINGS WITH A SIDE OF COUNTERFEIT CASH; A BONITA SPRINGS COMMUNITY GATHERED TO REMOVE AN ALIGATOR THAT WAS MAKING THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD UNSAFE; COLLIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GOT PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON THE PROPOSED YEAR LONG BUILDING MORATORIUM AND COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS TO THE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS ON THE IMMOKALEE AND VANDERBILT BEACH ROADS; HURRICANE IAN LEFT THE SANIBEL LIGHTHOUSE IN A TILTED STATE AFTER A BIT OF WORK AND SOME ELBOW GREASE THE LIGHTHOUSE STANDS TALL ONCE AGAIN; PALMETTO RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM MANAGER IS HELPING HIS TEAM WIN;
- 1/24 TWO PEOPLE ARE DEAD AND NEIGHBORS ARE ON EDGE IN A RURAL AREA OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY; A MAN CONVICTED OF TRYING TO KILL A CAPE CORAL POLICE OFFICER COP TEN YEARS AGO IS IN COURT FOR A RETRAIL; CAPE CORAL CITY HALL WAS THE EPICENTER OF A PASSIONATE COMMUNITY MOVEMENT AS PEOPLE SHOWED UP AT THE COUNCIL MEETING WEARING THEIR SAVE JAYCEE PARK TEES; SANIBEL IS KNOWN FOR HAVING AN ABUNDANCE OF SEASHELLS BUT THERE ARE RULES WHEN IT COMES TO THE NATURAL TREASURES; RICK INATOME IS SET TO BE KNIGHTED FOR HIS WORK TO BENEFITTED CHILDREN, AIDS AND CANCER RESEARCH NEXT MONTH DURING A CEREMONY AT THE RITZ-CARLTON IN NAPLES; ROBOT-ASSISTED SURGERY IS CONSTANTLY BEING ADAPTED TO NEW PROCEDURES AT LEE HEALTH; CHRISTOPHER PASCALE PLED NO CONTEST TO

CONTRACTING WITHOUT A LICENSE AND BUILDING IN COLLIER COUNTY WITHOUT A PERMIT AND MUST PAY HIS VICTIMS TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ONCE HE'S RELEASED FROM JAIL; LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS SAYS THE NEW FRANKLIN PARK ELEMENTARY IS ON SCHEDULE TO OPEN UP IN AUGUST;

1/25

DOGNAPPING ATTEMPT IN LEHIGH ACRES; TWO PEOPLE SHOT AND KILLED IN A RURAL PART OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY AND THERE ARE STILL MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS ABOUT THE INVESTIGATION THAT'S BEEN GOING ON FOR ABOUT A DAY AND A HALF; A CHARLOTTE COUNTY MAN WAS ARRESTED AFTER DEPUTIES SAY HE WAS DRUNK PICKING UP HIS KIDS FROM SCHOOL; THE NAACP IS CONTINUING TO PUSH FOR ANSWERS ABOUT THE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN FORT MYERS THAT KILLED CHRISTOPHER JORDON DURING A STAND OFF IN DECEMBER; THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PUT EIGHTY PEOPLE IN JAIL AND TOOK NEARLY A KILO OF FENTANYL OFF THE STREETS; CAPE CORAL CITY COUNCIL APPROVED A HIRING BONUS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; FINE WINE, GREAT FOOD, AN INCREDIBLE AUCTION ALL TOGETHER TO BENEFIT CHILDREN IN COLLIER COUNTY THE NAPLES WINTER WINE FESTIVAL KICKS OFF TOMORROW; COLLIER COUNTY COURTS ARE WARNING ABOUT A NEW SCAM DEMANDING PAYMENT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR IN COURT; HONORING LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL IS DISCUSSING AN ORDINANCE TO NAME THE NEW FIRE TRAINING FACILITY AFTER FIRE ENGINEER AND DRIVER MICHAEL CAMELO JUNIOR;

1/26

THE LIST OF COMPLAINTS AND ACCUSATIONS THAT FORCED WOODLANDS ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITY IN CAPE CORAL TO CLOSE DOWN; CONGRESSMAN-- BYRON DONALDS SAYS THAT HE'S PUSHING SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MIKE JOHNSON TO BRING THE QUALIFIED DISASTER BILL TO A VOTE ON THE HOUSE FLOOR NEXT WEEK; THE FUTURE OF ABORTION RIGHTS IN FLORIDA COULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE VOTERS AFTER FLORIDIANS PROTECTING FREEDOM MANAGED TO GET ENOUGH SIGNATURES TO GET THE ISSUE ON THE BALLOT; THE CAPE CORAL POLICE DEPARTMENT IS TALKING AFTER A MAN WHO TRIED TO KILL ONE OF THEIR OWN WAS FOUND GUILTY OF ATTEMPTED MURDER; AN ELABORATE STRING OF FRAUDULENT ACTIVITIES LANDS A MAN IN JAIL AFTER HE STOLE NEARLY EIGHTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE LULU LEMON STORE AT THE WATERSIDE SHOPS; PEOPLE ARE HEADING BACK TO FORT MYERS BEACH; THE NAPLES WINTER WINE FESTIVAL GOT UNDERWAY AND THE GENEROUS DONORS WHO TAKE PART GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE CHILDREN THEY ARE HELPING; THERE IS A LOT OF CONCERN ABOUT THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS IN THE MORNING DURING DROP OFF AT CAPE CORAL HIGH SCHOOL; HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY IS SATURDAY AND WINK NEWS ANCHOR NICOLE GABE SPOKE WITH SAMUEL HARRIS WHO LIVED THROUGH IT AND STRUGGLED TO TELL HIS STORY FOR YEARS;

1/27

FORT MYERS POLICE NEED YOUR HELP WITH A HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION THEY ARE SEEKING INFORMATION REGARDING THE MURDER OF 63-YEAR-OLD AUBREY BYRON CARTER; TIME AND TIME AGAIN RESIDENTS OF CAPE CORAL HAVE WORKED HARD TO MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS BUT IN EVERY EFFORT COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE IGNORED THEIR REQUESTS TO SAVE JAYCEE PARK SO, THEY CREATED THEIR OWN PLATFORM AND HELD A RALLY AT JAYCEE PARK; INVESTIGATORS ARE WORKING TO FIND OUT HOW A FIRE STARTED AT A HOUSE ON BASSIE COURT IN FORT MYERS; THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY FAIR KICKED OFF; MILLIONS OF DOLLARS RAISED TO HELP COLLIER COUNTY CHILDREN AFTER DOZENS OF ONE OF A KIND AUCTION ITEMS WENT UP FOR BID AT ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS CHARITY WINE AUCTIONS THE NAPLES WINTER WINE FESTIVAL; A WISH COMES TRUE FOR A LITTLE GIRL BATTLING A BRAIN TUMOR IN AVE MARIA;

1/28

THE FORT MYERS POLICE DEPARTMENT IS INVESTIGATING AFTER AUBREY BYRON CARTER WAS FOUND MURDERED; FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL NEEDS HELP FINDING A DRIVER AFTER A MAN WAS SERIOUSLY HURT IN A HIT-AND-RUN CRASH IN COLLIER COUNTY; THE LIGHTHOUSE BEACH PARKING LOTS ON SANIBEL WERE OPEN THIS WEEKEND BUT STARTING TOMORROW THE PARKING LOT WILL CLOSE AGAIN FOR THE SECOND WEEK IN A ROW; CREWS HAVE MOVED TRAFFIC TO THE PERMANENT LANES ON THE SANIBEL CAUSEWAY; RECORD BREAKING NIGHT FOR THE NAPLES WINTER WINE FESTIVAL THE LIVE AUCTION RAISED MORE THAN THIRTY THREE MILLION DOLLARS FOR AT RISK CHILDREN IN COLLIER COUNTY; THE DESOTO COUNTY FAIR KICKS OFF NEXT FRIDAY AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS WORKING WITH THE ARCADIA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE DESOTO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE STAYS SAFE;

- 1/29 RATS WREAK HAVOC AT RENTED STORAGE UNIT IN NORTH FORT MYERS; A CHARLOTTE COUNTY MOTHER STABBED TO DEATH, TWO DAUGHTERS ATTACKED AND THE SON IS ACCUSED OF THE KILLING WAS ARRAIGNED IN COURT; CAPE CORAL POLICE SAY THERE WERE TWENTY THREE CAR BREAK INS OVER THE WEEKEND SPREAD ALL ACROSS THE CITY; THE LEE GOP PLANS TO PROTEST A FLAG A TEACHER PUT IT UP AT RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL SAYING HATE HAS NO HOME HERE AND SHOWS HANDS HOLDING HEARTS PRINTED WITH FLAGS FOR TRANSGENDER PRIDE, BLACK LIVES MATTER, AMERICA, PEACE AND GAY PRIDE AT THE NEXT LEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING; WINK NEWS IS MARCH TO A MILLION MEALS CAMPAIGN BEGINS; A PICKUP TRUCK DECKED OUT IN RACING GEAR NEARLY KILLS A 45-YEAR-OLD MAN TRYING TO GET ACROSS THE STREET AND THE DRIVER IS STILL ON THE RUN IN NAPLES; THERE WAS A DECREASE IN MANATEE DEATHS IN 2023; THE CITY OF SANIBEL SPENT WEEKS STUDYING TRAFFIC TO SEE HOW THEY CAN MAKE THE TRIP ONTO AND OFF OF THE ISLAND FASTER; ONE HOUR FREE PARKING IN ALL THREE DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS PARKING GARAGES BEFORE 5:00PM IN AN EFFORT TO HELP BRING MORE BUSINESS DOWNTOWN; THE LIVE AUCTION AT THE NAPLES WINTER WINE FESTIVAL RAISED MORE THAN THIRTY THREE MILLION DOLLARS ALL OF IT FOR AT RISK CHILDREN IN COLLIER COUNTY; COACHES FOR THE FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ARE SPORTING A DIFFERENT LOOK DRESSED IN SUITS AND SNEAKERS FOR COACHES VERSUS CANCER;
- 1/30 POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A MAN WHO STOLE CANTINA LAREDO SNOOP DOGG SIGN; TRANS GENDER FLORIDIANS COULD RUN INTO LEGAL TROUBLE IF THEIR LICENSE DOESN'T MATCH THE GENDER THEY WERE BORN A PERSON MISREPRESENTING THEIR GENDER IS CONSIDERED FRAUD AND OFFENDERS COULD FACE TO CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTIES; A NEW PLAN COULD CHANGE WHERE KIDS GO TO SCHOOL IN COLLIER COUNTY AND SOME PARENTS ARE NOT HAPPY; PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS WITH HELP FROM THE PUBLIC BY THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY DOWNTOWN PLAN UPDATE LISTENING SESSION; THE MAN CHARGED WITH THE KILLING OF TWO WOMEN IN CAPE CORAL IS NOW CHALLENGING THE DEATH PENALTY RULES SURROUNDING HIS CASE; THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS RALPH BEIRNAT WAS CAUGHT ON CAMERA SHOOTING AT A SPEED ENFORCEMENT TRAILER CAUSING LA AINGER MIDDLE SCHOOL IN ROTONDA WEST TO BE PLACED ON LOCKDOWN DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF THE SHOOTING; ADDRESSING THE HOUSING CRISIS-- WITH COMPASSION AND INNOVATION THE DIOCESE OF VENICE AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICA ARE USHERING IN A NEW ERA IN ARCADIA WITH THE GRAND OPENING OF SAN PEDRO AT MEADOW PARK; JACK HOAGLUND IS BACK ON THE LACROSSE FIELD WITH THE NAPLES HIGH SCHOOL LACROSSE TEAM AFTER SURVIVING CANCER; THE CITY MANAGER OF PUNTA GORDA IS ADDRESSING CONCERNS AFTER PEOPLE WERE BEING OVERCHARGED ON THEIR WATER BILL; THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL WILL BE PLANTING MANGROVES AT CORAL POINTE SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10TH AT NINE AM AND THEY NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SHOW UP;
- 1/31 A STOLEN SNOOP DOG BOBBLE HEAD IS BACK AT CANTINA LAREDO IN FORT MYERS; A CAR IS JOLTED TO A STOP DURING A HIGH SPEED CHASE ON I-75 BY FHP AFTER ANOTHER DRIVER REPORTED THEM FOR WAVING A GUN IN A FIT OF ROAD RAGE; EMILO OLADE IS BEHIND BARS FACING MURDER CHARGES AFTER HIS EX GIRLFRIEND WAS SHOT AND KILLED AT A FLEA MARKET IN ARCADIA; INVESTIGATORS ARE PIECING TOGETHER WHAT LED UP TO TWO MEN BEING SHOT AND KILLED IN A RURAL AREA OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY; PLANS TO REVITALIZE CITY OF PALMS AND THE LAND SURROUNDING THE PARK HAVE BEEN ON HOLD FOR MOST OF THIS MONTH BECAUSE THE LAWYERS FOR UNITED SOCCER LEAGUES SAID FORT MYERS COUNCILMEN LISTON BOCHETTE AND FRED BURSON BROKE THE CITY'S OWN RULES BY NOT USING A SCALE OF ONE TO FIVE WHEN DETERMINING THE WINNING BID; THE COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS WORKING WITH THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB TO TEACH KIDS THE DANGERS OF DRUGS AND VIOLENCE; THE BONITA SPRINGS ASSISTANCE OFFICE IS ONE OF MANY LOCAL OUTLETS THE UNITED WAY AND THE HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK SUPPORTS; A FACEBOOK MARKETPLACE SALE TURNS INTO A MAN SEALING THE MOTORCYCLE FOR SALE; WATER ISSUES ARE NOTHING NEW FOR THE PEOPLE IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY THOSE PERSISTENT ISSUES PROMPTED A TOWN MEETING TO GET SOME MORE INFORMATION; CREWS ARE WORKING IN CAPE CORAL TO LIGHT UP STREETS THAT HAVE BEEN DARK SINCE HURRICANE IAN;
- 2/01 CASSANDRA SMITH IS SENTENCED TO TWENTY NINE YEARS IN PRISON FOR HITTING AND KILLING CHARLOTTE COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICER CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR; THE FORT MYERS POLICE DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR A SEMI-TRUCK CONNECTED TO A

HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION; THE CEO OF THE SHELTER FOR ABUSED WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN NAPLES SAYS FORT MYERS AND NAPLES RANK AMONG THE TOP THREE CITIES IN THE STATE FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE CALLS; THE NEW SHELBY SERIES TWO WAS REVEALED FOR THE FIRST TIME AS PART OF THE NAPLES AUTOMOTIVE EXPERIENCE; AN UNDERCOVER FORT MYERS POLICE OFFICER WHO'S PART OF THE CITY'S FRONT LINE AGAINST FENTANYL TALKED ABOUT THE PROBLEM IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA; COMMISSIONER RICK LOCASTRO'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMPLAINT CASE IS MOVING TO MONROE COUNTY; THE TAMPA BAY RAYS ARE SET TO MAKE A TRIUMPHANT RETURN TO CHARLOTTE SPORTS PARK FOR THEIR 2024 SPRING TRAINING; THE COMPASS BY MARGARITAVILLE IS NOW OPEN; THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS OFFERING SOME ADORABLE CARDS TO IMPRESS YOUR POOKIE WITH THIS VALENTINES DAY FEATURING THE OFFICE'S HARD-WORKING K-9 UNITS;

2/02

THE LEE COUNTY NAACP SAYS THE FBI HAS OPENED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF CHRISTOPHER JORDAN WHO WAS SHOT AND KILLED DURING A STANDOFF WITH FORT MYERS POLICE IN DECEMBER; THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SENT OUT A WARNING ABOUT A TOXIC BLOOMS IN CAPE CORAL; THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOUND A STOLEN FORT MYERS BEACH BOAT; THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS A PERSONS AIRTAG LED THEM TO A BONITA SPRINGS HOME WHERE THEY FOUND TWO SUSPECTS AND LOADS OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES; AFTER A DEADLY SHOOTING LAST YEAR THE DESOTO COUNTY FAIR IS TAKING EXTRA STEPS TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE STAYS SAFE; HUNDREDS OF ARTISTS, MUSICIANS, AND FOOD VENDORS FLOODED DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS FOR ARTFEST; THE COPPERLEAF COMMUNITY'S ANNUAL HUNGER WALK WAS HELD IN ESTERO; A FORT MYERS MAN WHO DROPPED EVERYTHING TO FIGHT HAMAS IN ISRAEL IS BACK HOME IN FORT MYERS; HELPING THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLE THRIVE IN ADULthood THE STARABILITY FOUNDATION IN COLLIER COUNTY HAS CHANGED LIVES IN OUR AREA; ELITE ATHLETES ARE IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AS PART OF THE CHAMPIONS FOR HEALTH EXPO;

2/03

A FORT MYERS CHURCH IS LOCKED DOWN AND THEN QUICKLY EVACUATED IN THE MIDDLE OF A SERVICE THIS AFTERNOON; THE FORT MYERS POLICE DEPARTMENT IS STILL SEARCHING FOR THE LAST PERSON WHO MAY HAVE SEEN AUBREY CARTER ALIVE; FERRARIS, MASERATIS, CORVETTES AND SHELBY'S TOOK OVER DOWNTOWN NAPLES FOR THE 20TH ANNUAL CARS ON FIFTH WITH ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. MATTHEWS HOUSE; WINK NEWS IS IN LOCK-STEP, AS WE MARCH TOWARD A MILLION MEALS, IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA FAR TOO MANY STRUGGLE TO PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE AND TOGETHER WE CAN PUT AN END TO UNNECESSARY HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY; THE 6TH ANNUAL STAR-ABILITY FUNDRAISER HELD AT THE RITZ-CARLTON GOLF RESORT IN NAPLES; THE 5TH ANNUAL WOLF STOCK BREWFEST AND CONCERT HELD AT THE PARADISE COAST SPORTS COMPLEX IN NAPLES TO BENEFITS THE SHY WOLF SANCTUARY;

2/04

ARMED ROBBER ON THE RUN IN LEHIGH ACRES; THE DESOTO COUNTY FAIR IS RAMPING UP SECURITY WITH A NEW COMMAND CENTER AT THE HEART OF THE FAIRGROUNDS AND IMPROVED SAFETY MEASURES INCLUDING A WRISTBAND CHILDREN CAN WEAR WITH THEIR PARENTS CONTACT IN CASE THEY GET SEPARATED WHILE THEY'RE ENJOYING THE FAIR; PEOPLE FILLED RIVERSIDE PARK IN BONITA SPRINGS WATCHING PERFORMANCES FROM TRADITIONAL CHINESE LION DANCERS, TAIKO DRUMMERS, MUSICIANS AND SO MUCH MORE AT ASIS FEST; DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS' WATERFRONT WAS COVERED IN ART FOR THE ANNUAL SOUTHWEST FLORIDA PREMIER ART FESTIVAL; DR. NADINE SINGH OPENED TWO MOBILE CLINICS CALLED PREMIER MOBILE CLINIC THAT OFFERS FREE SERVICES TO PEOPLE WHO NEED IT IN MINORITY COMMUNITIES; BASEBALL FANS SPRING TRAINING IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER THE BOSTON RED SOX EQUIPMENT TRUCK IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FENWAY PARK TOMORROW AND MAKE ITS WAY TO JET-BLUE PARK;

2/05

LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S ARRESTED KYLE HAMILTON FOR SHOOTING INTO A CAR AS LITTLE KIDS SAT IN THE BACKSEAT; TROOPERS ARE SEARCHING FOR A HIT AND RUN DRIVER IN DESOTO COUNTY; A CAPE CORAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WAS RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL THIS MORNING AFTER GETTING HIT ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL; LEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER BRIAN HAMMAN WANTS TO RENAME THE SANIBEL CAUSEWAY TO THE RON DESANTIS SANIBEL CAUSEWAY; FEMA JUST APPROVED FIFTY ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO KEEP RECOVERY EFFORTS ROLLING IN LEE COUNTY; WINK NEWS ANCHOR ANNETTE MONTGOMERY INTRODUCES YOU TO THE ONLY PHARMACIST IN DUNBAR ALONG WITH HER INSPIRING STORY; THE DESCENDENTS OF BARRON COLLIER IS OPEN TO SELLING

THE MINERAL RIGHTS OF AN OIL FIELD TO THE MICCOSUKEE TRIBE; THE COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANNOUNCED THEY SUCCESSFULLY CRACKED A COLD CASE WITH THE NEW DNA DATABASE; UNTOLD STORIES ABOUT THE HISTORY OF BLACK AMERICANS IN COLLIER COUNTY AT THE NAPLES DEPOT MUSEUM;

2/06

BANK ROBBER KILLER BY LEE COUNTY SHERRIF'S AFTER HOLDING TWO PEOPLE HOSTAGE AT THE BANK AMERICA AT BELL TOWER SHOPS IN SOUTH FORT MYERS; COLLIER COUNTY COMMISSIONER RICK LOCASTRO WHOS IS ACCUSED OF BEATING HIS GIRLFRIEND HAS AN ACTIVE ARREST WARRANT; PUNTA GORDA PRIEST JEROME KAYWELL OF SACRED HEART PARISH IS ACCUSED OF SERIOUS SEXUAL MISCONDUCT WITH A CHILD; A BLUE JEEP ON FORT MYERS BEACH HAS EVERYONE TALKING ABOUT THE SNARKY MESSAGE IT SENDS TO TOURISTS; ONE OF THE AREAS HIT HARDEST BY HURRICANE IAN IS SET TO SEE SOME MAJOR CHANGES, NAPLES' MIRACLE MILE RUNS ALONG THE GULF ON GULF SHORE BOULEVARD NORTH; A CAPE CORAL COUPLE IS DEMANDING ANSWERS AND ACCOUNTABILITY IT'S BEEN SIXTEEN MONTHS SINCE HURRICANE IAN MADE LANDFALL AND THEY SAY THEY STILL HAVEN'T RECEIVED THE INSURANCE MONEY THEY NEED TO FULLY RESTORE THEIR HOME; WINK NEWS IS PARTNERING WITH THE HARRY CHAPIN FOODBANK AND ALL OF OUR VIEWS TO MAKE SURE NO FAMILY IS LEFT WITH AN EMPTY STOMACH IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY; A LARGE GRASS FIELD NEAR BUCKINGHAM PRESERVE PERFECT FOR GRAZING COWS COULD SOON BE MORE THE TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY HOMES BUT PEOPLE LIVING NEARBY DON'T WANT ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT; ROBERT GILES LOST ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PARTS OF HIS LIFE HIS DAUGHTER BUT NOW HE IS HONORING HER THROUGH HIS COACHING GIRLS HOOPS AT GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL;

2/07

KELLY SCHIANO AND EVERETT HARPER FACE CHARGES FOR CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT FIRST DEGREE MURDER IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY; A TERRIFYING NIGHT FOR A CAPE CORAL FAMILY WHEN THEIR HOUSE WAS ATTACKED BY A DERANGED EX-BOYFRIEND; A CHARLOTTE COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOLER IS FACING FELONY CHARGES AFTER SHE BROUGHT A FIVE INCH STEAK KNIFE TO SCHOOL WITH PLANS TO KILL ANOTHER STUDENT; CHARGES ARE BEING DROPPED AGAINST A MAN WHO WAS ARRESTED FOR TURNING HIS BACK ON CAPE CORAL'S CITY COUNCIL; NAPLES CITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR PLAN TO BUILD A HEART AND STROKE INSTITUTE; DAY AFTER DAY PEOPLE IN MOORE HAVEN FIGHT TO GET THE FOOD THEY NEED ON THE TABLE AND THE HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK IS THERE TO HELP THAT FIGHT; NORTH FORT MYERS NATIVE AND COLORADO HEAD COACH DEION SANDERS IS MAKING GOOD ON HIS PROMISE TO SIGN ONE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA PLAYER EVERY YEAR DUNBAR LINEBACKER KYERAN GARCIA WILL SUIT UP FOR THE COLORADO BUFFALOES IN THE FALL; THE NUMBER OF KIDS STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IS ON THE RISE LAST YEAR LEE HEALTH SAW A TWENTY PERCENT INCREASE;

2/08

THE HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK ALSO HAS A NEW INNOVATIVE WAY TO TACKLE FOOD DESERTS A NEW GROCERY STORE ON WHEELS; THE DEATH PENALTY IS ON THE TABLE FOR THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BASED ON THE CHARGES KELLY SCHIANO AND EVERETT HARPER ARE CURRENTLY FACING IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY; A VIDEO POSTED ON FACEBOOK QUICKLY CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF AN INVESTIGATOR WITH FWC AND LANDED AN EMPLOYEE WITH A CITATION AT KOWIACHOBEE ANIMAL SANCTUARY IN COLLIER COUNTY FOR POKING A CAGED TIGER; LEE COUNTY DEPUTIES AND FWC WORKED TOGETHER TO RESCUE A BABY MANATEE ON FORT MYERS BEACH; THE FIRST STEPS OF SPRING BASEBALL ARE UNDERWAY AT JETBLUE PARK FOR THE RED SOX THE EQUIPMENT TRUCK HAS ARRIVED; JENSON VAN EMBERG IS BACK TRAINING IN NAPLES FOR THE 2024 PARALYMPICS IN PARIS; A COLLIER COUNTY DEPUTY SAVES ANOTHER DEPUTY AFTER HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH FENTANYL; THE US POSTAL SERVICE SAYS THE DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS POST OFFICE SHOULD OPEN BY LATE MARCH AFTER BEING CLOSED FOR FIFTEEN MONTHS BECAUSE OF HURRICANE IAN; COLLIER COUNTY BEGAN SENDING OUT THEIR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS; MANY TOURISTS ON FORT MYERS BEACH ARE DEBATING TO RETURN OR NOT TO RETURN AS THE ISLAND BOUNCES BACK FROM HURRICANE IAN; SOUTHWEST FLORIDA NOW HAS THE MOST EXPENSIVE PIECE OF REAL ESTATE IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY A NINE ACRE LOT WITH THREE HOUSES SPANNING ALMOST TWENTY THREE THOUSAND SQUARE FEET IS FOR SALE FOR TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY FIVE MILLION DOLLARS.

