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Crawl, rest, fly: Entire complicated life cycles take place in the Calusa Nature Center’s butterfly aviary every day. As PBS airs Nature’s Sex, Lies and Butterflies, we investigate a local habitat.

Kids meet some real characters: WGCU Kids Day brought out the TV stars and the young fans who love them for food, fun and fingerprinting.

Nye times: A young fan of Bill Nye the Science Guy grows up and reflects on lessons learned as a documentary on PBS gets up close and personal.

Traffic lights, flower fields, incorporation, oh my: You have questions. The WGCU TV crew has answers in a local show this month.

Inside WGCU: Snapped at the Reading Festival; new podcast features songs and memories; goodbye, old friend.

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Chris Kielmeyer is a retired elementary school teacher from northern Virginia who landed in about the best spot she can imagine: the butterfly aviary at the Calusa Nature Center.

“I always loved teaching science,” Kielmeyer said, as the life cycle of the butterfly played out in every direction on a sunny but not-so-hot afternoon at the Fort Myers attraction. She began as a volunteer when she moved to Fort Myers in 2008 and now tends the beautiful and delicate Gulf fritillaries, monarchs, orange-barred sulphur butterflies and others in residence at the center on Ortiz Avenue. This month, the zebra longwings should be back and Kielmeyer will usher a few into the enclosure.

At times, the population dips – which is inevitable, since adult butterflies have short lives, from two weeks to a month on average. When residents become sparse, Kielmeyer walks the nature center grounds looking for leaves with eggs or caterpillars and sometimes nets adults for rehoming to her domain.

And in a sustainability arrangement, Hickory Hammock Tree Farm in Fort Myers turns its annoyances into a joy for the nature center’s habitat. When the caterpillars of the swallowtail butterfly start eating too many of the leaves of the nursery’s plants, they’re evicted and sent to live with Kielmeyer’s crew.

Being surrounded by this quiet life cycle of egg, caterpillar, chrysalis and adult butterfly feels like standing meditation, so it wasn’t surprising when Kielmeyer said that people often tell her they believe butterfly sightings have spiritual meaning.

“I’ve had a lot of people say a loved one
Flighty about food

Like people, caterpillars have their favorite foods. But caterpillars are far more predictable than humans. In fact, they are so predictable that the only comparable situation would be, say, if everybody born with brown hair liked sweet potatoes best and olive-skinned people pretty much lived on tilapia. Or some other food.

At the Calusa Nature Center, butterfly expert Chris Kielmeyer knows what her charges want to eat.

Monarch caterpillars want tropical milkweed. Also called silkweed and other names, it’s an annual up north and a perennial in the south. It provides food for the monarch caterpillars and nectar for the adult butterflies.

The Gulf fritillary caterpillar yearns for the passion vine. According to legend, early missionaries from South America to Mexico believed that several parts of the plant, including the petals, rays, and sepals, symbolized features of the suffering and death of Christ and used it in their teaching.

The orange-barred sulphur butterfly likes the cassia, or senna plant. By many accounts this butterfly is a newcomer to the United States, showing up here in the 1920s.

Once the caterpillars grow up and become butterflies, they’ll nectar on many different flowering plants.

All of the Calusa Nature Center butterflies’ favorite foods grow on the grounds. When Kielmeyer notices the plant supply getting low, she simply goes on a hike and scouts out what her charges need.

It’s easy to imagine mystical associations with creatures that have such interesting life stages. For instance, the monarch, which is abundant in Southwest Florida, in the caterpillar phase sheds its skin five times. That last time, the chrysalis appears and inside it the caterpillar “dissolves into liquid moosh,” Kielmeyer explained. But in that goop is a cell that grows into a butterfly. She has often watched for about five minutes as the chrysalis cracks and the butterfly unfurls, then dries its wings before flying out to explore its home.