2/09

A PRIVATE JET CRASHES ON INTERSTATE 75 IN COLLIER COUNTY; THE HIGHWAY WAS PACKED WITH AFTERNOON TRAFFIC AND THE JET CLIPPED CARS ON THE WAY DOWN;

- TWO PILOTS DIED IN TRYING TO SAVE PASSENGERS AND PROPERTY WHEN THE ENGINES STOPPED WORKING ON JET. THREE PASSENGERS SURVIVED;
- 2/10 THE TWO PEOPLE KILLED IN THE PLANE CRASH ON I-75 ARE IDENTIFIED AS PILOT EDWARD MURPHY, AND SECOND-IN-COMMAND IAN HOFMANN THE THREE SURVIVORS ARE 23 YEAR OLD CREW MEMBER SYDNEY BOSMANS, AND PASSENGERS 35 YEAR OLD AARON BAKER AND 23 YEAR OLD AUDRA GREEN BOTH OF COLUMBUS, OHIO; INTERSTATE 75 IS STILL CLOSED AS THE PLANE CRASH IS INVESTIGATED AND CLEANED UP; NEW DETAILS ABOUT THE DOUBLE MURDER ON TRAILS END DRIVE IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY; MINORITY COMMUNITIES STRUGGLE TO FIND HEALTHCARE AND PHARMACIES IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE DUNBAR COMMUNITY IN LEE COUNTY IS ONE OF THOSE PLACES; THE SANIBEL SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELD TURNED INTO A CRUCIAL STAGING AREA FOR DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS NOW RENOVATIONS ARE BREATHING NEW LIFE INTO THESE FIELDS; THREE FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS SIGNED DIVISION ONE SCHOLARSHIPS;
- 2/11 THE SHELL OF A PLANE CRASH THAT KILLED TWO PILOTS WAS TOWED OFF I-75 AND THE ROAD REOPENED AFTER MORE THAN TWO DAYS; KELLY SCHIANO THE WIDOW OF A MURDERED MAN IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY IS SITTING IN JAIL CELL AFTER A JUDGE SAID IT IS THE ONLY PLACE TO PUT HER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY; ALL MONTH LONG WE'VE BEEN RAISING MONEY TO HELP FEED FAMILIES ACROSS SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WITH WINK'S MARCH TO A MILLION MEALS, THE HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK HELPS PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE WITH YOUR DONATIONS BUT HOW DID A 70'S FOLK SINGER BECOME THE NAMESAKE OF THE CHARITY; GET READY TO SEE SOME CHANGES ON THE SANIBEL CAUSEWAY, PEOPLE WHO ARE DRIVING EASTBOUND FROM SANIBEL WILL RUN INTO LANE CLOSURES;
- 2/12 A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON FRIDAY'S DEADLY PLANE CRASH ON I-75 VIDEO SHOWS THE JET COMING DOWN PRETTY QUICK AND ERUPTING INTO A HUGE CLOUD OF BLACK SMOKE; A COLLIER COUNTY COMMISSIONER ACCUSED OF HITTING HIS GIRLFRIEND WAS ARRESTED; CAPE CORAL POLICE POSTED PICTURES OF A DUO DECKED OUT IN COOKIE MONSTER PAJAMAS THAT WALTZED INTO A CAPE CORAL LOWE'S AND FLASHED A GUN WHILE MAKING OFF WITH STOLEN ITEMS; THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TOOK TIME TO HONOR ONE OF THEIR OWN 52 YEARS AGO DEPUTY RICHARD EVA DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY; ROBBIE SHANK'S UNPARALLELED JOURNEY FROM LELY HIGH STANDOUT TO COACHING ICON IS NOW INSPIRING A NEW GENERATION; THE CITY OF FORT MYERS IS HOSTING ITS FIRST EVER PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT ON MARCH 16TH AT BAY OAKS RECREATION CENTER; THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR SOUTH TRAIL FIRE IN FORT MYERS SAYS PEOPLE SOMETIMES DON'T REALIZE THE MISTAKES THEY'RE MAKING WHEN CHARGING LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES; FOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS, CONNIE LEE-THATCHER HAS CALLS HERSELF THE BAG LADY AT THE MOBILE PANTRY AT THE GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER HELPING PEOPLE GET FOOD AT THE HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTIONS IN COLLIER COUNTY; A NEW BEACH IS COMING TO CAPE CORAL THE CITY WILL BREAK GROUND ON CRYSTAL LAKE PARK LATER THIS MONTH; BARBARA JONES WORKS EVERY THURSDAY AT GOLISANO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL NOT FOR PAY BUT FOR THE SATISFACTION OF CARING FOR THE SMALLEST AND SICKEST BABIES AS AN OFFICIAL CUDDLER;
- 2/13 THE VILLAS WESLEYAN CHURCH IN FORT MYERS WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE; A FORT MYERS BABY IS MIRACULOUSLY ALIVE AFTER BEING EXPOSED TO FENTANYL AND SURVIVING AN OVERDOSE, THE MOTHER WAS ARRESTED BY FORT MYERS POLICE; CONGRESSMAN BYRON DONALDS IS CALLING FOR A RENOVATION AND AN INCREASE IN STAFFING AT PAGE FIELD'S AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER; THE NTSB, THE GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR INVESTIGATING THE NAPLES PLANE CRASH HAS CALLED FOR WITNESSES TO SHARE ANY AND ALL THE VIDEO THEY HAVE SO THEY CAN PIECE TOGETHER WHAT MAY HAVE CAUSED THE CRASH; GOVERNOR DESANTIS WAS IN CAPE CORAL SUPPORTING A NEW BILL THAT WOULD INCREASE PENALTIES FOR SHOPLIFTING; LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT IS CRACKING DOWN ON HIT AND RUN DRIVERS; THE PRE-SEASON BASEBALL CLASSIC WAS DEDICATED TO JACKSON EYRE A TEENAGER WHO DIED IN A CAR CRASH ON TOP GOLF WAY IN FORT MYERS LAST SUMMER; THE CROSS CREEK LADIES NINE-HOLE LEAGUE RAISED MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO HELP THE HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK; BIGGER HOMES IN FLORIDA MAY SOON HAVE A NEW OPTION FOR INSURANCE A FLORIDA SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVED A BILL THAT WOULD ALLOW MORE EXPENSIVE HOMES TO USE CITIZENS INSURANCE; COLLIER COUNTY QCOMMISSIONERS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO REMOVE FLUORIDE FROM THE WATER; LEE

COUNTY SENT OUT ITS VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS TODAY FOR NEXT MONTH'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION;

2/14

A SIX-MONTH-OLD IS ALIVE THANKS TO THE QUICK ACTIONS OF THREE FORT MYERS POLICE OFFICERS AND WE'RE HEARING FROM THOSE OFFICER FOR THE FIRST TIME; CONCERNS FROM CONGRESSMAN BYRON DONALDS ABOUT HOW THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER AT PAGE FIELD OPERATES; DOZENS OF CATS AND KITTENS ARE RESCUED FROM A HOME IN CAPE CORAL; A NEW INVASIVE SPECIES THE NEW GUINEA FLATWORM HAVE MADE THEIR WAY TO SOUTHWEST FLORIDA; HE HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK AND ITS NETWORK OF PARTNERS ARE RESCUING FOOD THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE GO TO WASTE; WHAT SPARKED A FIRE AT THE VILLAS WESLEYAN CHURCH IN FORT MYERS REMAIN UNANSWERED; THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS SAYS ABOUT THIRTY THOUSAND GALLONS OF WATER PER SECOND WILL BE HEADING TO THE CALOOSAHATCHEE FROM LAKE OKEECHOBEE STARTING THIS WEEKEND; THE CDC IS CONSIDERING REMOVING THE FIVE DAY ISOLATION ADVICE FOR COVID INSTEAD PEOPLE WOULD BE ABLE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES IF THEY'VE BEEN FEVER- FREE WITHOUT THE AID OF MEDICATION FOR 24-HOURS; LOVEBIRDS AT HIGH POINT SENIOR LIVING IN CAPE CORAL EMBRACED VALENTINE LOVE WITH THE HELP OF STUDENTS FROM OASIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL;

2/15

A WOMAN IS LIVING WITH SCARS AFTER SHE SAYS TWO PIT BULLS RAN INTO HER BACK YARD AND BEGAN ATTACKING HER EMOTIONAL SUPPORT DOG ZETA, THE MINIATURE PINSCHER WAS SO BADLY HURT SHE DIED AT THE VET HOSPITAL; THE PARENTS OF 16 YEAR OLD MADRID TUCKER FILED A FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS LAWSUIT AGAINST THE LEE COUNTY SCHOOLDISTRICT IN RESPONSE TO HOW THEY SAY HE WAS TREATED ON THE BASEBALL TEAM AT FORT MYERS HIGH SCHOOL; A FORT MYERS BABY WHO SURVIVED A FENTANYL OVERDOSE IS SAFE IN HIS FATHER'S CUSTODY; DOZENS OF CATS AND KITTENS ARE GETTING A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE AFTER BEING RESCUED FROM A HOARDING SITUATION IN CAPE CORAL; THE BONITA SPRINGS POKER ROOM AND OTHERS ARE ASKING THE SUPREME COURT TO BLOCK A 2021 DEAL THAT GIVES THE SEMINOLE TRIBE CONTROL OVER ONLINE SPORTS BETTING IN FLORIDA; FLORIDA SENATOR RICK SCOTT IS CALLING FOR PRESIDENT BIDEN'S REMOVAL FROM OFFICE; SCOTT SAFFORD WAS CHOSEN TO FILL THE EMPTY TOWN COUNCIL SEAT IN FORT MYERS BEACH; PEOPLE ARE WALKING, RUNNING AND EVEN TOMAHAWK CHOPPING TO NORTH PORT ALL FOR ONE REASON THE ATLANTA BRAVES ARE BACK IN TOWN FOR SPRING TRAINING; KEEPING HOSPITALS SAFE MORE THAN A THOUSAND WEAPONS HAVE BEEN CAUGHT BY LEE HEALTH'S WEAPON-DETECTION SYSTEM; PEOPLE CAN GO TO THE CENTENNIAL PARK RECREATION CENTER IN PORT CHARLOTTE TO CAST THEIR EARLY VOTE IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY FROM MARCH FOURTH TO MARCH SEVENTEENTH;

2/16

FEMA HAS ANNOUNCED A SIX MONTH EXTENSION FOR THEIR DIRECT TEMPORARY HOUSING PROGRAM FOR HURRICANE IAN; FORT MYERS CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS INSTRUCTED CITY STAFF TO BEGIN NEGOTIATING WITH PITCH PRIME TO BRING AN MLS NEXT PRO TEAM TO THE CITY OF PALMS PARK BUT THE RUNNER-UP IN THE SELECTION PROCESS IS CRYING FOWL; THE NAPLES AIRPORT AUTHORITY STARTED TODAY'S MEETING BY PAYING THEIR RESPECTS TO THE PILOTS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE TRAGIC PLANE CRASH ON INTERSTATE 75; THE MAN ACCUSED OF KIDNAPPING AND KILLING A NINE YEAR OLD LEE COUNTY GIRL HAS A NEW PRETRIAL DATE; TWO MONTHS AND STILL NO ANSWERS ABOUT A MAN WHO WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY FORT MYERS POLICE AND NOW THE LEE COUNTY NAACP IS ASKING FOR HELP FROM THE FBI; A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT THE VILLAS WESLEYAN CHURCH CAN'T STOP WORSHIPERS FROM HAVING THEIR SUNDAY SERVICE; A MAN AND HIS TWO CHILDREN ARE FORCED TO LIVE IN A CAMPER BECAUSE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF FORT MYERS SAYS HE MAKES TOO MUCH MONEY FOR SECTION EIGHT HOUSING; COMMUNITY COOPERATIVE IN FORT MYERS IS HOLDING NUTRITION CLASSES DESIGNED TO HELP FAMILIES MAKE HEALTHY FOOD CHOICES; THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH SAYS THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY TO CONSTRUCTING AN ENGINEERED BEACH DESIGN THAT WILL PROVIDE STORM DAMAGE REDUCTION BENEFITS TO PROPERTIES, ENHANCE RECREATIONAL SPACE AND IMPROVE CRITICAL HABITAT FOR THREATENED AND ENDANGERED ANIMALS; THE FOURTH ANNUAL PJs AND PAWS FUNDRAISER IS HAPPENING AT THE CAPE CORAL ANIMAL SHELTER;

2/17

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE LINED THE STREETS FROM FORT MYERS HIGH SCHOOL TO DOWNTOWN FOR THE 86TH ANNUAL EDISON FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE HONORING THOMAS EDISON WHO SPENT HIS WINTERS IN FORT MYERS; AMANDA FERGUSON, THE STUDENT WHO DIED IN A CAR ACCIDENT THIS SUMMER, MOTHER

DOESN'T WANT ANYTHING HOLDING KIDS BACK FROM MAKING LASTING MEMORIES.SO SHE'S COLLECTING CLOTHING,DRESSES, SHOES, SHIRTS, AND TIES THAT STUDENTS CAN WEAR TO HOMECOMING AND PROM; WINK NEWS HAS OFFICIALLY REACHED OUR MARCH TO A MILLION MEALS GOAL; FORT MYERS TAXPAYERS GET READY TO SHELL OUT ANOTHER HALF MILLION DOLLARS FOR YET ANOTHER YEAR PAYING FOR THE UPKEEP OF THE CITY OF PALMS PARK; THE AMERICAN RED CROSS SOUTH FLORIDA REGION WENT DOOR TO DOOR IN FORT MYERS FOR ITS NATIONAL SOUND THE ALARM EFFORT THEY INSTALLED FREE SMOKE DETECTORS FOR FAMILIES; STARTING APRIL 10TH THE FORT MYERS POLICE DEPARTMENT IS HOLDING A CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY;

2/18

CREWS FROM THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD IN SAINT PETERSBURG ALONG WITH PARTNER AGENCY CREWS WERE SEARCHING FOR FOUR PEOPLE BOATING OFF VENICE; THE 49TH ANNUAL GREEK FEST AT ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH WAS HELD IN SOUTH FORT MYERS; BEAUTY FROM THE ASHES THAT'S THE MESSAGE THE VILLAS WESLEYAN CHURCH IS GIVING AFTER THEIR CHURCH WAS BURNED DOWN; THE FAA IS GIVING EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS TO SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO FIX UP THE TERMINAL ACCESS AND CURBSIDE ROADWAYS; THE U-S ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS IS SOUNDING THE ALARM THAT LAKE OKEECHOBEE IS TOO HIGH AND IT NEEDS TO BE LOWERED BEFORE RAINY SEASON,HURRICANE SEASON AND PEAK ALGAL BLOOM SEASON; THE HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK PARTNERS WITH ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY AGENCIES ALL OVER SOUTHWEST FLORIDA TO FEED A QUARTER OF A MILLION PEOPLE EVERY MONTH; THE BOSTON RED SOX MADE THEIR WAY BACK TO JET BLUE PARK WEDNESDAY AND THE MINNESOTA TWINS CAMP FANS CAME OUT TO SEE THE BIG LEAGUERS UP CLOSE; WINK NEWS HEALTH AND MEDICAL REPORTER AMY OSHIER EMCEED THE SECOND ANNUAL PURPLE TEA EVENT IN FORT MYERS WHICH SERVED UP FELLOWSHIP AND AWARENESS FOR FIGHTING BREAST CANCER;

2/19

THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD HAS CALLED OFF THE SEARCH FOR FOUR PEOPLE BOATING OFF VENICE; THE COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RELEASED THEIR REPORT ON THE PLANE CRASH ON I-75 WITH DETAILS FROM THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT WHO MANAGED TO ESCAPE WITH TWO PASSENGERS; A NEW PLAN FROM FDOT TO MAKE PALM BEACH BOULEVARD IN FORT MYERS SAFER AFTER FOUR PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED WITHIN THE PAST THREE MONTHS AND HIT AND RUNS IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH; TOMORROW IS THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER OR CHANGE PARTY AFFILIATION IN NEXT MONTH'S PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY; LEE COUNTY IS GOING TO TEST ITS VOTING EQUIPMENT THROUGHOUT THE WEEK ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE MELVIN MORGAN CONSTITUTIONAL COMPLEX IN FORT MYERS THE TESTING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; THE RAYS ARE BACK ON THE DIAMOND IN PORT CHARLOTTE FOR SPRING TRAINING; THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT IS WORKING WITH CAPE CORAL AND LEE COUNTY TO CONSERVE WATER; THE LIGHTHOUSE BEACH BAYSIDE PARKING LOT ON SANIBEL WILL BE CLOSED FOR SEVERAL DAYS ALLOWING EQUIPMENT TO BRING IN MORE SAND FOR THE BEACH; FANS ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CREST, NAME AND COLORS OF THE USL NAPLES TEAM; AT TROPIC ISLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YOU'LL FIND A SAFE HAVEN A CLASSROOM TURNED FOOD PANTRY FEEDING STUDENTS AND FAMILIES; BIG BUDDIES JOINED NEARLY TWO HUNDRED GUADALUPE CENTER SECOND-GRADERS WERE ON HIDEAWAY BEACH E ON MARCO ISLAND ENJOYING A DAY OF LEARNING OUTDOORS;

2/20

THE FAMILIES OF FOUR MISSING BOATERS REFUSE TO GIVE UP THEIR SEARCH EVEN IF THE COAST GUARD HAS STOPPED; FORT MYERS CITY COUNCIL HAS DECIDED TO MOVE FORWARD CITY OF PALMS PARK WILL BE DEVELOPED BY PITCH PRIME; THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS TAPPING INTO LEE COUNTIES COMMUNITY'S FEMA FUNDS TO PAY FOR BODY CAMERA UPGRADES; FIRST SPRING TRAINING GAME FOR THE ATLANTA BRAVES IN NORTH PORT; COURT DOCUMENTS SHOW A MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING HIS OWN GRANDFATHER MAY HAVE LIED TO CHARLOTTE COUNTY DEPUTIES DURING QUESTIONING; THE FORT MYERS POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL RECEIVE IT'S SECOND-EVER ACCREDITATION FROM THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; LEE COUNTY IS PLANNING TO BUILD A NEW FIFTY ACRE RECYCLING FACILITY BUT PEOPLE FROM THE PELICAN PRESERVE COMMUNITY OPPOSE THE RECYCLING PLANT PROPOSED NEAR THEIR COMMUNITY; THE HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK TELL IS SPENDING MORE MONEY THAN EVER TO MAKE SURE NO ONE GOES HUNGRY IN 2018 THEY SPENT FORTY THOUSAND-DOLLARS EVERY MONTH TO SUPPLEMENT DONATIONS NOW THE FOOD BANK SPENDS ONE POINT TWO MILLION DOLLARS;

- 2/21 A MURDER FOR HIRE PLOT AGAINST A LEE COUNTY DEPUTY LANDS A LEHIGH ACRES MAN BEHIND BARS; FORT MYERS POLICE FOUND THE TRUCK THAT WAS DRIVEN DURING A HIT AND RUN ON PALM BEACH BOULEVARD BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHO WAS BEHIND THE WHEEL; TWENTY THOUSAND PEOPLE ARE UNDER A BOIL WATER NOTICE FOLLOWING A WATER MAIN BREAK IN FORT MYERS; LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS'S TEACHER SHORTAGE HAS BEEN AN ONGOING ISSUE AND DESPITE A PAY RAISE NOTHING HAS CHANGED; FESTIVAL PARK GOT THE GREEN LIGHT TO START CONSTRUCTION IN CAPE CORAL; SOUTHWEST FLORIDA IS A CULMINATION OF PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY SO DRIVING STYLES ARE BOUND TO DIFFER FROM PERSON TO PERSON BUT ARE WE PUSHY OR PATIENT DRIVERS; LEE COUNTY IS PUTTING THEIR BALLOT MACHINES THROUGH RIGOROUS TESTING TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF UPCOMING ELECTIONS; FORT MYERS CITY COUNCIL WAS LOOKING TO MOVE CITY HALL TO THE HODGES UNIVERSITY PROPERTY NEAR COLONIAL; A PROPOSED BILL WOULD REVISE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ESTERO BAY AQUATIC PRESERVE ALLOWING DEVELOPERS TO COME IN WHILE MOVING WILDLIFE OUT; CAPE CORAL CITY COUNCIL WANTS TO INCREASE IMPACT FEES NEARLY THIRTY PERCENT FOR NEW HOMES IN SOME AREAS FOR WATER, IRRIGATION AND SEWER; THE HUNGER PROBLEM IS REAL ON SANIBEL IN FACT ISLAND WORKERS HAVE NEVER SEEN IT THIS BAD; THE GREAT FOOD TRUCK RACE WRAPPED UP THEIR SEASON IN FORT MYERS;
- 2/22 GABBY PETITO PARENTS SAY THEY NOW HAVE ANSWERS AFTER THEIR LAWSUIT GOT DEPOSITIONS FROM BRIAN LAUNDRIE PARENTS; THE FAMILIES OF FOUR MISSING BOATERS HAVE RENTED A PLANE TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR THEIR LOST LOVED ONES.; EAST NAPLES MIDDLE SCHOOL WAS SHUT DOWN DUE TO AN OVERNIGHT FIRE; FORT MYERS POLICE WANT TO BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION OF SEVENTEEN HIT AND RUNS ON PALM BEACH BOULEVARD; AN ESTERO NEIGHBORHOOD IS AT ODDS OVER A RAILWAY THAT IS GOING TO BE TRANSFORMED INTO A BIKE AND WALKING PATH; LEE COUNTY TOOK OVER THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA LEE COUNTY FAIR AND HAS CHANGED THE NAME TO SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AG EXPO; LEE COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT IS SEEING LESS THAN HALF THE RIDERSHIP IT HAD TEN YEARS AGO; THE HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK'S CARE AND SHARE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO HELP SENIORS; STEVE CANTON A LONG TIME FIGHT MANAGER AND TRAINER IS RUNNING A GYM'S MENTORSHIP PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT;
- 2/23 A SUSPECTED HIT MAN IS IN JAIL AS A MURDER FOR HIRE PLOT IS UNRAVELING IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY; A FAMILY FRIENDLY PLACE SERENITY WALK PARK IN NAPLES IS FILLED WITH SEX OFFENDERS, DRUGS AND VANDALISM ACCORDING TO THE COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE; THE DESOTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE-- SAYS --IT'S HAVING PROBLEMS WITH ITS 9-1-1 EMERGENCY LINE AND NON-EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE LINES; THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE UNDER A BOIL WATER NOTICE AFTER A WATER MAIN BREAK ON COLONIAL BOULEVARD IN FORT MYERS; A THREE HUNDRED PAGE PLAN TO HELP GUIDE LEE COUNTY THROUGH THE RECOVERY OF HURRICANE IAN WAS APPROVED BY THE RESILIENT LEE TASK FORCE; REALTORS JOHN ZAHNER AND LIZ LEEDS ARE HOSTING A CAR SHOW IN BOCA GRANDE THIS WEEKEND TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR WINK NEWS MARCH TO A MILLION MEALS AND THE HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK; EAST NAPLES MIDDLE SCHOOL IS EXPECTED TO WELCOME STUDENTS BACK ON MONDAY AFTER CLEANING UP AFTER A FIRE; THE GREATER NAPLES FIRE DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF J NOLAN SAPP SAYS HE'LL BE RETIRING MARCH EIGHTH AFTER A DEDICATED FORTY SIX YEAR CAREER IN PUBLIC SAFETY; THE NATIONAL ART FAIR IN NAPLES IS HAPPENING ALL WEEKEND; THE FAMILY OF STILLBORN BABY CALLIE COSTELLO PAYS FOR OTHER LOCAL CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY CAKES AND CUPCAKES AROUND CALLIE'S BIRTHDAY IN HER HONOR;
- 2/24 SMALL PLANE MAKES AN EMERGENCY LANDING IN CAPE CORAL AFTER ENGINE PROBLEMS; THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARREST A MAN ACCUSED OF REAR-ENDING A WOMAN IN TRAFFIC AND THEN ATTACKING HER; THE GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT SAYS THE EAST NAPLES MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRE WAS ACCIDENTAL AND LIKELY RELATED TO NEARBY CONSTRUCTION; THE TAMPA BAY RAYS WERE BACK AT CHARLOTTE SPORTS PARK FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TWO YEARS; THE TWINS HOSTED THEIR FIRST SPRING TRAINING GAME OF THE SEASON AT HAMMOND STADIUM IN FORT MYERS;
- 2/25 THE FAMILIES OF FOUR MEN REFUSE TO GIVE UP HOPE AFTER THEY NEVER RETURNED HOME FROM A BOATING TRIP LAST SUNDAY; TWO PUNTA GORDA HOMEOWNERS WOKE UP TO EARLY SUNDAY MORNING FINING A CAR IN THEIR UTILITY ROOM AND A RED TRUCK