According to a Nature documentary airing this month, butterflies have existed on this planet for more than 50 million years and today there are nearly 20,000 known species. We’re not sure what the title means – Sex, Lies and Butterflies – but we’ll be watching to find out.
A DAY FOR THE KIDS AT WGCU

YOUNG VIEWERS MAKE FRIENDS AT THE STATION
WGCU was full of kids and characters recently at a day that was all about youth. At Kids Day on Saturday, Feb. 24, about 500 parents and children met their heroes — PBS title characters of Peg + Cat, Jet Propulsion from Ready Jet Go! and Whyatt Beanstalk of Super Why — plus local police officers and firefighters. And all of them were greeted like rock stars.

The Lee County Library was on hand to sign kids up for library cards. The Lee County Sheriff’s Department fingerprinted kids at no charge. Kids could check out a virtual reality simulation brought by IMAG History & Science Center and make leaf prints with Artis-Naples. The San Carlos Fire Department gave out fire hats. The Conservancy of Southwest Florida taught kids about animal habitats. C’mon brought the Keva Blocks.

It all took place inside the Myra Janco Daniels Public Media Center, where kids could even get before the cameras in our studio. And all of it was free. Here are a few scenes from a memorable day. And a big thank you to our volunteers!
SCIENCE GUY [y/Ru]
It went something like this …

The year is 1999. I am less than 4 feet tall, our telephone at home is attached to the wall with a cord, and I am at the library. Before me are rows upon rows of VHS tapes along shelves that tower up to twice my height. My mother has told me that I may choose two tapes to take home.

I sort through the tapes for kids along the bottom row, discarding the ones I consider to be “for babies,” which turn out to be quite a few since I consider myself “a big boy.” I flip through the tapes until I reach several in a row about a man called Bill Nye the Science Guy.

I had seen this science guy before on my channel-surfing adventures. While flipping through the boring adult channels to reach my beloved Nickelodeon, I had caught glimpses of this science guy gesturing wildly and talking about something called physics before I resumed my quest for cartoons.

Of course these videos about science I’m looking at sound like those boring documentary shows my parents would watch so I continue on my search until I see one of the Bill Nye tapes with a picture of the scientist riding a dinosaur. I look down at the Jurassic Park shirt I am wearing and back to the tape and smile. Just about anything having to do with the prehistoric creatures has me frothing at the mouth so I decide to give the science guy a chance.

Once home I pop the tape in and punch the play button with a satisfying click. I am greeted with not a happy-go-lucky jingle but with a theme song that I can’t help but join in with, chanting “Bill Bill Bill Bill Bill!” Somehow, through a combination of eclectic sound effects, zany humor, and Bill Nye’s limitless energy in explaining all things scientific, I discover that science could actually be cool. Maybe I could actually like science.

So upon my next visit to the local library I get the next tape in the series and then another after that. Soon enough I am hooked and I am not alone.

Today, my entire generation cannot help but chant Bill’s name with the same zealous fervor as our 8-year-old selves. When I was in college at Florida State University, Bill Nye came to speak. Literally thousands of college students lined up as early as noon to see Bill Nye at 7 p.m. Every so often during that wait, someone started up a Bill chant and the results were incredible.

Thousands of college students took the time to line up for hours to see a beloved children’s educational science show host and chant his name like he had dropped the hottest hip-hop album of the year.

Bill Nye the Science Guy wasn’t the first show that managed to make science fun but it was the first for me to make science cool. Sure, there were other educational shows like The Magic School Bus and Zoboomafoo but they didn’t do what Bill did and that is, to make me see that there’s science everywhere. That science was not only beakers and lab coats but also the pursuit of understanding via systematic study of the structure and behavior of pretty much anything.

The fact that Bill Nye the Science Guy is still changing the world one science fact at a time is fantastic. So thank you, science guy, for reminding us that science does, most assuredly, rule.

Matthew Auchmuty is a journalist and pop culture aficionado living in Southwest Florida.
Curiouser and CURIOUSER …

By Dayna Harpster

Whether they’re about long-lost flowers or longsuffering drivers, Southwest Floridians have a lot of questions. And that’s good. Because reporters at WGCU like nothing better than digging — or hitting the road — for answers.

The project we began some months ago, Curious Gulf Coast, continues this month to illuminate some of the issues that baffle WGCU viewers and listeners, such as the purpose of those blue lights on traffic signals.

Another timely issue has to do with municipal incorporation. As residents of Pine Island talk about incorporating, K.D. Adolphson wondered what the advantages and disadvantages were to taking that step. How does it affect allocation of resources, taxes, government? The last community to seek incorporation, and getting overwhelming approval of residents at the polls to do so, was Estero. It’s now been incorporated for three years.

As part of the Curious Gulf Coast show on April 26, freelance producer Melanie Pefinis takes on this issue by looking at communities that are incorporated and others that are unincorporated in Southwest Florida and what each means to the daily lives of citizens.

This episode of Curious Gulf Coast takes on four more relevant local questions:

BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL?

Gail South wants to know: What is the purpose of the blue lights on top of traffic signals at intersections? You might see them in Lee County, but not Collier, where they were installed but didn’t last very long. Proponents say they increase safety; opponents take issue with this use of technology. Tune in to find out more. Jim Goin of the WGCU staff produced this short segment.
WHERE HAVE ALL THE FLOWERS GONE?

Long time passing …

For 80 years, starting in the late 1920s, Lee County earned a reputation as Gladiolus Capital of the World. In its heyday, more than 2,000 acres of the flowers covered land from Iona to Cape Coral. By 2009, the fields had disappeared. How did gladiolus farming get started in Lee County? And more to the point, what happened to them? Stephanie Smith wanted to know, and freelance producer Chelle Walton tackles this issue.

BAD RAP FOR AREA DRIVERS?

Linda Craig heard about an insurance survey that labeled Southwest Florida drivers the worst of the worst. Freelance producer Jennifer Fairfield-Williams finds out more about this embarrassing designation. Here at Expressions, we can’t wait to find out the truth, because it seems that more than one survey has revealed that the worst drivers are in Florida – including one survey amusingly named SmartAsset.

WHAT’S IN A NAME?

We know that the reasons for the term “Florida cracker” have been bandied about for eons. Jennifer Robert wanted a final answer. The man up to the task is producer Jim Goin at WGCU. Is it about the cowboys or not?
Anna Bejerano and Tara Calligan

Going north for the summer?
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WGCU’s Tara Calligan, social media coordinator, and Anna Bejerano, digital media specialist, had their sights set on participating in the PBS Kids Rapid Innovation Lab at PBS TechCon in Las Vegas this month. To get there, they had to apply for a Digital Innovation Grant and explain how they were working in digitally innovative ways.

“Anna and I took a big risk and decided to make a video submission … and that risk was rewarded,” Calligan said. They received the grant, and will be presenting some of their ideas and learning from others about PBS Kids and its related digital projects.
Young fan wins raffle

Sebastian Mendez, 5, of Naples, was one of the raffle winners at Kids Day at WGCU in February. He won a PBS Kids tablet, a DVD and other goodies, plus a Girl Scout friendship doll he planned to give to his little sister, Elayna. Sebastian came to the station with his grandmother, Deborah Weins, to pick up his loot and stopped for a few minutes for a photo opp with Daniel Tiger.

Songs in the key of life

WGCU has launched another new podcast, called Three Song Stories: Biography Through Music, hosted by Mike Kiniry. Three Song Stories is an exploration of the power music has to connect us to times, places, people, and emotions from our lives. The show brings out the guests’ personalities, and personal histories, by mining the connections music has made during their lifetimes. It’s also a chance to sit back and listen to the eclectic mix of songs the guests have chosen for their ultimate musical memory short list.

Go to threesongstories.org to listen.