FLIPPED ON THEIR DRIVEWAY; BASEBALL AND PARROT HEADS COLLIDE AT JETBLUE PARK AS THE HOME OPENER FOR THE BOSTON RED SOX DOUBLED AS MARGARITAVILLE DAY A CELEBRATION OF JIMMY BUFFET; THE LEE COUNTY DOMESTIC ANIMAL SERVICES IS WORKING TO GET THEIR SHELTER ANIMALS A NEW HOME BY REDUCING ADOPTION FEES THROUGH THE END OF FEBRUARY ADOPTION FEES ARE 14 DOLLARS; SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SAID THEY WERE BEHIND ON A TERMINAL PROJECT THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE DONE IN OCTOBER OF 2024 NOW IT MAY BE DELAYED UP TO A YEAR;

2/26

A PLANE SLAMMED INTO A LIGHT POLE AND WENT THROUGH A FENCE AT PAGE FIELD IN FORT MYERS; A WATER MAIN BREAK HAS AN ENTIRE CITY OF LABELLE SHUT DOWN; SANIBEL CAUSEWAY RESTORATION CREWS HAVE MOVED TRAFFIC TO THE PERMANENT LANES OF THE CAUSEWAY; A LANDSCAPER WAS RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL IN CARDIAC ARREST AFTER FALLING INTO A CAPE CORAL CANAL; COLLIER COUNTY COMMISSIONER BURT SAUNDERS WANTS THE BOARD TO CONSIDER A NEW ELECTION FORMAT THAT WOULD CHANGE THE CURRENT DISTRICT BY DISTRICT ELECTIONS FOR COMMISSIONERS TO COUNTY WIDE ELECTIONS; THE HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK PARTNER AGENCIES LIKE SAINT MATTHEW'S HOUSE FEED HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES WEEKLY; FISH ARE ACTING STRANGE IN THE WATER AND IT'S STARTING TO RAISE CONCERNS AMONG MARINE EXPERTS; CONSTRUCTION IN SANIBEL ISN'T FOCUSED ONLY ON THE CAUSEWAY WORKERS WERE PUTTING UP SCAFFOLDING ON THE SANIBEL LIGHTHOUSE; THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH IS GETTING NEARLY EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO GET NEW STREET LIGHTS;

2/27

THE NTSB PRELIMINARY REPORT ABOUT THE NAPLES PLANE CRASH SAYS THE PILOTS HAD LITTLE TIME TO SAVE THE PASSENGERS AND PEOPLE ON THE GROUND WHEN THEIR ENGINES STOPPED RUNNING AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED HEROES; A MAN IS ACCUSED OF ARMING HIMSELF WITH AN ASSAULT RIFLE AND WEARING A BULLET PROOF VEST WHILE TRYING STEAL A PLANE AT PAGE FIELD AIRPORT; A TRUCK SMASHED INTO A HOME TAKING THE GARAGE DOOR WITH IT AND SENDING ANOTHER CAR THROUGH A SAN CARLOS HOUSE; THE THREE CANDIDATES FOR NAPLES MAYOR HAD THE CHANCE TO SPEAK AT A PUBLIC FORUM; IF YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING OUR MARCH TO A MILLION MEALS YOU KNOW HUNGER IS A HUGE ISSUE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IT TAKES AN ARMY OF VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE SURE THE FOOD BANK CAN FEED PEOPLE; LEE HEALTH AND FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY ARE CREATING THE LEE HEALTH FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WITH THE GOAL OF KEEPING NURSES IN THE COMMUNITY; THE CITIES OF FORT MYERS AND PUNTA GORDA ARE GETTING SIX-POINT-SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL FROM FEMA; THE THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY ONE MILLION DOLLAR SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EXPANSION PROJECT IS A YEAR BEHIND SCHEDULE BUT LEE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY OFFICIALS SAY IT'S NOT OVER BUDGET; A NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMUNITY THE SAINT PETER CLAVER PLACE APARTMENTS COMING TO DUNBAR COMMUNITY IN FORT MYERS;

2/28

A THREAT LOCKED DOWN MULTIPLE SCHOOLS IN CAPE CORA SENDING STUDENTS INTO HIDING; NEW INFORMATION AND NEW VIDEO OF THE MAN ACCUSED OF STEALING AND CRASHING A PLANE AT PAGE FIELD; ATTORNEY GENERAL ASHLEY MOODY HONORED CHARLOTTE COUNTY SHERIFF SERGEANT DAVE MUSGROVE WITH THE BACK THE BLUE AWARD FOR SAVING A FAMILY AFTER A CAR CRASH; FORT MYERS POLICE SAY THEY'RE SEEING AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE CUTTING ACROSS SEMINOLE RAILWAY TRAIN TRACKS WHICH IS DANGEROUS BUT IT'S ALSO ILLEGAL AND CONSIDERED TRESPASSING; CAPE CORAL CITY COUNCIL IS GOING FORWARD WITH THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO JAYCEE PARK BUT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE AGAINST IT AREN'T GIVING UP; LEE COUNTY'S FIRST EVER GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL SEASON; DATA RELEASED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PAINTS A CONCERNING PICTURE ABOUT SCHOOLS IN LEHIGH ACRES; THE GOVERNOR WAS IN COLLIER COUNTY TALKING ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION AND KEEPING POLITICS OUT OF IT; A FORT MYERS VETERAN RECEIVED A NEWS HOME IN A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEIGHBORHOOD CALLED JOURNEY TOGETHER FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITIES VETERANS BUILD INITIATIVE;

2/29

A LEE COUNTY TURTLE SMUGGLER WILL SPEND TIME IN FEDERAL PRISON; THREE TEENAGE GIRLS ARE SUSPECTED OF STEALING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF ALCOHOL FROM A PUBLIX IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY; A NEW BILL IN THE FLORIDA HOUSE HOPES TO CRACK DOWN ON RECKLESS SPEEDING AND STREET TAKEOVERS; THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AG EXPO KICKED OFF AT THE LEE COUNTY CIVIC CENTER; SEVEN

YEAR OLD LINCOLN PEQUENO JUST GOT IT AS A GIFT FROM MAKE A WISH HE'S BATTLING CYSTIC FIBROSIS AND WANTED THE GOLF CART TO HELP HIM ZOOM AROUND HIS FAMILY'S WATERMELON FARM IN LABELLE; ONLY A FEW HOURS LEFT IN OUR MARCH TO A MILLION MEALS CAMPAIGN; THE DAMAGE HURRICANE IAN DID TO SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WAS CATASTROPHICENTIRE NEIGHBORHOODS DESTROYED WITH LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED DAYS UNTIL THE NEXT HURRICANE SEASON STARTS FEMA IS IN TOWN HOSTING OPEN HOUSES TO HELP HOMEOWNERS PREPARE; THE CO-OWNER OF THE NEW YORK GIANTS WAS AT FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY GIVING ADVISE ABOUT OWNING A FAMILY BUSINESS; THE EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM ARE STATE CHAMPIONS;

3/01

A MAN AND HIS BEST FRIEND ARE REUNITED AFTER A DOG-NAPPER STOLE MISSY THE AUSTRALIAN DOODLE FROM HER YARD IN LEHIGH ACRES; PEPPER SPRAY, A TASER AND NEARLY A DOZEN DEPUTIES TO GET A MAN OUT OF A NAPLES APARTMENT COMPLEX CLUBHOUSE THAT HE BROKE INTO; THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CHARGED A NAPLES WOMAN WITH A FELONY FOR THE JANUARY 6TH INSURRECTION IN WASHINGTON; PEDRO CANAS A COLLIER COUNTY FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC IS BACK ON THE JOB AFTER HIS BATTLE WITH CANCER; THE LGBTQ PRIDE PARADE IS BACK IN CAPE CORAL THE SIXTH ANNUAL TWO DAY EVENT PRIDE CELEBRATION JUST BE YOURSELF BEGINS TOMORROW; SEVERAL FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM VENTURED INTO SOUTHWEST FLORIDA'S WETLANDS TO EXPLORE; NORWEGIAN BOATS ARE COMING TO SOUTHWEST FLORIDA BUT THEY'RE NOT COMING BY SEA THEY'LL BE MADE RIGHT HERE BY A NORWEGIAN COMPANY CALLED NOR TECH IN CAPE CORAL;

3/02

NAPLES POLICE REPORT A MOTHER LEFT A TODDLER AT A NAPLES 7-11 FOR OVER AN HOUR; A MAN TOOK DEPUTIES ON A WILD CHASE THROUGH THE COLLIER GOVERNMENT COMPLEX.BEFORE CRASHING INTO A CANAL; THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AG EXPO IS IN FULL SWING; THE CDC ANNOUNCED NEW COVID ISOLATION GUIDELINES; THE 25TH ANNUAL SOUTHWEST FLORIDA READING FESTIVAL HELD IN DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS; FEMA HAS APPROVED A GRANT TO REIMBURSE CHARLOTTE COUNTY FOR HURRICANE IAN DEBRIS REMOVAL;

3/03

THE SEARCH IS ON FOR A CONVICTED FELON ACCUSED OF STABBING TWO PEOPLE KILLING ONE OF THEM IN COLLIER COUNTY; A PRIVATE AIRCRAFT WENT OFF THE RUNWAY DURING LANDING AT PAGE FIELD AIRPORT IN FORT MYERS SUFFERING MINOR DAMAGE; AN INMATE FROM CHARLOTTE COUNTY WITH A HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS GIVEN A CHAINSAW ON WORK DUTY AND TAKES HIS OWN LIFE AT A FLORIDA PRISON BUT ONE QUESTION STILL REMAINS WHY WAS TRISTIN MURPHY BEHIND BARS IN THE FIRST PLACE;

3/04

THE MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING A NINE YEARS OLD LEE COUNTY GIRL EIGHT YEARS AGO WAS IN COURT TODAY FOR A PLEA HEARING BUT IT DID NOT GO AS EXPECTED; THE TODDLER WHO WANDERED INTO A NAPLES 7/11 ALL ALONE IS NOW SAFE AND SOUND BACK IN THE CARE OF HIS FAMILY; A ROUTINE FISHING TRIP FROM MARCO ISLAND TURNED INTO A COAST GUARD RESCUE IN THE GULF OF MEXICO FOR FIVE MEN WHO WERE STRANDED ON THEIR BOAT; A MONSTROUS BIG-RIG HAULING LOADS OF TRASH CRASHED INTO A POWER POL AND FLIPPED ONTO ITS SIDE SPILLING GARBAGE EVERYWHERE IN NORTH FORT MYERS; A CAPE CORAL MOM SAYS A GATOR CHARGED TOWARD HER AND HER KIDS AS THEY PLAYED OUTSIDE; A FORT MYERS BEACH FAMILY WAS OFFERED A LIFE CHANGING GIFT A NEW HOUSE TO REPLACE THE ONE DESTROYED BY HURRICANE IAN THE PROBLEM THERE IS STILL NO HOUSE; THE TAMPA BAY RAYS PITCHING ROTATION TOOK A HIT WHEN LEFTY ACE SHANE MCCLANAHAN FROM CAPE CORAL UNDERWENT HIS SECOND TOMMY JOHN SURGERY; BACKLASH AFTER THE LEE COUNTY COMMISSION APPROVED SEWER EXTENSION THAT WOULD HAVE RURAL LAND IN ALVA BUSTLING AND BOOMING AND NEIGHBORS ARE OUTRAGED; FENTANYL IS IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AND EVERYDAY OFFICERS, FIRE FIGHTERS AND EMS RISK THEIR LIVES BY COMING INTO CONTACT WITH THE DRUG;

3/05

TWO TEENS KICKING IN DOORS CAUSED CHAOS IN CAPE CORAL; A FLIGHT FULL OF PASSENGERS HEADED FOR FORT MYERS WAS FORCED TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY LANDING WHEN AN ENGINE ON THE PLANE BURST INTO FLAMES; A COLLIER COUNTY MAN ACCUSED OF MURDER IS ON THE RUN DAYS AFTER A HORRIFIC STABBING AT A NIGHTCLUB; RESIDENTS VOICED THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT RECYCLING FACILITY BEING BUILT NEAR THEIR LEE COUNTY HOMES AT THE LEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING; THE CANTERBURY COUGARS JV BASEBALL TEAM IS GOT SOME MAJOR POINTERS FROM TWO FORMER MLB PLAYERS; NEIGHBORSARE PUSHING FOR ANSWERS TO LEARN WHY

POLICE SWARMED A HOUSE ON SOUTHWEST 19-TH AVENUE IN CAPE CORAL; DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CAN AFFECT ANYONE REGARDLESS OF AGE OR SEX GENTLEMEN AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WENT DOOR TO DOOR IN COLLIER COUNTY SPREADING AWARENESS; LEE HEALTH AND ENCOMPASS HEALTH BROKE GROUND ON A NEW PHYSICAL REHABILITATION FACILITY IN FORT MYERS; LEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVED A PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE GRANT FOR MAST CAPITAL TO UNDERTAKE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF HANCOCK BRIDGE SQUARE IN NORTH FORT MYERS;

3/06

FROM DEADLY CRASHES TO TAKEOVERS ON BUSY ROADS ATV DRIVERS ARE CAUSING PROBLEMS IN NORTHERN CAPE CORAL; A NORMAL DAY AT GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL QUICKLY BECAME A NIGHTMARE A STUDENT WHO WAS ATTACKED ANOTHER STUDENT AS CLASSMATES SHOT VIDEO OF THE BEATING; ANTHONY HICKS IS FACING FIRST DEGREE CAPITOL MURDER CHARGES GIVING A 25 YEAR OLD WOMAN A PILL LACED WITH FENTANYL IN FORT MYERS; THE SEARCH IS STILL ON FOR A MAN ACCUSED OF STABBING AND KILLING A PERSON AT A COLLIER COUNTY NIGHTCLUB; THE DINGY BROWN WATERS OF LAKE OKEECHOBEE COULD EFFECT SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WHEN REALESSES BEGIN TOMORROW; TWO GOAL KEEPERS ARE GETTING THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME TRAINING WITH PROS IN EUROPE; PEOPLE HEADING TO SOUTHWEST FLORIDA FOR SPRING BREAK AFTER MIAMI BEACH BANNED SPRING BREAK; LEE COUNTY IS WORKING ON A WAY TO MAKE THE DRIVE FROM CAPE CORAL TO FORT MYERS A BIT EASIER WITH WHAT'S CALLED A FLYOVER CONNECTING THE MIDPOINT BRIDGE TO SUMMERLIN ROAD;

3/07

ART AUWAERTER SAYS HE JUMPED ON AN ALLIGATORS BACK PRIED IT'S MOUTH OPEN AND SAVED HIS DOG NAMED RODGER IN MOORE HAVEN; A TEACHER'S AID ARRESTED FOR PREYING ON A CHILD WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY AT ROYAL PALM EXCEPTIONAL CENTER IN FORT MYERS; VIOLENCE IS ON THE RISE IN THE CLASSROOM IN LEE COUNTY AND THE NUMBER OF KIDS WHO SAY THEY FEEL SAFE IS FALLING, THE DISTRICT SAYS THEY ARE AWARE OF THE DATA AND ARE WORKING TO ADDRESSING IT; LEE COUNTY SHERIFF CARMINE MARCENO SAYS WE HAVE OFFICIALLY DECLARED WAR ON DRUGS AND THOSE THAT THINK THEY'RE GOING TO PUSH IT WILL NOT WIN; THE NAPLES ZOO JUST GOT A FOURTEEN MILLION DOLLAR FACE LIFT; THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WANTS TO BE SURE THE MAN ACCUSED OF STEALING A PLANE AT PAGE FIELD CAN'T KEEP HIS GUNS IF HE GETS OUT OF JAIL; WIRES DANGLING LOW TO THE GROUND AND DAMAGED POWER POLES LEANING OVER THEIR YARD IT'S A SCARY SIGHT THAT ONE PORT CHARLOTTE COUPLE HAD TO STARE AT EVERY DAY SINCE HURRICANE IAN AND THEY COULDN'T GET ANYONE TO CLEAN IT UP; THE OLDEST TARPON HUNTING CLUB IN THE WORLD LAYS NESTLED IN FORT MYERS BEACH AND IN ITS SIXTY YEARS HISTORY THEIR TWO TOP ANGLERS HAVE NEVER BEEN WOMEN UNTIL NOW;

3/08

THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS SIXTEEN YEAR OLD PHOENIX ADAMS IS IN DANGER SHE VANISHED ON JANUARY 26TH; EVAN SPURRIER RECEIVED THE DO THE RIGHT THING AWARD FOR SAVING HIS SISTER FROM A FIRE IN THEIR CAPE CORAL HOME; INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE THERE MAY BE SEVERAL VICTIMS WHO WERE SEXUALLY ASSAULTED BY A TEACHER'S ASSISTANT WHO WORKED AT ROYAL PALM SCHOOL IN FORT MYERS; THE UNITED SOCCER LEAGUE HAS FILED A CIVIL SUIT AGAINST THE CITY OF FORT MYERS AFTER COMING IN SECOND TO REDEVELOPMENT THE CITY OF PALMS PARK; THE ANNUAL SANIBEL SHELL FESTIVAL IS MAKING A COMEBACK; THE ANNUAL ARCADIA RODEO IS BACK FOR THE 96TH YEAR; RESEARCHERS ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT IF THE PINK FLAMINGOS BLOWN IN BY HURRICANE IDALIA ARE HERE TO STAY; THE LEHIGH ACRES LEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR'S SERVICE CENTER WILL BE AT A NEW LOCATION IN THIS STATE OF THE ART FACILITY TO BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY; THE OPERA NAPLES HELD THEIR ANNUAL WINTER OUTDOOR OPERA FESTIVAL UNDER THE STARS; GREATER NAPLES FIRE CHIEF NOLAN SAPP HAS DEDICATED TO RETIRE; THE MINNESOTA TWINS THIRD BASE COACH TOMMY WATKINS IS BACK HOME IN FORT MYERS, AFTER GRADUATING FROM RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL HE PLAYED BALL FOR THE FORT MYERS MIRACLE AND NOW HE IS A COACH;

3/09

A TEACHER'S ASSISTANT IS BEHIND BARS FOR SENDING THOUSANDS OF DIRTY TEXT MESSAGES AND VIDEOS TO A 12 YEAR OLD BOY NOW INVESTIGATORS FEAR THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO MORE POTENTIAL VICTIMS; CAPE POLICE OFFICER MADE AN ARREST WHEN A WOMAN HANDED HIM GUMMY BEARS LACED WITH METH; FOUR LEE COUNTY BEACHES ARE ON A LIST FROM READERS DIGEST THAT LOCAL WANT TO KEEP A SECRET; THREE HUNDRED RUNNERS AND WALKERS CAME OUT WITH THEIR FOUR LEGGED FRIENDS TO PARADISE SPORTS COMPLEX TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE HUMANE SOCIETY NAPLES;

- 3/10 TWO MEN HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AFTER A MAN WAS KILLED IN A STABBING AT A NIGHTCLUB IN FORT MYERS; THE MAN AND WOMAN ACCUSED OF KILLING HER HUSBAND AND ANOTHER MAN, ARE SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN COURT; A FIFTY FOOT SPERM WHALE STRANDED JUST OFF SHORE OF A VENICE BEACH; BLUE-GREEN ALGAE BLOOMS ARE ONCE AGAIN ROAMING THE CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER, AND INTO CAPE CORAL'S CANALS;
- 3/11 LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS TOOK SHOTS AT TEACHERS UNION PRESIDENT KEVIN DALY ON A ZOOM CALL THINKING THEY WERE OFF THE CALL; LEE COUNTY DEPUTIES SAY THREE KIDS STOLE THREE CARS FROM A DRIVEWAY IN LEHIGH ACRES; THE ARREST OF A TEACHERS AIDE IS OPENING THE DOOR FOR FAMILIES TO SHARE THEIR HORROR STORIES ABOUT ROYAL PALM SCHOOL; THOMAS DEANE A FORMER TEACHER AND COACH AT CANTERBURY SCHOOL IS FACING TWENTY EIGHT COUNTS OF CHILD PORN POSSESSION AND HE'S ON THE RUN AFTER CUTTING OFF IS ANKLE MONITOR; A MOTHER AND HER EIGHT-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER WERE WHEN THEY WERE FLUNG INTO A TRAILER AFTER BEING HIT BY A SPEEDING DRIVER AND THAT DRIVER JUST KEPT ON GOING THANKFULLY THE PEOPLE WHO WITNESSED THE WRECK TRACKED DOWN THE DRIVER AND HELPED POLICE MAKE AN ARREST; HURRICANE IAN LEFT EMERALD LAKE IN PUNTA GORDA IN THE DARK WITH HUNDREDS OF STREET LIGHTS SHUT OFF AND THEY'VE STAYED OFF FOR NEARLY A YEAR AND HALF; A 44-FOOT NEARLY 70 THOUSAND POUND SPERM WHALE THAT BEACHED ITSELF AT VENICE BEACH HAS DIED, MARINE BIOLOGISTS ARE WORKING TO FIGURE OUT WHY; FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS HAVE FOUND MICROPLASTICS IN ALL LOCAL WATERS; ALGAE BLOOMS ARE POPPING UP ACROSS SOUTHWEST FLORIDA; THE SANIBEL SCHOOL IS RAISING MONEY FOR ITS STEM PROGRAM; FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY HAS CHOSEN A NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR;
- 3/12 LEE COUNTY DEPUTIES ARRESTED TORRIE JERGER A PARA-PROFESSIONAL AT ROYAL PALM AFTER SHE REPORTEDLY THREW A FIT AT HARNS MARSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHILE TRYING TO PICK UP HER DAUGHTER; DESPITE THE UGLY COMMENTS BY THE LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS DIRECTED HIS WAY KEVIN DALY WILL CONTINUE TO REPRESENT THE TEACHERS AS THE UNION WORKS ON A NEW CONTRACT WITH LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS; COLLIER COUNTY COMMISSIONER RICK LOCASTRO IS FACING ABUSE ACCUSATIONS FROM AN EX GIRLFRIEND BUT HIS ATTORNEY'S THINK TEXT MESSAGES WILL CLEAR HIS NAME; THE PRESIDENT OF THE LEE COUNTY NAACP SAYS STATE ATTORNEY AMIRA FOX HATES BLACK PEOPLE; THE MAN CONVICTED OF TRYING TO KILL A CAPE CORAL POLICE OFFICER WILL SPEND THE REST OF HIS LIFE-- IN PRISON; IF YOU GET A SCARY CALL SAYING YOUR LOVED ONE'S BEEN TAKEN BY A DRUG CARTEL THINK BEFORE YOU RESPOND THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS THIS HAS BECOME A COMMON SCAM; THE REMAINS OF THE SPERM WHALE THAT BEACHED ITSELF ON THE SHORELINE IN VENICE WAS TOWED MORE THAN TEN MILES INTO THE GULF; DISCOUNT AIRLINE ALLEGIANT AIR IS A POPULAR LOW COST CHOICE BUT A RECENT REPORT HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE COMPANY IS STRUGGLING; THE GREATER COMMUNITY INTERDENOMINATIONAL MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE AND LEE HEALTH ARE PARTNERING FOR A COMMUNITY HEALTH SYMPOSIUM; CREWS ARE WORKING TO BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO LEGACY ISLAND PARK;
- 3/13 JORGE GUERRERO-TORRES TOOK A PLEA DEAL HE ADMITTED TO KIDNAPPING, RAPING AND KILLING NINE YEAR OLD DIANA ALVAREZ IN 2016; FLORIDA CONGRESSMAN CORY MILLS HELPED LEAD A RESCUE OPERATION THE GOT TEN AMERICANS OUT OF HAITI; PICKLEBALL PLAYERS AT VERONA WALK THAT SAVED A PLAYERS WHO HAD A HEART ATTACK WERE GIVEN YOU'RE MY HERO AWARDS BY THE GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT; STUDENTS FROM CYPRESS LAKE HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR PERFORMED WITH FOREIGNER AT THE BARBARA B. MANN PERFORMING ARTS HALL; STATE ATTORNEY AMIRA FOX DIDN'T DIRECTLY RESPOND TO THE LEE COUNTY NAACP'S CLAIM SHE DOES NOT LIKE BLACK PEOPLE; PEOPLE ARE STILL TRYING TO GET INSURANCE CLAIMS PAYED BY PEOPLE'S TRUST INSURANCE ALMOST A YEAR AND A HALF AFTER HURRICANE IAN; A NEW BUILDING OPENED FOR THE COAST GUARD ON FORT MYERS BEACH; THREE-YEAR-OLD HAYDEN BEANSON WHO IS FIGHTING LEUKEMIA WILL BE GOING TO DISNEY WITH THE HELP OF THE BISHOP VEROT COMMUNITY AND THE MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION;
- 3/14 COLLIER COUNTY AVIATION TRACK DOWN A LOST HIKER IN A REMOTE AREA IN COLLIER COUNTY; A LEHIGH ACRES WOMAN IS SHARING HER STORY OF SURVIVAL AFTER BEING SHOT TEN TIMES BECAUSE OF HER CATS; A TEACHING ASSISTANT AT ROYAL PALM SCHOOL IN FORT MYERS ACCUSED OF MOLESTING A STUDENT IS PLEADING NOT GUILTY;