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Good time had by all

WGCU’s inaugural On The Road trip to Tampa to see Andrea Bocelli live in concert was a huge success. Before the stunning concert, our adventurers enjoyed a delicious meal at Mise En Place. Truly a trip to remember! Won’t you join us next time?

Learn about our future On The Road trips at give2wgcu.org/events.

Reading Festival friends

Left: Mari Landolfi, Stephanie Rios, Madison Landolfi and Star Landolfi check out the WGCU booth at the Southwest Florida Reading Festival in early March. The festival featured authors of books for all ages, activities for kids, storytelling, food and lots of fun at the downtown Fort Myers branch of the Lee County Library.
APRIL TV HIGHLIGHTS

1 SUNDAY
8 pm HD Call the Midwife
Season 7, Part 3
A mother abandons her children at the clinic, leaving the family devastated. When Violet and Fred organize a beauty contest for charity, Valerie and Magda both sign up.

9:30 pm W Reel South
Jonah Stands Up
Jonah Bascle was an unconventional mayoral candidate, even by New Orleans standards: artist, comedian, disability-rights activist. Combining humor, political action, and a sense of urgency, this episode challenges stereotypes associated with differently abled people.

2 MONDAY
8 pm HD Antiques Roadshow
Portland, Part 1
In Portland, watch as experts offer free appraisals of antiques and collectibles, revealing the truth about heirlooms, yard sale bargains and items salvaged from attics and basements.

9:30 pm W Stories from the Stage
Suitcase Stories, Part 2
Immigrant stories of yesterday and today: Landscape architect Nano Raies flees Syria to pursue her musical dream, Szifra Birke discovers the hidden meaning of her name, and Abhishek Shah becomes a meat-eating American.

3 TUESDAY
8 pm HD American Experience
Roads to Memphis
Examine the entwined stories of assassin James Earl Ray and his target, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

4 WEDNESDAY
8 pm HD Nature
Sex, Lies and Butterflies
Explore the astounding abilities of butterflies – 360° vision, deceptive camouflage, chemical weaponry and fantastic flight. Look beyond their bright colors and fragile beauty and follow them on one of the greatest migrations on Earth.

9 pm HD Black America Since MLK: And Still I Rise Part 2
Henry Louis Gates Jr. explores America’s changing racial landscape – celebrating how far we have come toward equality and asking why we still have so far to go.

5 THURSDAY
8 pm E NOVA
Iceman Murder Mystery
Scientists investigate Otzi the Iceman, the mummified corpse found in a glacier in the Alps.

6 FRIDAY
9 pm HD Soundbreaking
Part 4, Going Electric
Learn how the amplification and electrification of instruments transformed the sound of music.

7 SATURDAY
8 pm E Masterpiece Mystery
Miss Marple
Season 7, Endless Night
Miss Marple investigates several suspicious deaths believed to have been caused by a curse.

10 pm HD Downton Abbey
Season 1, Part 1
Mary entertains three suitors and Bates risks his health to remain valet.

11 pm HD Soundbreaking
Part 6, The World Is Yours
Take a look at the art of sampling and the musical revolution it inspired.

Sunday, April 1 @ 9 pm HD The Child in Time on Masterpiece
A moment of distraction triggers a crisis in the lives of a happy, successful British couple in Ian McEwan’s haunting tale of a lost child and redeemed love, starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Kelly Macdonald.
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**APRIL TV HIGHLIGHTS**

**8 SUNDAY**
8 pm HD Call the Midwife Season 7, Part 4
Sister Julienne navigates a complex situation with a Pakistani family facing an unexpected pregnancy. Sister Monica Joan’s pride is in jeopardy as her sight deteriorates. Trixie struggles to cope after a breakup.

10:30 pm HD Last Tango in Halifax Season 3, Part 1
See how an unexpected visitor forces Alan to think about his past, making Gillian and Caroline anxious — his decision to keep his secret from Celia is bound to backfire. Meanwhile, Caroline and pregnant Kate set a date for their wedding.

**9 MONDAY**
8 pm W 4-Wheel Bob
Discover the story of Bob Coomber, an adventurer who sets out to be the first wheelchair hiker to cross the 11,845-foot Kearsarge Pass.

9 pm HD Antiques Roadshow Little Rock, Part 2
A Capote manuscript, a jazz musician archive and a Mississippian effigy. Which is the top find?

10 pm HD 10 Homes that Changed America
See 10 architecturally adventurous homes that elevated living to an art form.

**10 TUESDAY**
8 pm HD Secrets of the Dead Hannibal in the Alps
Hannibal, one of history’s most famous generals, achieved what the Romans thought to be impossible. With a vast army of 30,000 troops, 15,000 horses and 37 war elephants, he crossed the mighty Alps in only 16 days to launch an attack on Rome from the north.

9 pm E Masterpiece Classic The Paradise, Season 2, Part 5
An heirloom watch incites sales, seduction and sorcery at the Paradise.

10 pm HD Frontline Trump’s Takeover
Go inside President Trump’s high-stakes battle for control of the GOP, examining how he attacked fellow Republicans and used inflammatory rhetoric that rallied his base and further divided the country in his first year as president.

**11 WEDNESDAY**
8 pm HD Nature Moose: Life of a Twig Eater
Travel to Canada’s Rockies and into the world of moose to experience a calf’s first year of life.

9 pm W Frontline Trump’s Takeover
See April 10 for show description.

10 pm HD GI Jews – The Jewish Americans in World War II
Discover the story of the 550,000 brave Jewish Americans who served in World War II, fighting not only for their country, but also for their beliefs and brethren across the world.

**12 THURSDAY**
8 pm E Nature Naledi One Little Elephant
A team of caretakers and researchers help a baby elephant survive and find her place in the herd.

9 pm E Nature Cheetah Children
A wildlife cameraman shadows a cheetah family and details the cubs’ remarkable journey to adulthood.

10 pm HD Agatha Christie’s Partners in Crime The Secret Adversary, Part 2
A new adaptation of a classic mystery, set in 1950s Britain at the start of the Cold War. Tommy and Tuppence return to the small screen, bickering, sweet on each other, and soon knee-deep in danger.

**13 FRIDAY**
8:30 pm HD In Principle
A “conservative-oriented talk show” that takes its cue from William F. Buckley’s Firing Line.

9 pm HD Soundbreaking Part 7, Sound and Vision
Trace the rise of the music video and how it changed the way we experience music.

10 pm HD Soundbreaking Part 8, I Am My Music
From LPs to cassette tapes, CDs and MP3s, discover how listening formats determine how and where we listen, and also the ways we collect, store and share the music we love.

14 SATURDAY
8 pm W Still Dreaming
See a unique take on Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream as performed by a group of retired actors, dancers and musicians at the Lillian Booth Actors Home, an assisted living facility just outside New York City.

9:30 pm E Independent Lens Supergirl
A young girl navigates the perils of adolescence while attempting to succeed at powerlifting.

10:30 pm HD Downton Abbey Season 1, Part 3
Matthew brings out the bitter rivalry between sisters Mary and Edith. Servants Thomas and O’Brien scheme against Bates.

Sunday, April 8 @ 9 pm HD Unforgotten Season 1, Part 1
Nicola Walker (Last Tango in Halifax) and Sanjeev Bhaskar (Indian Summers) star as police officers investigating the cold case murder of a boy whose diary implicates four seemingly unconnected couples.
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APRIL TV HIGHLIGHTS

15 SUNDAY
8 pm HD Call the Midwife
Season 7, Part 5
Lucille tries to win the trust of a mother who suffers from tokophobia, a morbid fear of giving birth. Nurse Crane and Dr. Turner try to find a sailor at large in Poplar and rumored to have smallpox. Violet and Fred plan a picnic for the parish.

9 pm HD Unforgotten
Season 1, Part 2
See April 8 for show description.

10:30 pm HD Last Tango in Halifax
Season 3, Part 2
Alan finally lets Celia into his secret about Gary, but is saddened when Celia punishes Caroline on her wedding day for his mistake.

16 MONDAY
8 pm E American Experience
The Perfect Crime
In 1924, two college students murdered a boy to prove they were smart enough to get away with it.

9 pm E American Experience
Bonnie & Clyde
The true story of Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow, the most famous outlaw couple in United States history.

10 pm HD 10 Towns that Changed America
Ten towns designed from the ground up by architects, corporations and citizens.

17 TUESDAY
8 pm HD Civilizations Part 1,
The Second Moment of Creation
Examine the formative role of art and the creative imagination in the forging of humanity itself. Images and artifacts found in Africa, Asia, Europe, Australia and South America testify to the urge to develop civilizations. Liev Schreiber narrates.

10 pm HD Frontline
McCain
A look at McCain’s life and politics, from POW in Vietnam, to choosing Sarah Palin as running mate, to his dramatic vote against the GOP’s health care bill.

18 WEDNESDAY
8 pm HD NOVA
Decoding the Weather Machine
Climate change is arguably the defining challenge of our time. Join scientists on a quest to better comprehend the workings of the weather and climate, and see how they’re finding that we can be resilient – even thrive – in the face of enormous change.

9 pm E American Masters
Loretta Lynn
Country music legend Loretta Lynn’s hard-fought road to stardom is explored.

10 pm HD POV
Bill Nye: The Science Guy
Follow Bill Nye, once the host of the popular kids’ show, as he seeks to change the world through science. He’s shedding the “Science Guy” costume with the goal of creating a more scientifically literate world.

19 THURSDAY
8 pm E Year In Space
Go behind the scenes of astronaut Scott Kelly’s 12-month stay on the International Space Station.

9 pm E Beyond A Year In Space
Astronaut Scott Kelly’s last day in space, his return to Earth and astronaut training are featured.

10 pm HD Agatha Christie’s Partners in Crime
See April 5 for show description.

20 FRIDAY
8:30 pm HD In Principle Part 2
See April 13 for show description.

9 pm HD Live from Lincoln Center Sutton Foster in Concert
Tony-winner Sutton Foster brings her talent and charm to the stage; with guest Jonathan Groff.

10 pm HD Will.i.am:
Landmarks Live in Concert, A Great Performances Special
Experience will.i.am live from Royal Albert Hall. Hosted by Chad Smith of the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

21 SATURDAY
8 pm W Masterpiece Mystery
Endeavour, Season 2: Neverland
Morse investigates the cases of a missing boy, a dead journalist and an absconder from a prison.

Tuesday, April 17 @ 9 pm
E Secrets of the Dead
Cleopatra’s Lost Tomb
An amateur archaeologist’s theory may reveal where the queen Cleopatra’s lost tomb is hidden.

9:30 pm E Independent Lens
What Lies Upstream
The truth behind a chemical spill that impacted 300,000 people in West Virginia is uncovered.

10:30 pm HD Downton Abbey Season 2, Part 1
Two years into World War I, Downton Abbey is in turmoil, as Matthew and other young men go to war – or avoid it. The women also pitch in, and many couples see their romantic dreams dashed.
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22 SUNDAY
8 pm HD Call the Midwife
Season 7, Part 6
Poplar welcomes Lucille Anderson, the first West Indian midwife to be featured as a series regular. Tested as never before, the nuns and nurses face challenging issues from leprosy, tokophobia and stroke, to Huntington’s chorea and unmarried mothers.

9 pm HD Unforgotten
Season 1, Part 3
See April 8 for show description.

10:30 pm HD Last Tango in Halifax Season 3, Part 3
Follow Celia as she builds bridges with Alan and stands by Caroline’s side.

23 MONDAY
8 pm HD Antiques Roadshow
Green Bay, Part 1
A 1967 Packers “Ice Bowl” sign, 1636 Rembrandt etching, Gold Rush diary. What’s the top find?

9 pm E Shakespeare Uncovered
A Midsummer Night’s Dream with Hugh Bonneville
Hugh Bonneville discusses the enduring appeal of A Midsummer Night’s Dream with Ralph Fiennes.

10 pm HD Nature
Natural Born Rebels: Part 1, Hunger Wars
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9 pm HD NOVA Wonders
Part 1, What Are Animals Saying?
This is the first entry in the Wonders series, which takes viewers on a journey to the frontiers of science, where researchers are tackling some of the biggest questions about life and the cosmos.

10 pm HD NOVA Bird Brain
Watch as scientists test the intelligence of birds and reveal skills we assumed unique to humans.

26 THURSDAY
8 pm HD Curious Gulf Coast
Local listeners of WGCU FM have questions, and this local broadcast has answers, about traffic lights, driving ability and the fate of Fort Myers’ once thriving gladiolus fields.

10 pm HD Agatha Christie’s Partners in Crime
See April 12 for show description.

27 FRIDAY
8:30 pm HD In Principle Part 3
See April 13 for show description.

28 SATURDAY
8 pm W Frederick Law Olmsted: Designing America
Enjoy a biography of the man who made public parks an essential part of American life.
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APRIL TV HIGHLIGHTS

29 SUNDAY
8 pm HD Call the Midwife
Season 7, Part 6
See April 22 for description.

9 pm HD Unforgotten
Season 2, Part 1
See April 8 for description.

10:30 pm HD Last Tango in Halifax
Season 3, Part 4
Caroline is overwhelmed at the prospect of looking after baby Flora, until a stranger walks into her life.

30 MONDAY
9 pm W An Act of Dog
Learn about Mark Barone, an artist who sets out to paint 5,500 portraits of dogs, after his partner, Marina Dervan, discovers that’s the number of dogs killed every day in our nation’s shelters.

11 pm E Pioneers of Television
Funny Ladies
Comics Lucille Ball, Mary Tyler Moore, Carol Burnett, Phyllis Diller and more are highlighted.

Monday, April 30 @ 10 pm HD
In Their Own Words Queen Elizabeth II
This unique and stylish new biography series explores an elite few of the 20th century’s greatest figures. In this episode, long-reigning British monarch Queen Elizabeth.

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Fort Myers mom knows what the world needs now

It started last summer with a mom, a dad and three girls — a first-grader, a 3-year-old and an 8-month-old.

The family was fine. “But we were feeling a lot of anxiety in the world, a rise in disharmony among people,” Cheyenne Hancock recalled. “So my husband said, ‘Let’s start watching some Mister Rogers.’ And we’d all watch some episodes before bedtime.”

Fred Rogers’ soothing voice and message of everyone being special and everyone being important to someone seemed to be just what they needed.

Cheyenne grew up in Orlando in the ’80s, her husband on the border of Alabama and Mississippi in the ’70s, and both remembered being comforted and enlightened by Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood as children.

So when the world seemed to be spinning out of control, the Hancocks — who now live in Fort Myers — turned to a familiar face and voice to help their children, and them.

It wasn’t the first time Mister Rogers had come up lately.

“I was telling another friend that I was a wreck,” Hancock said. “And he said, ‘You really need to fire up some Mister Rogers.’”

She listened, and has now passed on that suggestion to another friend.

There needs to be more of his message, Hancock said. “Like the message that people look and act at each other through a lens of kindness, not by what political color you fall in or the color you are.”

Hancock was surprised to find Mister Rogers back in her life but pleased, too. She emailed us a letter:

I turned on PBS this morning so my daughter could watch PBS Kids while I could take care of some work that came up this morning. I was delighted to see you were airing a rerun episode of Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood – the episode that spoke about building bridges in the literal sense but no doubt also in the figurative sense in our interpersonal relationships as well. I’m sending a quick note to say Thank You! We need more positivity in our world; the very same ripples of kindness and acceptance Mister Rogers brought to us when he was alive. More, please! This is the right direction! While I really do love the message and teaching of emotional intelligence that Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood provides, nothing comes close to the soothing voice and feelings of peace that come from listening to Mister Rogers. Bravo! Bravo to you, too, Cheyenne.
See what’s cooking and growing with P. Allen Smith

Mark a calendar for April 14 and spend a day with P. Allen Smith.

On the Create channel all morning and most of the afternoon, P. Allen Smith’s Garden Home will hop, skip and jump to several states and out of the country as well, showing viewers inspiring ways to cook, garden and serve a dinner party.

Among the destinations:

• The late 18th century town of Salem, N. C. Learn how many of the same practices and principles in this Moravian community can be utilized in today’s modern backyard gardens.

• Charleston, S.C., for an exploration of the food and fellowship of one of the country’s oldest cities.

• Holland, Mich., for that city’s annual Tulip Time Festival.

• Pura Vida, Costa Rica, one of the five Blue Zones in the world, to see if there really is a secret to longevity there.

• Natchez, Miss., the oldest city on the Mississippi River, to explore the cuisine and culture of a city where the river is wide and the history is deep.

• And in your own backyard, you’ll see how you can plant a garden space and cultivate herbs, not only for food but drinks, too.
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- Travel with Rick Steves W @ 8 pm
- Radiolab Th 8 pm / Milk Street F 8 pm

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**April Radio Specials @ 8 pm Sundays**

**Invisibilia**

**April 1 Things Left Unsaid**

In any relationship, there are always things we don’t say, assumptions we make about people we love. But often those assumptions are wildly, even dangerously wrong.

**April 15 The Stories We Tell**

Sometimes we lose something so central that our very sense of self unravels, and we have to resort to extremes.

**Naples Council on World Affairs**

**April 8 The Paris Climate Agreement**

With Dr. Joshua Busby, Professor, Public Affairs, LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas, Austin.

**Truth, Politics and Power**

**April 22**

What’s the purpose of the President’s constant attacks on the media? Why would a new president question the integrity of his own intelligence services? How do the origins of the “America First” movement fit into Trump’s world view?

**Intelligence Squared U.S.**

**April 29 Unresolved: America’s Economic Outlook**

By most accounts, the American economy is booming — manufacturing is at a 13-year high, unemployment is at a 16-year low, and both the stock market and consumer confidence have mostly soared. But just what is driving this upturn? And can Americans trust that current economic conditions will hold up in the months ahead?

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| April 14 | Luisa Miller Verdi | 12:30 pm |
| April 21 | The Exterminating Angel Adés/Cairns | 1 pm |
| April 28 | Cendrillon Massenet | 1 pm |
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**Vizcaya Museum & Gardens**
Thursday, April 12
The luxury bus will leave WGCU Public Media at 7:30 am for the two-hour drive to Miami. Then enjoy a guided tour of the Vizcaya's main house with 34 rooms and a diverse collection of European antiquities and American art. A tour of Vizcaya’s European-inspired gardens will be followed by a sandwich and salad buffet luncheon. We expect to arrive back at WGCU at 5:30 pm.

$195 per person in support of WGCU
Includes all travel, museum and garden admission, lunch and all gratuities.

**James Taylor and his All-Star Band with Bonnie Raitt**
Saturday, May 12
The luxury bus will leave WGCU Public Media at 2 pm arriving in Tampa for dinner at Mise en Place, Tampa's premier restaurant for modern American cuisine. After a three-course meal in a private dining room, you will travel the short distance to the Amalie Arena for the James Taylor concert. Then enjoy a relaxing ride back to WGCU.

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**Exclusive Kayak Birding Tour & Lunch with Dr. Jerry Jackson**
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