- CAPE CORAL POLICE ARREST THE MAN WHO ROBBED A CAPE CORAL PUBLIX; A WOMAN IS DEAD AFTER HER TESLA FLEW OFF THE ROAD AND LANDED IN A CANAL IN THE GATED COMMUNITY OF ISLES OF COLLIER PRESERVE; CHARLOTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVED A NEW BUDGET FOR A NEW 911 CENTER WHICH IT'S NEARLY TWENTY FIVE MILLION DOLLARS MORE EXPENSIVE THAN WHAT WAS APPROVED IN 2020; A TEAM TASKED WITH CREATING A PLAN TO BE BETTER PREPARED FOR THE NEXT STORM WILL PRESENT THE RESILIENT LEE RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLAN TO LEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY HEAD COACH DAVID DEIROS WINS HIS SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTIETH GAME; INSURANCE EXPERTS SAY HOMEOWNERS SHOULD NOT GIVE UP YOUR HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE BECAUSE OF THE COST;
- 3/15 AN ARCADIA MAN WAS ARRESTED AT PAGE FIELD AIRPORT HE DROVE FROM HIS HOME NEARLY AN HOUR AWAY FROM THE AIRPORT TO COMPLAIN ABOUT HOW THE NOISE FROM JET ENGINES AT PAGE FIELD UPSET HIM AND THE SAID HE WOULD BLOW UP THE AIRPORT; PEOPLE GETTING TICKETS AND STRUGGLING WITH THE NEW PARKING SYSTEM IN DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS; FATHER JERRY KAYWELL OF SACRED HEART PARISH IN PUNTA GORDA HAS BEEN CLEARED OF ANY WRONGDOING AFTER BEING ACCUSED OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT WITH A CHILD; AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT COMES THROUGH THE ROOF OF A NAPLES HOME; THE BAILEY MATTHEWS NATIONAL SHELL MUSEUM IS BACK OPEN AND TOMORROW THE ICONIC NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM GALA WILL TAKE PLACE; DATA SHOWS IT'S MORE EXPENSIVE TO RENT IN CAPE CORAL THAN OTHER BIG CITIES LIKE TAMPA, ORLANDO, DENVER, CHICAGO AND EVEN ATLANTA; A MAN IN LEE COUNTY IS FIGHTING TO GET WHAT HE DESERVES HE IS SUING UNITED AIRLINES FOR GROUNDING HIS FLIGHT MAKING HIM MISS HIS VACATION; THE LEE COUNTY NAACP PROTESTED OUTSIDE OF THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SAYING THEY WANT TRANSPARENCY AND ANSWERS ON THE SHOOTING OF CHRISTOPHER JORDAN; SANIBEL HAS A NEW 7-ELEVEN THE CONVENIENCE STORE OPENED THEIR NEW LOCATION TODAY ON PERIWINKLE WAY;
- 3/16 A TRAFFIC STOP TURNS INTO A DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN LABELLE; THE 2024 NAPLES SAINT PATRICKS DAY PARADE ROLLED INTO THE STREETS OF DOWNTOWN NAPLES; TRIPLE-A IS OFFERING THEIR TOW TO GO SERVICE FOR SAINT PATRICKS WEEKEND; THE FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM WIN THE A-SUN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE 8TH YEAR IN A ROW AND SECURED A SPOT IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT; TWO PEOPLE ARE DEAD AFTER A BOATING CRASH IN COLLIER COUNTY; THE COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS HOLDING A CRAM THE CRUISER FOOD DRIVE; WINK NEWS CONSUMER INVESTIGATOR ANDRYANNA SHEPPARD HAS BEEN FOLLOWING INSURANCE LAWSUITS INCLUDING ONE INSURANCE COMPANY THAT STANDS OUT FOR SUING ITS OWN CUSTOMERS;
- 3/17 THE FAMILIES OF TWO PEOPLE WHO DIED IN A COLLIER COUNTY BOATING ACCIDENT HELD A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES; THE WOMEN ARRESTED AFTER HER BABY OVERDOSED ON FENTANYL IS SCHEDULED FOR HER ARRAIGNMENT MONDAY MORNING; THE FLORIDA GULF COAST WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM DREW A 12-SEED IN THE WOMEN'S MARCH MADNESS BRACKET; THE NAPLES ZOO WILL HOST A BUNCH OF EVENTS FOR SPRING BREAKERS; THE FORT MYERS BEACH TOWN COUNCIL IS HAVING A MEETING TO DISCUSS A FLOOD ORDINANCE;
- 3/18 CAPE CORAL POLICE SAY FIFTEEN YEAR OLD KAYLA RINCON MILLER WAS SHOT AND KILLED WHILE WALKING HOME FROM CORALWOOD 10 MOVE THEATER WITH TWO FRIENDS; A TRAFFIC STOP TOOK A DEADLY TURN WHEN AN ACCUSED CAR THIEF HIT THE GAS BARRELING INTO A HENDRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY FORCING OFFICERS TO OPEN FIRE IN ORDER TO BRING THE CAR TO A STOP; MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS TOMORROW IN NAPLES; A NAPLES COUPLE FOUND A RING IN THE PARKING LOT OF AN ALDI AND THEY'VE BEEN ON A MISSION TO RETURN IT TO ITS RIGHTFUL OWNER; QUAN MARTIN STEPPED BACK ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD AT BUCKINGHAM COMMUNITY PARK THE MEMORIES STARTED TO FLOOD BACK MARTIN JUST FINISHED HIS ROOKIE SEASON AS A DEFENSIVE BACK FOR THE WASHINGTON COMMANDERS; WINK-TV CELEBRATES SEVENTY YEARS ON THE AIR; THE FUTURE OF CITY OF PALMS PARK IN FORT MYERS IS STILL UP FOR DEBATE; SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON IS IN FULL SWING FWC WANTS TO REMIND EVERYONE SEVERAL SEA TURTLE SPECIES ARE THREATENED AND ENDANGERED AND WE NEED TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO PROTECT THEM;
- 3/19 CONTINUING COVERAGE OF THE HEARTBREAKING MURDER OF 15 YEAR OLD KAYLA RINCON-MILLER IN CAPE CORAL; MEETING THE MEN AND WOMEN FROM SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WHO ARE HELPING FIGHT THE GROWING IMMIGRATION CRISIS; THERE WILL BE A RECOUNT FOR THE NAPLES MAYOR RACE WITH ONLY TWELVE VOTS SEPARATING TWO

CANDIDATES; THE NAPLES CITY COUNCIL RACE IS HEADED FOR A RECOUNT; LEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO ACCEPT THE RESILIENT LEE RECOVERY PLAN; A TACO TRUCK THAT'S MADE QUITE THE NAME FOR ITSELF IS GETTING ITS VERY OWN SPOT TACO WORKS IS MOVING INTO DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS; A BRAND NEW COMMUNITY IN NAPLES HAS BEEN RECLASSIFIED BY FEMA AS A HIGH RISK FLOOD ZONE AND HOMEOWNERS SAY THE BUILDER KNEW OF THE CHANGE BUT DIDN'T INFORM THEM; ROAR OFF SHORE ON FORT MYERS BEACH IS POSTPONED;

3/20

CAPE CORAL POLICE HAVE MADE THE FIRST OF MULTIPLE ARRESTS IN THE MURDER OF 15-YEAR-OLD KAYLA RINCON-MILLER; TWO CHILDREN ARE ORPHANS AFTER THEIR FATHER SHOT AND KILLED THEIR MOTHER AND THEN TURNED THE GUN ON HIMSELF DURING A CUSTODY EXCHANGE; THE CITY OF NAPLES HAS NO WINNER IN THE MAYORAL RACE OR THE RACE FOR CITY COUNCIL BOTH ELECTIONS WERE TOO CLOSE TO CALL SO THEY'RE HEADING TOWARDS A RECOUNT; FLORIDA REPRESENTATIVE CORY MILLS IS PUSHING FOR HIS COLLEAGUES TO JOIN FORCES IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE AMERICANS WHO ARE STUCK IN HAITI; A WATER MAIN BREAK IS KEEPING THE EDISON MALL CLOSED; CAPE CORAL CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ALONG WITH THE LEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION MET TO REVIEW AN EVACUATION ROUTE STUDY, WITHOUT ANY IMPROVEMENTS EVACUATION TIMES ARE SEVENTY THREE HOURS FOR LEE COUNTY AND SIXTY SEVEN HOURS FOR CAPE CORAL; A FAMILY WANTS PEOPLE TO THINK TWICE BEFORE BUYING A PUPPY IN THE FORT MYERS PETLAND BECAUSE THE DOG THEY BOUGHT HAS COST THEM THOUSANDS IN VET BILLS AND NOW THEY'RE TAKING PETLAND TO COURT; LEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE A CONTROVERSIAL PROJECT SEWER LINE IN ALVA; THE FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AT PACKING THEIR BAGS FOR THE NCAA TOURNAMENT IN BLOOMINGTON INDIANA;

3/21

AN ACCUSED DRUNK DRIVER WHO KILLED THREE PEOPLE IS ON THE RUN AFTER NOT SHOWING UP TO COURT IN HENDRY COUNTY FOR JURY SELECTION; CAPE CORAL POLICE -- ARE WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK TO MAKE MORE ARRESTS IN THE MURDER OF A 15-YEAR-OLD GIRL; THE BRIDGE OVER THE ATLANTIS WATERWAY IS SHUTDOWN AFTER CHARLOTTE COUNTY FOUND STRUCTURE DEFICIENCIES; THE COLLIER COUNTY FAIR KICKED OFF TODAY; THE FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM IS GEARING UP FOR ROUND ONE OF THE NCAA TOURNAMENT; GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS VISITED BONITA SPRINGS SIGNING BILLS THAT WILL FILL A NEED IN OUR STATES HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE; CAPE CORAL CITY COUNCIL WANTS TO HIT THE PAUSE BUTTON ON SELF-STORAGE FACILITIES AND CAR WASHES; A UNIQUE IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE TO TEACH HOW TO BE A FIREFIGHTER WITH IONA MCCGREGOR FIRE DISTRICT;

3/22

SOGGY WEATHER ISN'T GREAT FOR SPRING BREAK NAPLES HAS BEEN A GHOST TOWN TODAY; A MAN IS LUCKY TO BE ALIVE AFTER CRASHING A BOAT INTO THE ROCKS NEAR THE SANIBEL CAUSEWAY; A WOMAN ACCUSED OF KILLING A DAD AND HIS TWO TEEN DAUGHTERS IS ON THE RUN ANNE LANG SLAMMED INTO THE GALINDO FAMILY'S CAR AT OVER 100 MILES AN HOUR IN HENDRY COUNTY WHILE HER BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL WAS NEARLY THREE TIMES THE LEGAL LIMIT; CRIME STOPPERS IN FORT MYERS SAYS A EXCAVATOR WAS STOLEN FROM LEE ROAD BY A WHITE TRUCK AND TRAILER; TWO AUTHORS ARE BRINGING FLORIDA'S HISTORY TO LIFE THROUGH A CHILDREN'S BOOK; THEIR FOURTH ANNUAL WALK, WIGGLE, WAG AND RUN FOR THE CAPE CORAL ANIMAL SHELTER. FIVE-K IS TOMORROW;

3/23

KAYLA RINCON-MILLER, WHO WAS SHOT AND KILLED NEAR THE CORALWOOD THEATRE WALKING TO MCDONALD'S, FAMILY IS REELING FROM THE SHOCK OF HER LOSS HELD A VIGIL WITH THE COMMUNITY IN JAYCEE PARK; JUAN SALAZAR-DIAZ WAS FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER, GRAND THEFT AUTO AND POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A FELON AFTER FIVE AND A HALF YEARS IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY; THE COLLIER COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE IS RECOUNTING EVERY VOTE IN THE CITY OF NAPLES ELECTION; MORE THAN SEVEN HUNDRED PEOPLE WALKED AND RAN OVER THE EDISON BRIDGE AT SUNSET FOR THE 6TH ANNUAL NAMI WALKS SOUTHWEST FLORIDA; THE FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM LOST IN A HEART BREAKER TO OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITY IN THE NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT;

3/24

AN AVE MARIA MAN IS DEAD AFTER HE WAS RIDING HIS BIKE AND WAS HIT BY A DRIVER WHO LEFT HIM ON THE ROAD; AN APARTMENT COMPLEX CATCHES FIRE LEAVING MULTIPLE RESIDENTS WITHOUT A HOME AT THE RIVER REACH APARTMENTS IN NAPLES; THE ANNUAL BARBECUE, BANDS AND BREW FUNDRAISING EVENT WAS HELD IN DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS;

- 3/25 A FIREFIGHTER IS HURT AFTER THIS MASSIVE BLAZE SWEEPED THROUGH A PROPERTY IN FORT MYERS; A STREET IN CAPE CORAL HAS NO POWER AFTER A U-HAUL CRASHED INTO MORE THAN ONE POWER POLE AND TOOK OUT A WOMAN'S FENCE; YEARS OF DELAYS AND CHALLENGES HAVE PUSHED BACK JUSTICE FOR TWO TEENS KILLED IN A SENSELESS ACT OF GUN VIOLENCE AT CLUB BLUE IN FORT MYERS; THE LEHIGH ACRES COMMUNITY HAD TO ACCEPT THAT THEIR ONCE BELOVED WELCOME SIGN IS GONE AS THEY WELCOMED THEIR NEW WELCOME SIGN; SENATOR RICK SCOTT ANNOUNCED HIS PLAN TO LOWER TAXES AND CUT UNNECESSARY REGULATIONS SO BUILDERS CAN PROSPER IN THE SUNSHINE STATE AT AN EVENT IN FORT MYERS; THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL IS HOLDING A JAYCEE PARK DESIGN REVIEW; A BELL RINGING BLITZ AS A GROUP OF KIDS FINISH CANCER TREATMENT AND ARE ON THEIR WAY TO BRIGHTER HEALTHIER DAYS AHEAD;
- 3/26 THE WOMAN ACCUSED OF KILLING A LEE COUNTY FATHER AND HIS TWO DAUGHTERS WHILE DRIVING DRUNK HAS BEEN CAUGHT IN LAKE LAND; THE MAN ACCUSED OF DRUNKENLY CRASHING A BOAT INTO THE SANIBEL CAUSEWAY HAS BEEN ARRESTED; A LOCAL MANS LIFE WAS SAVED IN THE OPEN WATERS OFF THE CARIBBEAN SEA BY THE COAST GUARD; GIANT SPOOLS OF CABLE ABANDONED FOR MORE THAN A YEAR ON A LOT IN CAPE CORAL BY COMCAST HAVE BEEN REMOVED; THE DESOTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS THEY ARRESTED FIVE PEOPLE FOR STEALING TOYS FROM KIDS IN NEED; F-DOT HELD A PUBLIC HEARING TO GET INPUT FROM THE BONITA SPRINGS COMMUNITY ABOUT THE INTERSECTION OF US 41 AND BONITA BEACH ROAD; NEW NONSTOP FLIGHTS ARE ON THE WAY FOR THOSE OF YOU TRAVELING OUT OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON BREEZE AIRWAYS NEW CITIES INCLUDE STEWART NEWBURGH NEW YORK, LANSING MICHIGAN AND WILKES BARRE PENNSYLVANIA; THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS GETTING SOME RECOGNITION DEPUTY ROOT RANKED IN THE TOP 20 FOR HANDLERS AND CHARLOTTE COUNTY'S TEAM ALSO PLACED FOURTH IN THE FOUR MAN TEAMS COMPETITION AT THE 2024 K9 REGIONAL COMPETITION; THE MINNESOTA TWINS WRAPED UP SPRING TRAINING IN FORT MYERS;
- 3/27 DOZENS OF FLIGHTS ARE EITHER CANCELLED OR DELAYED AT SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER IN OTHER CITIES; A CHARLOTTE COUNTY WOMAN IS IN JAIL FACING THIRD DEGREE FELONY ANIMAL CRUELTY CHARGES; THE PROTECT CAPTIVA COALITION IS FILING A PETITION WITH LEE COUNTY AND THE STATE OVER THE SOUTH SEAS ISLAND RESORT; THE CAPE CORAL YACHT CLUB. BUILDING DEMOLITION WILL BEGIN ON APRIL TENTH; A COLLIER COUNTY FAMILY IS FIGHTING BACK FROM UTTER DEVASTATION AFTER THEY LOST EVERYTHING IN A HUGE BRUSH FIRE IN COLLIER COUNTY LAST YEAR; VOLUNTEERS WITH PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH ARE WORKING TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH HOMELESSNESS; HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RAISED THE WALLS OF THE FIRST TWO-HOMES IN THE NEW CAROLINA COVE NEIGHBORHOOD IN BONITA SPRINGS; DESOTO COUNTY DEPUTIES ARE SEARCHING FOR SERENITY CHEYANNE FOR STEALING DONATED TOYS LAST CHRISTMAS; THE CITY OF SANIBEL HAS BEEN WORKING HAND IN HAND WITH THE SANIBEL-CAPTIVA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION TO BRING THE ISLANDS NATURAL PROTECTOR MANGROVES BACK;
- 3/28 A HEARTBREAKING GOODBYE FAMILY AND FRIENDS GATHERED FOR THE FUNERAL OF 15-YEAR-OLD KAYLA RINCON-MILLER; HENDRY COUNTY DEPUTIES HAVE TWO TEN YEAR OLD BOYS IN CUSTODY WHO EXCHANGED A GUN AT SCHOOL AND ONE OF THEM HAD BULLETS IN HIS BACKPACK AND A GROCERY BAG FILLED WITH WEED; A HIGH SCHOOL TRACK COACH AT GATEWAY HAS BEEN FIRED BY LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS AFTER A FATHER CAME FORWARD CLAIMING THE COACH SENT HIS DAUGHTER NAKED PHOTOS ON INSTAGRAM; THE FORMER CAPE CORAL CITY MANAGER ROB HERNANDEZ HAS OFFICIALLY FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE CITY CLAIMING MULTIPLE CASES OF RACIAL AND SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION; STRONG WINDS RIPPED THROUGH BUSINESSES IN FORT MYERS BEACH; THE SHALIMAR BEACH RESORT BROKE GROUND ON SANIBEL; PLAYING PROFESSIONAL SOCCER IS THE GOAL FOR FGCU GOALKEEPER OLIVIA MOLINA;
- 3/29 A COACH AT GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL ACCUSED OF SENDING NUDE PHOTOS TO A TEENAGE GIRL COULD HAVE MORE VICTIMS; HUMBERTO DIAZ IS IN COLLIER COUNTY JAIL ACCUSED OF STEALING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF BOAT MOTORS FROM DEALERSHIPS AND BOAT CLUBS ALL OVER COLLIER COUNTY; FLORIDA STATE TROOPERS ARE SEARCHING FOR A DRIVER WHO HIT AND KILLED A MAN ON MOTORCYCLE AND THEN TOOK OFF IN LEHIGH ACRES; FEMA TOLD LEE COUNTY IT'S LOWERING THE DISCOUNT PEOPLE GET IN THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM; CREWS SPENT HOURS BATTLING A BRUSH FIRE THAT BROKE OUT NEAR SEVERAL HOMES IN LEHIGH ACRES; THE

FINAL RESULTS AS APPROVED BY THE COLLIER COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD SHOW TERESA HEITMANN WINNING FOR NAPLES MAYOR BY TWENTY-TWO VOTES; WINK NEWS CREWS TRAVELED TO THE SMALL BORDER TOWN OF EAGLE PASS TEXAS TO HEAR FIRST HAND FROM THE PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING IN THE BORDER CRISIS; FORT MYERS POLICE HAVE A WARNING FOR A-T-V AND DIRT BIKE RIDERS STAY OFF THE STREETS; TRAFFIC CHANGES ARE ON THE WAY WHICH COULD MEAN MORE HEADACHES CREWS WILL BE WORKING ON ORTIZ AVENUE IN FORT MYERS FROM COLONIAL BOULEVARD TO MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD; THE CONDO BUILDINGS ON FORT MYERS BEACH ARE STILL CLOSED AND IN MANY CASES ELEVATOR SUPPLY ISSUES ARE TO BLAME; MANY GATHERED AT THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL IN CAPE CORAL FOR NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS DAY; A ROBOTICS TEAM BASED IN FORT MYERS IS ON THEIR WAY TO COMPETE FOR A WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP;

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FIRST LOOK AT A TRUCK SUSPECTED OF BEING INVOLVED IN A DEADLY HIT AND RUN CRASH IN LEHIGH ACRES; A JEEP WENT FOR A JOY RIDE ON FORT MYERS BEACH; THE ORGANIZATION DONATE 4 KIDZ IS DELIVERING AND HIDING EASTER EGGS TO HELP FAMILIES HAVE A STRESS-FREE EGG HUNT IN LEE AND COLLIER COUNTY; ORGANIZERS EXPECT THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS TO TURN OUT FOR THE 80TH ANNUAL EASTER PARADE IN THE DUNBAR COMMUNITY IN FORT MYERS TOMORROW; THE INAUGURAL WALK FOR WARRIORS 5-K BENEFITING THE WOUNDED WARRIORS PROJECT AT GULF COAST UNIVERSITY; A BOIL WATER NOTICE IS IN EFFECT FOR THE SOUTHERN PART OF MARCO ISLAND; THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAYS THE WATER HAS A HIGH LEVEL OF BACTERIA AT PARK SHORE BEACH PARK IN NAPLES;

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FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL RELEASED NEW VIDEO SHOWING THE SUSPECTED DRIVER AND TRUCK INVOLVED IN A DEADLY HIT-AND-RUN IN LEHIGH ACRES; FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL HAS ARRESTED A 24 YEAR-OLD MAN FROM CAPE CORAL AFTER HE FLED RECKLESSLY FROM MULTIPLE AGENCIES OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS; THE WOMAN ACCUSED OF DRIVING DRUNK WHEN SHE TOOK THE LIVES OF A FATHER AND HIS TWO TEEN DAUGHTERS DRIVING MORE THAN 100 MILES AN HOUR IN 2021 WILL FINALLY APPEAR IN COURT; FLOATS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES, CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY GROUPS AND LEADERS DROVE DOWN MLK BOULEVARD, FORD STREET, EDISON AVENUE AND PALM AVENUE AT THE 80TH ANNUAL EASTER PARADE IN THE DUNBAR COMMUNITY IN FORT MYERS; EASTER CELEBRATIONS DREW MORE THAN TEN-THOUSAND PEOPLE ONTO THE BEACH FOR THE 34TH ANNUAL MARCO ISLAND EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE;