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Spring Festival At Community Park



Phoebe Stirner with the Easter Bunny at the Children's Education Center of the Islands Spring Festival last year

The Children's Education Center of the Islands will host its 22nd annual Spring Festival at Sanibel Community Park on Periwinkle Way on Saturday, April 4 from 9 to 11 a.m. All families are invited. The festivities will begin at 9 a.m. with a free Easter egg hunt for children of all ages.

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Upcycle! artist Andrew Corke is once again donating a unique piece to the silent auction – a chameleon portrait for which he used recycled corks and bike tires

Upcycle! At 'Ding' Darling Features Art Sale, Silent Auction

This year, the Upcycle! Art Fest on Wednesday, April 1 and Thursday, April 2 at the "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center on Sanibel expands to two days of artist displays and sales plus a number of silent auction original pieces by participating artists.

More than 20 artists will be selling re-imagined art at the 2nd annual Upcycle! Art Fest. Works range from jewelry and wall hangings to sculptures and unusual lamps made out of plumbing and other fixtures.

"This year, we expanded the silent auction from one piece to several more from our artists," said Upcycle! committee chair Barb Rogers. "We are thrilled that Andrew Corke has donated another unique collector's piece. His work is an amazing representation of

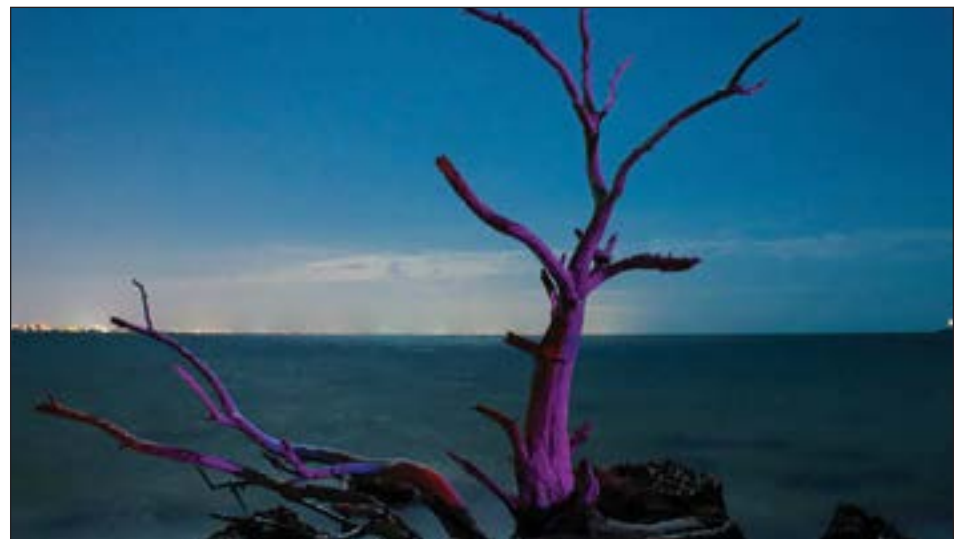
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Celebrate A Good Cause On The Sanibel Causeway



Susan Scott and Gary and Mike Dutton at last year's Octifest

Sanibel Sea School will hold its annual bayside fundraiser this Saturday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. The event, called Octifest, takes place under a big top tent and provides the perfect opportunity for guests to sip cocktails and bid on silent



An evening view from Octifest 2014

auction items while taking in one of Sanibel's famous idyllic sunsets. Sunset will be followed by a sustainable dinner, a game of island trivia, the premier of a short video about Sanibel Sea School's work, and dancing.

All proceeds from Octifest help Sanibel Sea School purchase learning equipment and provide scholarships for local kids in need to receive an ocean education. The Sea

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Historical Museum Wants You!

This year the USA celebrates the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, so the theme for the Christmas Presentation at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village will honor the veterans of that war.

Committee members are asking island residents for help. Those leaving for the summer, as well as full-timers, are asked to rummage through closets and attics in search of the following items: old uniforms, pictures of service men and women, toys of the era, like hobby horses, as well as period holiday decorations and letters and stories.

If you'd like to lend these items to the museum for its holiday display, contact Gayle Pence at gaylepence@msn.com, or call the historical museum at 472-4648 and ask for Emily.✱



Committee members Gayle Pence, Anni Wellauer, Jeanne Bradford and Laura Beckenbaugh showcase examples of items already collected for the event. They include Pence's father's boots used while serving in the army corps of engineers for 2½ years in the Pacific theater; Wellauer's father's book relating his experiences as a POW for three years, and Bradford's father-in-law's photo, discharge papers, dog tags and purple heart award displayed in a frame.



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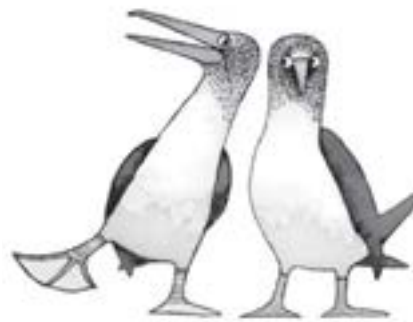
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Upcycle! At 'Ding'



Steve Kalb depicts endangered flora with recycled metal, such as this silent auction item - a ghost orchid wall hanging with hooks for hanging clothes or towels

the upcycling concept.”

For last year’s inaugural event, Corke donated his *Osprey Sculpture*, a realistic sculpture made from recycled bike tires that sold for \$4,000. His 2015 contribution is a chameleon portrait titled *Concealed*, valued at \$1,000. He created it from recycled wine corks and bicycle tires.

The festival will take place at the free “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days and will feature upcycled works for display, judging, and sales. Silent auction bidding opens to the public at 9 a.m. on April 1 and closes at 2 p.m. on April 2. Other activities will include artist demonstrations, make-and-take crafts for kids and adults, entertainment by the Girl Scout Garbage Band and environmental exhibitors.

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge hosts Upcycle! Art Fest with generous sponsorship support from Cip’s Place, George & Wendy’s Seafood Grille,

Island Sun, Southwest Florida Fine Craft Guild, and Ann-Marie and Don Wildman.

“We are once again planning an educational and entertaining event that will directly benefit wildlife and its habitat at ‘Ding’ Darling,” said Birgie Miller, DDWS executive director. “Besides demonstrating the importance of recycling and conservation, it will offer visitors opportunities to purchase one-of-a-kind pieces and even try their hand at it.”

To learn more about Upcycle! and view work to be featured in this year’s festival, visit www.UpcycleArtFest.org. Any businesses or individuals interested in sponsoring or participating in Upcycle! Art Fest should contact Miller at 292-0566 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.✽



Captiva Panel Meets April 14

The April 14 meeting of Captiva Community Panel will start at 9 a.m. at South Seas Island Resort.

The agenda includes a Captiva Fire District update by Deputy Chief Jeff Pawul and other updates as needed.

Other topics include committee reports, setting future priorities, by-laws review and questions and a panel review of South Seas project issues that may impact greater Captiva, by Mike Kelly.

The Captiva Community Panel provides a public forum whereby Captiva property owners can present projects requiring variances and get feedback from and answer questions of the panel members and other Captiva neighbors attending the public meeting. The panel has no decision-making authority on variance requests but does advise Lee County as to the point of view of the panel and the point of view expressed by other interested Captivans attending the public meeting at which the variance request was presented.”

The next panel meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 12 in the Cone Room at South Seas Island Resort.✽

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On Sunday, March 29, American Legion Post 123 will have a Mexican Fiesta from 1 to 8 p.m. Menu items include tacos, nachos, fajitas and enchiladas.

On Easter Sunday, April 5, a ham dinner will be served.

Every Friday through April is a fish fry from 4 to 8 p.m.

On Monday, March 30, there will be the pool league awards banquet at 5 p.m.

"Hump day" specials are served all day on Wednesdays.

Texas Hold'em is played Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 4:30 to 10 p.m. Players are welcome and must be members.

Also on Fridays, a six-ounce ribeye steak sandwich is available all day. There are daily specials as well as the popular half-pound burgers. Food is served from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The public is welcome.

Women's Auxiliary cookbooks are available for a \$15 donation.

If you have a flag that needs to be retired, drop it off at your convenience.

Hours are Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m.

American Legion Post 123 is located at mile marker 3 on Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 472-9979.✱

Sanibel Voted A Top Family Vacation Spot

Family Fun Magazine has named Sanibel Island No. 1 overall family vacation destination.

The destination has recently received a variety of awards and accolades from some of the travel industry's most notable publications, which showcase just how special visitors find the area.

Sanibel was voted as one of the Top 10 Tourist Towns in the U.S., as well as a Top 10 Regional Destination (the South), and a Top 10 Overall Vacation Destination in the magazine's third annual Travel Awards, which surveyed 2,000 parents about their all-time favorite U.S. vacation destinations.

Fort Myers Beach has also received accolades, including:

USA Today's 10Best.com: Lover's Key State Park Named One of Florida's Best Beaches in Readers Choice Contest. Lover's Key State Park came in at number 10, with the editors noting "the isolated cluster of islands that make up the park holds unspoiled beaches that birds love as much as sun-worshippers;"

Fort Myers Beach made the top 10 list in Arthur Frommer Budget Travel's annual America's Coolest Small Towns contest, which celebrates the culture, history, natural beauty and old fashioned charm of small towns throughout the U.S.; and

Editors from the travel guide hub, Fodor's Travel, named Bowman's Beach on Sanibel the best for shelling in Florida.✱

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Sea School Octifest



Students from the Pine Manor Improvement Association inspecting what they've pulled up in the seine net

School has built partnerships with The Gladiolus Center for Learning and Development, the Heights Foundation and the Pine Manor Improvement Association, and leads ocean exploration programs with each group on a monthly basis.

"We call these groups our 'landlocked' kids, because they hardly ever see the ocean despite living just miles away," said Sanibel Sea School teacher Nicole Finnicum. "All of us are so thankful that community support allows us to introduce them to the magic of the ocean."

For more information about purchasing tickets, or to sponsor the event, contact kristen@sanibelseaschool.org, call 472-8585, or visit www.octifest.org. Sanibel Sea School's mission is to improve the ocean's future, one person at a time. The 501(c)3 nonprofit's vision is a world where all people value, understand and care for the ocean.✧



Sanibel Sea School counselor Reid Goss practices cast netting with island kids

Sanibel PoetryFest

POETRYFEST 2015

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Robert Hilliard	Larry Stiles
Tanya Hochschild	Pat Washington
Jean Jensen	Lorraine Walker Williams
Gary McLeuth	

News-Press Poetry Contest Winners

national poetry month

Once again, poets and poetry lovers from Sanibel and Southwest Florida will gather at the Sanibel Public Library on Wednesday, April 1 from 3 to 5 p.m. to celebrate National Poetry Month. Sponsored by the Sanibel Public Library, the *News-Press* and the Southwest Florida Poets Society, the event will commemorate the 15th anniversary of Sanibel's annual tribute to poetry.

Fifteen years ago, poet Marianne Strickland invited Sanibel's poets to celebrate National Poetry Month. That first celebration has grown into the Sanibel PoetryFest, which this year features Sanibel and Southwest Florida's most outstanding poets honoring the muse by performing their poetry.

Winners of the *News-Press* poetry contest will join the featured poets and perform their prize-winning poems.

A reception sponsored by the Sanibel Public Library and Southwest Florida Poets will follow the readings. Admission is free.

For further information, contact Joseph Pacheco at 472-1280 or sanibeljoe@com-cast.net.✧

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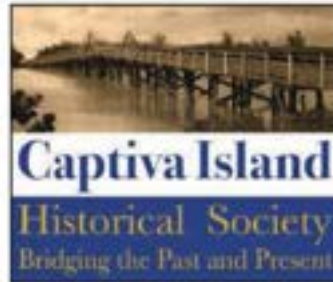
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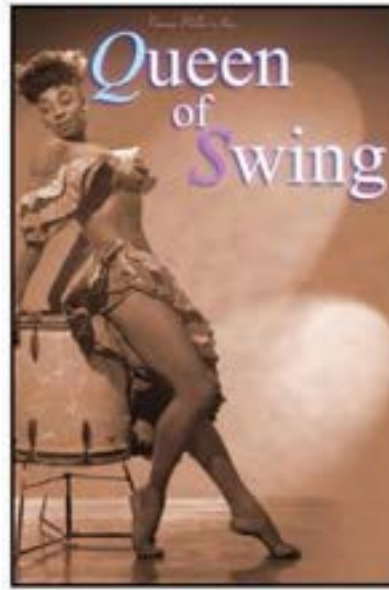
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Girl Scouts To Provide Beds For Kids

The Guardian ad Litem Foundation of the 20th Judicial Circuit has partnered with The Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast, Troop 292, to benefit the Beds for Kids program and provide foster children with a bed of their own.

The Beds for Kids program provides a warm cozy bed and bedding for children who have been removed from their parents' care as a result of abuse or neglect. These children are then placed in the care of a relative or foster home and assigned a Guardian ad Litem volunteer advocate.

Troop 292, composed of Daisies and Brownies aged five to nine, aim to donate 30 new bedding sets (twin or crib/toddler bed), pillows, storybooks and stuffed animals to children in need. In addition, the girls will be decorating pillowcases with heartfelt messages. Each girl will include a personalized card expressing their love for the recipient.

The troop will continuously fundraise through May to purchase items to donate to the program, and also plans to donate their remaining cookie funds to purchase beds and cribs.

The co-leaders of Troop 292 say the girls were inspired by the film *Annie*. While brainstorming ideas for the annual troop service project, the majority of the girls voted to assist orphans. In researching local non-profits to partner with, Troop 292 discovered the Guardian ad Litem Foundation whose goals and mission matched theirs -- to meet the needs of local children, as well as provide a meaningful, hands-on experience for the troop.✽✽

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Spring Festival

The games, contests and crafts will follow the egg hunt and will continue until 11 a.m. A \$10 armband will allow each child unlimited fun to participate in all activities. The festival fun will include a bounce house, giant slide, pony and unicorn rides, and other crafts and games. The Easter Bunny will be available at 10 a.m. for pictures. The festival will also include a silent auction with bid sheets and over 40 baskets to choose from.

The Children's Education Center of the Islands is a non-profit school run by a parent board. The school relies heavily on the support of the community. Proceeds from the Spring Festival will benefit the education center's scholarship fund and general operating expenses.✽✽



Korynn Livermon and Addison Schmid at Summit Christian Preschool

Tea Time At Preschool

Korynn Livermon and Addison Schmid enjoyed a spot of tea on a lovely afternoon during

Summit Christian Preschool at Sanibel Community Church.

Enrollment is now open for fall 2015 for three-year-olds and VPK students. For more information, call the main campus at 482-7007.✽✽

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Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to noon:

April 1 – Tubular Peyote Stitch

April 15 – Spiral Rope Bracelet

You can see some of Gober's items for sale at Pandora's Box. Per class price, is \$35 for members and \$40 for guests. Advanced classes will be scheduled ad hoc for \$50 for three hours for members.

Master Your iPhone/iPad

Beginner iPhone/iPad courses are being offered on April 2 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. with Q&A until noon.

The workshop is designed for the beginner wanting to master the basics. The course covers set-up, navigation and safe use. An extensive handout recaps the course for further study at home.

Intermediate iPhone/iPad courses will be held March 12 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. with Q&A until noon. This workshop will take your comfort and skill with your Apple mobile device to the next level. Coverage includes techniques to improve efficiency, use of the Cloud, exploration of specific high value apps, and how to fall in love with Siri. An extensive handout recaps the course for continued study at home.

Cost for members is \$35 per class, guests, \$40. Call for advance registration, 472-2155

Classes are taught by Eric B. Orkin, former business school professor and department chair at the University of New Hampshire, a successful high-tech entrepreneur, author of numerous articles and an inductee of the HiTech Hall of Fame.

Orkin is noted for making technology accessible, practical and memorable. He lives on Sanibel.

Mermaid Lanai Art

Bring your friends; create Bella Art, Beautiful Art Made by YOU! Instructor is Jenny M. Licht. Class, Mermaid Lanai Art is on Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. \$65, members, \$75, guests

All materials are provided: palm bark, Spanish moss (her hair can actually grow), jewels, shells, acrylic paint, glue and use of glue gun, sparkle medium, hanging loop plus use of brushes, water cups, cloths, as well as step by step direction. The mermaid can hang on your lanai or inside your home.

Pre-payment and registration is required. Register by calling 472-2155 or



iPhone/iPad workshops



Mermaid lanai art

online www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net using the Donate Here button; include the name of the class in the acknowledgment section.

Cancellation fees apply. Full refund if cancelled within 48 hours of class. No refund if cancelled within 24 hours of class. Minimum number of students required.

Energy Medicine Workshop

Semmelman Energy Center is offering a free workshop sponsored by The Community House on Wednesday, April from 4 to 6 p.m. The topic is Stressed? Dropping a fork set you into meltdown mode? Activate your internal "Joy Juice" with energy medicine.

The workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. Call 472-2155 to register.

The Community House is located at 2173 Periwinkle Way. For more information, visit www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net or call 472-2155.*



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INSIDE CITY HALL

Subcommittee Approves Capital Improvements Project List

by Jeff Lysiak

During Tuesday's Capital Improvements Review subcommittee meeting, Public Works Director Keith Williams updated the status of several ongoing and upcoming projects on Sanibel, which were unanimously approved by the three-member panel.

A list of 12 capital improvement projects was presented by Williams, led by the Lighthouse Beach restroom construction currently under way. "We expect significant completion prior to Easter Sunday," said Williams of the \$701,950 project funded by the Tourism Development Council.

The Bowman's Beach Road shared use path project, which will install a pathway from Sanibel-Captiva Road to the beach park, is expected to be completed "just after the 4th of July," he noted. The city received a State Recreational Trails Grant in the amount of \$200,000 last September for the project, which has been awarded to Bateman Contracting for \$190,000.

Two intersection improvements – at Periwinkle Way/Casa Ybel Road and Tarpon Bay Road/Island Inn Road – are in the preliminary design phase. According to Williams, his department is working to acquire final easement documents, with construction expected to be completed by the end of November.

Other projects on the list (and the current status) include:

- City Hall HVAC replacement – Design complete
- Wulfert Road/Wildlife Drive roadway and path improvements – Federal Land Access Project (FLAP) Grant application in progress
- Tarpon Bay Road (north) shared use path – Federal Land Access Project (FLAP) Grant application in progress
- Lighthouse Cottages exterior rehabilitation – Advertised for bids on March 16; open bids in April

- Bowman's Bayou wildlife boardwalk lookout – Survey work under way

- Tarpon Bay Beach restroom – Survey work under way

In addition, Williams explained that his department will prepare a list of bids for the city's 2015 street resurfacing and shared use path repairs projects at the April 7 council meeting.

Following the Capital Improvements Review subcommittee session, the planning commission gathered to discuss the planning department's 2015 project task list.

Jim Jordan, planning director, told commissioners that the commercial redevelopment project, which includes site specific waivers for parking, non-conforming structures and setbacks, is being reviewed by city council, with a second reading and public hearing of the proposed ordinance scheduled for April 7. During that same meeting, council will hear a PowerPoint presentation on architectural standards for resort commercial and multi-family structures.

Other projects on the commission's task list are developing best practices for regulating walking tours conducted on Sanibel; discussing ancillary seating for retail food establishments; revising notification requirements for minor development projects and renovations; correct all identified scrivener errors found within the text of the Land Development Code; review current FEMA FIRM maps for potential flood elevation revisions; and prioritizing next steps for digitizing planning documents, including the indexing of off-island records.

Commissioner John Talmage asked Jordan if his department was busier than usual. "Last week, we had the highest amount of phone calls and walk-ins since we started keeping records of them," Jordan responded, noting that his department handled approximately 60 inquiries for information.

"I envision a pretty busy summer," he added.✱

Spring Break Camp At Rec Center

Spring Break is on its way and the Sanibel Recreation Center invites kids to "Spring Back" in time for a fun filled week with decade themed athletics, games and crafts. Each day will also have a specialty snack that coincides with the theme. Spring Break Camp will be held Monday, March 30 through Friday, April 3 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Enrollment is available for children in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Campers should pack a swimsuit and towel each day, along with their own lunch for the day.

For more information, contact the recreation department at 472-0345.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Daily, weekly and annual memberships are available. For more information, visit www.mysanibel.com. ✱



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COTI Elects New Board, Officers



New COTI board: Maureen Watson; secretary Mike Miller; treasurer Carolyn Swiney; president David Bath; vice president Mike Gillespie; Joe Salafino, Larry Schopp, Peter Pappas (not shown, Stuart Langton)

At its recent annual meeting, the Committee of the Islands (COTI) elected new board members and officers. COTI was founded in 1975 by those individuals who helped incorporate Sanibel as an independent, self-governing city within Lee County. Its mission is to help ensure the continuity of good local government, to protect the environment and to preserve the sanctuary character of Sanibel's barrier island community.

COTI invites public input on issues affecting the island. Send an email to coti.org or visit Committee of the Islands on Facebook.

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Republican Caucus Meeting

The Sanibel-Captiva Republican Caucus is hosting Congressman Curt Clawson on March 28 at 1:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Public Library.

According to local caucus officials:

- Clawson is serving his first full term in Congress and has demonstrated leadership early in his tenure by fighting for

economic growth with innovative policies that will result in good paying jobs and a strong national defense.

- Clawson ran on a passion for cleaner water and smarter ecological policy for Southwest Florida and is bridging relationships between local leaders and federal officials to restore and protect our local ecosystems.

- Clawson has emerged as a new national leader in the conservative caucus that is changing the way Washington does business through respectful public

discourse that has created a productive relationship between House conservatives and Republican leadership.

Caucus members and interested citizens are invited to meet their Congressional representative in person and hear about the positions he has taken on House legislation and issues.✧

League Of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of the United States is celebrating 95 years of Making Democracy Work at every level of government. In 1920, the league was founded as an outgrowth of the movement that secured women the right to vote. It has been powered by the efforts of civic volunteers and activists in Lee County over the decades to successfully take on a range of key issues, including sustained efforts to insure that elections are fair, free and accessible, to protect the environment and to improve access to health care.

As part of its ongoing commitment to increase understanding of issues, The League of Women Voters of Lee County invites the public to a program titled Water Quality with Emphasis on the Everglades, on April 4 from 9 to 11 a.m., presented by Ray Judah, coordinator for the Florida Coastal and Ocean

Coalition.

The meeting is to be at The Landings Helm Dining Room, 4420 Flagship Drive, Fort Myers,.

Judah is a strong advocate for balance between growth management and responsible stewardship of natural resources. He has received numerous awards for his leadership and innovation and his work to safeguard the environment including water resources, open space, wildlife habitat. He was a Lee County Commissioner from 1988 to 2012.

Cost including optional breakfast is \$15. Reservations are required. To reserve, call 278-1032 or e-mail lwvlee@yahoo.com. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m., breakfast is served at 9 a.m. and the program starts at 9:30 a.m.

Membership is open to men and women of all ages. Information on the programs and issues of the League of Women Voters is available at www.lwv.org, www.lwvfla.org, and www.lwvlee.org.✧

City Of Sanibel Vegetation Committee

Reduce Fertilizer Use

The City of Sanibel Vegetation Committee is offering guided native vegetation and landscaping tours of City Hall grounds, planted exclusively with native plants. The next tour is on Saturday, March 28, at 10 a.m.

Participants will walk the grounds for ideas on planting native vegetation that requires no fertilizer, and see how to plant a garden that reseeds itself with very little maintenance, is good for the environment and will attract birds and butterflies.

Vegetation Committee members will provide valuable information on proper planting and care of native vegetation. The City of Sanibel encourages planting of vegetation that is indigenous to the area as it requires very little maintenance, NO fertilizer, and NO supplemental irrigation.

Registration is not required. Attendees meet at City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road, in front of the main staircase. For additional information regarding the tour, contact the City's Natural Resources Department at 472-3700.✧

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Church Recognizes Fifth Graders

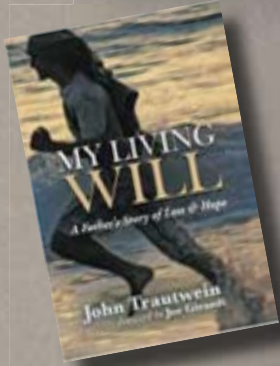


Students in fifth grade lead the closing song of the night at Logos. They are Amber LaBorde, Caroline Waite, Josie Owen, Mason Macalka, Nathan Haas, song leader Nola Kilgore, Amy Sanchez, Megan Markle and Ella Stroud.

On Wednesday, March 18, the Logos Family program recognized its outstanding fifth grade class and held a special celebration to honor them. There was pizza and root beer floats, confetti, glow in the dark decorations and a special gift for each young person. They were each introduced and allowed to speak a few words of encouragement to all the younger Logos kids.*

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Child care available for children infant through 10 years old.
Question and answer time following his presentation. Offering will
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Sanibel Community Church Hosts Annual Sunrise Service



Teen Challenge, performing at Easter Sunrise last year

Easter Sunday morning, April 5, the Sanibel Community Church will conduct a vibrant service of worship on the Sanibel Causeway at 6:30 a.m. Prior to the service, there will be free coffee and donuts for everyone. The service will include singing and drama by the men and women of Teen Challenge, as well as a dramatic presentation by teens of Sanibel. Music will be led by the Contemporary praise and worship band of the church. Dr. Daryl Donovan, Senior Pastor of Sanibel Community Church, will give the Easter Message. Following the worship service, there will be opportunity for believer's baptism by immersion in the bay.

A love offering will be received during the gathering to assist the ministry of Teen Challenge International. Teen Challenge has been instrumental in thousands of teens and adults finding freedom from addiction to drugs or alcohol. The entire offering that morning will go to Teen Challenge of Fort Myers.

The sunrise service will be held on the west side of the island closest to the bridge. There is plenty of free parking as well as portable public restrooms provided.

All are welcome to attend. Bring your lawn chair and bring a friend to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. For more information, call 472-2684 or visit www.sanibelchurch.com.✱

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Palm Sunday, March 29th
7:45, 9:00 and 11:00AM

Sermon: "Two for One and One for All"
The Rev. Dr. John H. Danner, preaching
Special Music: Suncoast Brass (9:00 & 11:00)

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd
7:30PM Holy Communion and Tenebrae

Good Friday, April 3rd
Noon Dramatic Monologue "At a Distance"
The Rev. Deborah Kunkel

Easter Sunday, April 5th
7:45, 9:00 & 11:00AM
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Village Church Welcomes Organist

The Village Church at Shell Point will welcome acclaimed organist Diane Bish at 6:15 p.m. on Easter Sunday, April 5, for the final performance in the 2014-15 Season of Praise Concert Series.

Known as "The First Lady of the Organ," Bish is the host of *The Joy of Music*, a television journey around the world with renowned organists and guest artists. Bish's classical artistry is internationally recognized, and she dedicates her talent to the glory of God.

"Diane Bish is the most visible and influential classical organist performing today, and we are delighted that she is joining us for this evening concert in celebration of Easter Sunday," said Randy Woods, Minister of Worship at The



Diane Bish

Village Church.

Tickets for this event are now on sale and cost \$10 each. To purchase tickets online, visit www.shellpoint.org/seasonof-praise or call The Village Church at 454-2147. ✨

Franciscan Mystery Players

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church hosts the Franciscan Mystery Players of Fort Myers as they present *The Way of the Cross* on Wednesday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m.

The Way of the Cross is a dramatic, multi-media presentation of the Passion and Death of the Lord. The Mystery Players are made up of 14 teenagers and four adults. The performances will be in the tradition of the medieval Mystery Plays. It calls for no speaking parts and uses special lighting, inspirational music, drama and soul-searching meditations.

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Rabbi Soifer To Speak At Unitarian Service

Rabbi Myra Soifer of Temple Bat Yam will make a presentation to The Unitarian Universalist of the Islands congregation on Sunday, April 12 at 5 p.m.

The text study and theological imaging is titled *The Pieces of Our Lives* and is based on Exodus 32.19. The service will be in Fellowship Hall at the Sanibel Congregational Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way. The public is welcome to attend.

Rabbi Soifer assumed the leadership of Bat Yam congregation in January 2014. She was one of the first 10 women ordained as rabbi after Reform Judaism accepted women in 1972. She was born in Miami and attended Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. She completed her Master of Arts degree in Hebrew Letters at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati in 1977 and was ordained there in 1978.

Rabbi Soifer served as a student rabbi at the Jewish Community Center in



Rabbi Soifer

Union City, Tennessee and at Temple Beth Shalom in Charlotte, North Carolina. In 1978, she became an assistant rabbi for a New Orleans congregation. She served as the rabbi for Temple Sinai in Reno, Nevada for 25 years before retiring from there.

Lively discussion, fellowship and refreshments will follow the service. ✨

Maundy Thursday Communion

Maundy Thursday is a Holy Week observance held in Christian churches commemorating Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples in the Upper Room.

Sanibel Community Church invites believers to linger one hour in its historic chapel at noon on Thursday, April 2 to share scripture, meditation and communion together.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way. For further information, call 472-2684, or visit online at www.sanibelchurch.com. ✨



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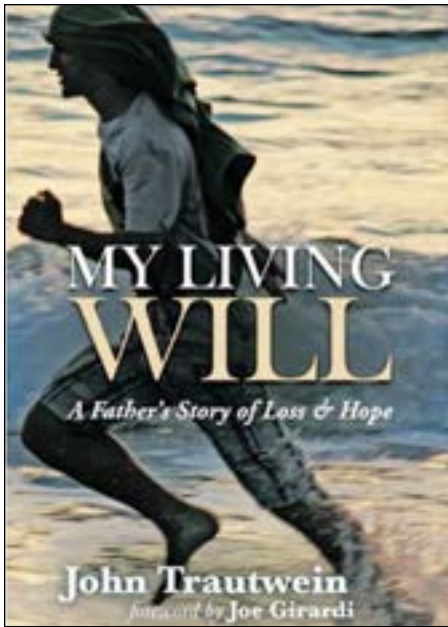
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Trautwein Lecture



John Trautwein will at Sanibel Community Church on Sunday, March 29 to share the story of losing his teenage son, Will, to suicide, and the hope he found. *My Living Will* is the story of former major league pitcher John Trautwein and the unbelievable tragedy which befell him and his family when his 15-year-old son took his own life. There had been no warnings, no obvious signs of anxiety, depression or unhappiness. A family and a community were left stunned as they pondered how a young man like Will could lose the desire to live.

Trautwein will be speaking at 5 p.m.

in the church's main sanctuary. A free-will offering will be received for the Will To Live Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization which was established to help other teens dealing with similar situations. A question-and-answer session concludes the talk, followed by a book signing and refreshments in the courtyard.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry's Market). For further information, call 472-2684 or visit www.sanibelchurch.com.✽

Easter Services On Captiva

The Rev. George E. Morris will be conducting the following services at the historic Chapel by the Sea on Captiva during Easter week.

Palm Sunday, 11 a.m., Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem when palm branches were placed in his path.

Holy/Maundy Thursday, holy communion, 4 p.m. On this night the church recalls the story of Jesus sharing a final meal with his followers and the words he spoke on the evening before his death on a cross.

Good Friday, Service Of Reflection at noon. The Passion of Christ is remembered with the reading of scriptures and singing of hymns.

Easter Sunday Worship, 11 a.m. People from many Christian traditions gather to celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

The Chapel is located at 11580 Chapin Lane near the library and community center.✽

strategies; eliminating worry and strategies to strengthen yourself to manage whatever stress may come your way. Contact Christine Swiersz or Jessi Zeigler at 472-4775 to RSVP.

For more information, visit www.fish-ofsanibel.com or call 472-4775.✽

Scripture & Silence At St. Michael's

All are welcome to enjoy a quiet afternoon at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way, on Monday, March 30 from noon to 4 p.m. beginning with lunch. The theme for this afternoon of scripture and silence is Bread: Broken, Blessed and Given. The program will be led by well-known retreat leader Carol Beevers. Join us for this important time of spiritual renewal during Holy Week.

For more information, call 472-2173.✽

FISH Upcoming April Workshops

FISH of Sanibel-Captiva, Inc. announce a number of upcoming workshops open to all during the month of April:

VITA (Tax Preparation) – Friday, April 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the FISH Walk-In Center. Appointments are required. Contact Christine Swiersz or Jessi Zeigler at 472-4775 to RSVP.

Friendly Faces Lunch – Tuesday, April 14 starting at 11:30 a.m. at George & Wendy's Seafood Grille. Visit with FISH staff, volunteers and board members. Cost is \$8 per person inclusive; exact cash requested. RSVP to Sally at 395-8821.

Coping With Stress & Anxiety – Monday, April 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at The Community House. Presented by George Drobinski of Lee Memorial Health. Topics of discussion will include symptoms of stress and anxiety; identifying sources of stress; effective coping

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Shell Found



Nancy Freimuth

Nancy Freimuth of Appleton, Wisconsin found the lower half of a zigzag scallop near West Wind Inn, where she was staying. She had the shell identified by the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum on Sanibel. Freimuth said she found a junonia last year.✪

Shell Found



Debi Oles

Debi Oles of North Canton, Ohio found a junonia while shelling on Captiva Island on the first day of spring, March 20.✪



Reddish egret

photo by France Paulsen

Audubon 'Ding' Darling Bird Walk

The next Sanibel-Captiva Audubon bird walk will be Saturday, March 28 at the "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Meet at 8 a.m. in the overflow parking lot to the left as you drive in. These bird walks are open to the public and all levels of experience. Refuge fees will apply. The Duck Stamp and Federal Senior Pass are accepted. Call Hugh Verry at 395-3798 for details.✪

A bumper sticker logo featuring a green heart with the letter 'I' to its left and the word 'SANIBEL' below it, all enclosed in a green oval border. Small text at the bottom right of the oval reads "Mark Greenleaf Studio LLC 2011".

Show your colors!

This bumper sticker has a green color to emphasize that almost 70% of Sanibel is in conservation land and a whimsical heart to signify our island lifestyle. The peel off back has information about Sanibel that you may not know.

They are available at:

- Bailey's General Store
- CVS Pharmacy
- Doc Ford's
- Island Pharmacy
- Jerry's Foods
- Suncatcher's Dream
- Tuttle's Sea Horse Shop

Sanibel Scenes calendars are also available at these favorite island stores.

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- Pak-n-ship of Sanibel 395-1220
- Macintosh Books 472-1447

Three t-shirt designs are shown. The top shirt features a graphic of palm trees, a sun, and a lizard, with the text "Sanibel Island" and "Florida Fast Food!". The middle shirt features a graphic of a triathlete and the text "Florida Triathlon" and "Sanibel Island". The bottom shirt features a graphic of a cat and a lizard, with the text "Goodbye Kitty" and "Sanibel Island, Florida".

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A black and white illustration of two people relaxing on a beach. One person is sitting in a lounge chair, reading a book, while the other is lying down. In the background, there is a lighthouse and a sign that says "Sanibel Island".

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Osprey Presentation At CROW



Osprey hunting for fish

Due to popular demand, the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) will present The Story of Ospreys on Monday April 6 at 4:15 p.m. in the Visitor Education Center at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Ospreys are large brown and white raptors who breed in Southwest Florida from December through April. Because they build their nests right out in the open, their behavior is easy to observe.

But it is not always easy to understand, so presenter Claudia Burns, who has monitored osprey nests for 20-plus years as a volunteer of The International Osprey Foundation, uses photos, videos and recorded vocalizations to clarify osprey behavior.

Prior to the presentation, visitors are encouraged to explore the Visitor Education Center, which exhibits CROW's efforts to save wildlife through care, education and collaboration and is located across from The Sanibel School.

Because their former osprey presentations have been sold out, CROW requires reservations for this reprise, with an admission fee of \$5 per person.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 472-3644, ext. 228. To learn more about CROW, visit www.crowclinic.org.



Osprey eating a fish

photos courtesy of The International Osprey Foundation

Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

"Let's get physical, physical... I wanna get physical... Let me hear your body talk, your body talk," – *Olivia Newton-John, 1981.*



Well, let's be honest. For most of us Rotarians, at this point in our lives, the body just says, "I need a nap." But guest speaker on March 20, Tony DiCosta, owner of Tony DiCosta Fitness in Cape Coral and personal trainer at the Sanibel Health Club on the island, has another idea. His advice, "Now is the time to make an investment in your physical well-being with a guarantee for a full return by improving overall health. Your physical investment portfolio should include a balanced program of cardio for your heart, strength (losing strength as we age is a problem many fail to recognize until it is too late), and flexibility training, sometimes the missing element in personal exercise portfolios."

DiCosta states, "Being out of shape as we age is a choice, not a biological imperative." Studies have proven that muscle mass declines with age, starting in the 40s and picking up speed after about age 50. OMG, most of us island Rotarians are past the age of 40. So, what can you do to slow down the loss of muscle mass and possibly improve that muscle mass? The answer: get up and get moving; the more effort in the areas of cardio, strength, and flexibility during these activities the better the results.

After hearing DiCosta speak for just a short time, you can see his passion for what he does as a personal trainer. After evaluating a potential client and discussing the reasons for wanting and sometimes needing an exercise program, your personal training routine is custom-made, taking into account current level of conditioning, age, and state of health. While showing a PowerPoint presentation including clients and explaining their specific health goals, he described how he was able to improve each client's physical condition. He said, "Clients are not one-size-fits all and their physical routine should not be either."

If someone plays tennis or golf,



Tony DiCosta, personal trainer at Sanibel Health Club

they think nothing of hiring a coach to improve their game, show them how to use the equipment effectively and safely and demonstrate how to get the most out of the activity. When you go to the gym, the investment of a personal trainer or coach can do the same thing for you. Your investment in time, effort and money will pay off.

As he was segueing to the end of his time at the podium, he brought up the fact that balance is important as we age. The fact is falls can be serious for adults over 60; exercise improves balance. Don't wait until you fall and break a hip or fracture your spine, get to the gym now. What's the saying, "Use it or lose it." DiCosta can help you with your balance and keep you out of the hospital or, even worst, housebound.

Tony DiCosta brings over 40 years of training experience to Sanibel Health Club. In addition to being a Certified Personal Trainer, he is a well-known fitness writer, appearing regularly in *Iron Man* magazine. He is still competing as a Master's bodybuilder on state, national and international levels, with first-place finishes at the Florida State Championships, Southern States Championships and the North American Championships.

Last words from DiCosta, "Put yourself first."

It is your personal responsibility to get in the best shape possible. No matter what age you are currently, no matter what shape you are in, you can improve your physical health and well-being with a little exercise.

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. every Friday at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club, 949 Sand Castle Road. If you have any questions regarding Rotary, e-mail President Scot Congress at scot@scongress.com.

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Motor Club Cruise-In April 4

San Cap Motor Club is planning its 8th Cruise-In on Saturday, April 4 at Periwinkle Place Shopping Center from 9 to 11 a.m. All are welcome to attend with or without a car.

Participants can park in the front of the shopping center in an informal gathering to share their enthusiasm for all modes of transportation. The event is casual with no pre-registration necessary.

The morning is entitled Cars & Coffee.

"If you haven't had a chance to attend a Cruise-In, you should plan to come to this one. The club has created new friendships along with a great morning outing for those who love all things regarding car," said Mike Stone.

The first event was held in September. Many individuals have joined since the inception and the club has more than 35 members. In March more than 30 people brought their specialty vehicles to the event and even more people attended to talk with the owners.

For more information on joining the club, contact Stone at 322-0044 or mike@sancapstone.com, or Scot Congress, 472-4177, or scot@scongress.com.

The club also has a website, www.sancapmotorclub.com.✱



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Tarpon Fishing Should Kick Off Early This Spring



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

More outstanding weather, easy to catch bait and consistent fishing action made being out on the water working all week a real pleasure.

Snook fishing remained strong with non-stop action on mostly under-slot-size fish as the bulk of the fish are slowly making their way towards the passes and beaches from the back country. Higher daytime tides are finally giving anglers a better opportunity for catching redfish. Larger trout are also starting to show up in good numbers on the flats and in the passes

Good numbers of snook were caught

anywhere from the way back mangrove creeks all the way throughout the sound and out to the beaches. Many of the sheltered mangrove creek hangouts of these fish have now become just about un-fishable due to the crazy amount of no-see-ums on the wind-free, super calm days. The sheer number of snook in our area is very impressive with 30-fish-plus trips being pretty normal while live shiner fishing. Slot-sized fish on the other hand have been harder to come by, but most days my clients have at least had a chance or two at closing the deal on a keeper. A warm spring will only make this snook fishing better and better.

After what has been months since we have had good tides to target redfish, our spring high tides are now here. Places I have not tried for redfish since the fall because of low water conditions are now accessible and are producing middle slot-sized and better redfish. Cut bait including ladyfish and mullet along with tail-hooked live pinfish are catching these reds.

When planning a redfish trip look for a two-foot or higher tide to fish mangrove islands and shorelines.

Oyster bars in the middle sound were also a good place to catch a mixed bag



Tom Ambrosio from Fort Myers with a 24-inch gag grouper caught while sSnook fishing in the mangroves this week

of fish including snook, redfish and trout. Cut bait and free-lined shiners were the baits of choice. Fish the sand holes out from the bars on the lower stages of the tide then up on the edges of the oysters as the tide pushes up.

While running around the sound this week I did spot a few rando, free-jumping tarpon. Although I've yet to start taking tarpon trips this spring, I now carry a few larger spinning rods on board rigged and ready to go for when the opportunity presents itself. With the calm mornings we have experienced several days this week I imagine it should be any day now when we are lucky enough to hook into that first tarpon of the season.

It has been at least three or four years since we have had a early jump on tarpon fishing but with our water getting so warm so early, I hope we'll be able to target tarpon the whole month of April.

The only drawback of springtime that comes to my mind is that the haphazardly placed manatee speeds zones in Pine Island Sound go back into effect April 1. After being able to run our boats freely

in many of the sheltered bays and creeks in the southern and middle sound all winter long, it will soon be all done until November.

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

Send Us Your Fish Tales

The *Island Sun* would like to hear from anglers about their catches. Send us details including tackle, bait and weather conditions, date of catch, species and weight, and include photographs with identification. Drop them at the *Island Sun*, 1640 Periwinkle Way, Suite 2, Sanibel, or email to press@islandsunnews.com; or call 395-1213.

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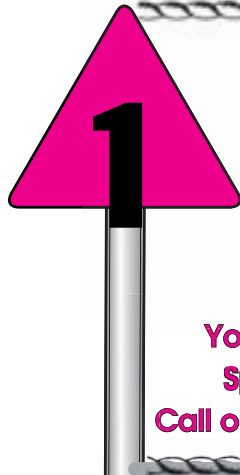
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Journalist Team To Fish 'Ding' Darling And Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament



Only 25 spots remain for this year's tarpon tournament

Four journalists from Scotland and Denmark will team up to fish and cover the 4th annual "Ding" Darling & Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament on Saturday, May 9. The combined circulation of the team's news and fishing publications is greater than 2.3 million readers.

Captain Jim Patrick from the United Kingdom writes for the *Daily Sun* and *Scottish Sun* newspapers. Teammate Paul O'Hare covers news, sports and other

features about Scotland for the *Daily Record*. Paul Fenech will be covering the tournament for the monthly *Sea Angler Magazine*, while Niels Lagergaard Pedersen from Denmark writes for the monthly *Fiske Avisen*.

The team's participation was made possible through a partnership between the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau and the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS).

"The reporters are all avid anglers, but none have fished for tarpon before, so it should be exciting for everyone involved," said Birgie Miller, DDWS executive director and event organizer.

DDWS sponsors the tournament along with title sponsor Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille and other local businesses and individuals. The tournament is unique locally because it pays out 100 percent of the entry fee (\$500 per boat of up to four) as tournament awards. Up to 50 boats participate; only 25 spots remain.

"There's not another tarpon tournament like it in the area," said Marty Harritty, Doc Ford's co-owner. "In past years, we've had fishermen from all over the country. This year, it looks like we can expand that to 'all over the world.'"

The tournament's Captain's Dinner takes place the evening prior, Friday, May 8, at Doc Ford's Rum Bar on Fort Myers Beach. Following Saturday's competition, the Silver King for "Ding" After-Party at Doc Ford's will be open to the public with limited tickets available at \$50 for each non-fisherman, including dinner and a silent auction. Proceeds will benefit wildlife and conservation education at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel.

"Last year, we raised \$40,000 for the refuge as a result of sponsorships, donations and auction proceeds," said Miller. "We're so grateful to Doc Ford's and our other sponsors for this huge effort in our behalf."

For more information on the tournament, visit www.dingdarlingtarpontourney.org. Anyone interested in becoming a tournament sponsor should contact Miller at 292-0566 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

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Beach Walk at West Wind Inn — March 31

Meet your SCCF guide on the beach at West Wind Inn at 3345 West Gulf Drive at 10 a.m. *Tuesday, March 31 at 10 a.m. Free.*

Birding at the Preserves — April 3

Both new and experienced birders are welcome to join experienced birders at the Shipley Trail at the Bailey Homestead Preserve. Call 472-2329 for more info. *Friday, April 3 at 8 a.m. Free.*

SCCF Nature Center Trail Walks — Tuesdays - Fridays at 11 a.m.

Guided tours of 4 miles of trails at the Nature Center. *\$5 adults*

Bobcat Tales — April 1

Bobcats seem to be flourishing through most of their North American range. Learn more about this shy feline that moves so peacefully among us. *Wednesday, April 1 at 10 a.m. \$5 adults.*

My Favorite Island Insects — March 31

Because our islands are subtropical we have some great ones! Learn about the moth that pollinates the ghost orchid, a caterpillar that is a coral snake mimic, and migrating dragonflies. *Tuesday, March 31 at 10 a.m. \$5 Adults.*

Waste-to-Energy Plant Tour — April 9

Tour the waste-to-energy plant in Buckingham, with a quick stop for the recycling plant. *Thursday, April 9, meet in Buckingham at 9:15 a.m. Email kanders@sccf.org (preferred) or call 472-2329 and ask for Kristie (leave a message if she's not at her desk)*

Turtle Tracks — April 2

Sanibel Island had one of the first sea turtle monitoring programs in the country. Learn about the life cycles and habits of the sea turtles and shorebirds that nest on our beaches, SCCF's monitoring activities, and what we are doing to protect them. *Thursday, April 2 at 10 a.m. \$5 adults.*

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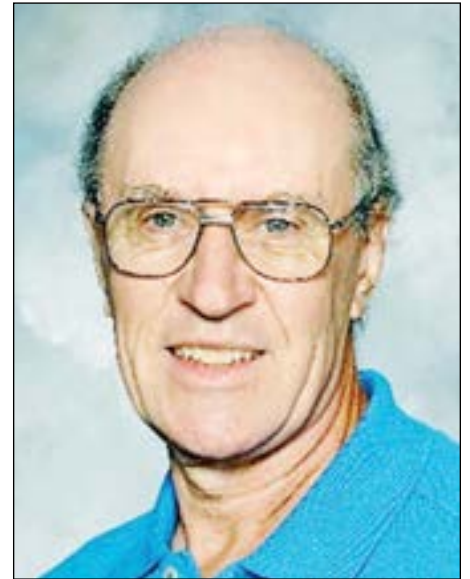
Councilman Elected To 'Ding' Darling Advocacy Committee

Sanibel City Council member Mick Denham has been elected to serve on the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society (DDWS) Advocacy Committee, which is the non-profit friends group that supports the refuge. This committee reinforces a commitment to address issues such as water quality that threaten the long-term health and viability of the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

Mike Baldwin, DDWS vice president and committee chair, said, "Councilman Denham's commitment to local water quality improvement is well known to Sanibel area residents and will add significantly to our efforts in this area."

Denham was elected to the Sanibel City Council in March 2005. He has since been re-elected in 2009 and 2013. He was appointed by his peers as Mayor in 2007 to 2009 and as Vice Mayor 2005 to 2006 and 2010 to 2012. He is council's liaison to the Community Housing Resources (CHR) board of directors, the CHR's Coast and Island Community Land Trust, Sanibel Municipal Police Officer's Retirement board of trustees, the Redevelopment Needs Assessment and the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (RPC).

Additionally, Denham was appointed to serve on the Florida League of Cities (FLC) Environmental and Energy Legislative Policy Committee, the FLC Nominating and Resolutions Committees, and serves as Sanibel's voting delegate for the Florida League of Cities. He is a member of the Florida League of Cities board of directors and is the chairman of the Southwest Florida League of Cities and alternate liaison of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).✧



Mick Denham

Captiva Cruises Lecture Series To Focus On Dolphins And Rays

Kim Bassos-Hull of Mote Marine Laboratory will be the featured speaker for the Captiva Cruises Lecture Series on April 2 at Cayo Costa State Park. The lecture begins at noon under the Cayo Costa tiki hut pavilion.

Bassos-Hull, a senior biologist at Mote Marine Laboratory, will discuss her recent dolphin study and research with another marine megafauna species – the spotted eagle ray. Mote Marine Laboratory, located in Sarasota, is an independent marine research institution focusing on research and education to better understand manatees, dolphins, turtles, sharks and coral reef as well as conservation and restoration efforts related to these species and ecosystems.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Transportation to Cayo Costa is provided by Captiva Cruises. Cost for adults is \$50, children \$35. Reservations are required by calling 472-5300. You can bring a bagged lunch, or boxed lunches may be pre-ordered when making a reservation.

Captiva Cruises is the Official State Park Concessionaire for Cayo Costa State Park, Gasparilla State Park, Don Pedro Island State Park, Stump Pass Beach State Park, Jug Creek Cottages and oversees all ferry services, special events and concessions. For more information, visit www.captivacruises.com.✧



Kim Bassos-Hull of Mote Marine Laboratory with a spotted eagle ray

Plant Smart

Sorting Out
Lantanas

Native buttonsage produces year-round flowers and the berries attract wildlife
photos by Gerri Reaves

by Gerri Reaves

Lantanas are among the most popular and easy-to-grow shrubs in South Florida. These drought-tolerant plants of the verbena family attract butterflies and birds and thrive in full sun.

But before buying the first species you find at a garden center, take some time to sort through the choices. The hybridization of native species with non-native has already caused documented environmental harm.

Of the three lantanas native to Florida, two are listed by the state as an endangered species.

Of the two other common lantanas in the area, one is a non-invasive nectar plant and the other a species to ban from your yard.

Native buttonsage (*Lantana involucrata*) is also called wild sage and white lantana. Its dense clusters of five-lobed white or yellow tubular flowers are sometimes lavender-tinged.

Usually four to six feet high, it produces small dark-blue to purple berries that are a food source for wildlife. The coarse-textured oval leaves have toothed edges, fuzzy surfaces, and a pungent smell when crushed, thus the name sage. They can be used for seasoning food.

Endangered native pineland lantana (*Lantana depressa*), also called rockland shrubverbena, produces clusters of yellow tubular flowers throughout the year. The color and fragrance are subtle but highly attractive.

Its leaves are also rough-textured and toothed, but this species is low-growing in contrast to buttonsage.

It is also known as Florida lantana, and its native habitat, pine rocklands, shares its endangered status.

The hybridization of this lantana by the non-native *Lantana camara* has caused confusion in the nursery industry



Pineland lantana is listed as endangered in Florida

by contaminating the gene pool of all varieties of pineland lantana.

Another native, hammock lantana (*Lantana canescens*), or hammock shrubverbena, is also endangered. This very rare plant has been extirpated from its native habitat, southern Miami-Dade County's rock ridge.

This short-lived perennial reaches up to about six feet tall. Both surfaces of the leaves are hairy, and flattened clusters of white tubular flowers with yellow centers appear on long stalks. Both the fruit and seeds are very small.

Of the two common non-native lantanas, trailing shrubverbena (*Lantana montevidensis*) at least is not invasive and is sterile.

Also called trailing or weeping lantana, it is low, woody and vine-like. The lavender flowers attract butterflies.

However, the other, *L. camara* is one to get rid of, because of hybridization with natives. The Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council classifies it as a category-1 invasive pest plant.

Its flowers come in a wide range of colors and are often two-toned or multi-colored.

The *L. camara* hybrid "gold mound" is sometimes erroneously sold as pineland lantana. At least the substitute is sterile.

To add to the species' rap sheet, it is highly toxic to grazing livestock, and children have died from eating the unripe seeds.

Sources: *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell; *The Shrubs and Woody Vines of Florida* by Gil Nelson; *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer; *Waterwise: South Florida Landscapes*, South Florida Water Management District; fnps.org; centerforplantconservation.org; www.fs.fed.us; dep.state.fl.us; and floridata.com.

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Gopher Tortoise Afloat At Sea



by Patricia Molloy

What began as any other day on the water for Captain John Houston quickly turned into a rescue mission. On March 20, Houston left the marina at 'Tween Waters

Resort with a small charter group looking forward to a relaxing day of trout fishing. As he was cruising, the captain noticed a large object bobbing in the water and drew closer to investigate.

"At first I thought it was a green turtle, so I spun the boat around, but its body was too boxy. Once I was there, I realized it was a gopher (tortoise) so I pulled him on the boat. His eyes were swollen shut, I guess from the saltwater, so I rinsed him off with fresh water and put him in the shade on the back of the boat," Houston explained. "I called CROW and told them I'd be in in a couple of hours and arranged to meet someone. About an hour after I washed him off, he was feeling better and cruising around the boat."

The gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) is a land-dwelling turtle that uses its strong, shovel-like front legs to dig

tunnels, not swim. "Gopher tortoises are not equipped to swim long distances in freshwater, much less saltwater," said Dr. Heather Barron. "I would have expected such a heavy tortoise to sink, not float."

When the tortoise arrived, the patient (#15-0522) was severely dehydrated. "We could tell just based on how wrinkled his skin looked and his eyes were very sunken. The salt just leached the water from his body," recalled Dr. Brittany Stevens, DVM intern. "We immediately gave him fluids and a dose of injectable antibiotics."

The wildlife veterinarians also discovered ulcers in the patient's eyes. Most likely, the high salinity level of the ocean water caused irritation which in turn led the tortoise to scratch its eyes vigorously. A soothing medicated ointment was applied to his eyes and the ocular damage cleared-up within a week. The tortoise is still suffering from a nasal discharge related its saltwater experience, but its overall condition is improving.

"He's still getting antibiotics and he's eating on his own now. He receives daily treatments to make sure that his



The ulcers in the tortoise's eyes have healed, however the patient (#15-0522) still has a discharge coming from its nose. It's shovel-like front legs are equipped for digging tunnels, not paddling in the water.

nasal passages stay nice and clear and lubricated. But he's improving," said Dr. Brittany.

Still, it is quite a mystery how the land-

lubber managed to get so far away from the safety of the shore. "I doubt anyone else has seen a gopher tortoise swimming

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Reservations are required for all programs with a fee. Contact Rachel Rainbolt at rrainbolt@crowclinic.org or 472-3644 ext. 229 to register.

Friday, March 27, 11 a.m. – Why Animals Come to CROW, presented by CROW volunteer Claudia Burns, free with admission.

Have you ever wondered why or how animals wind up at the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife? From fishing line entanglement, to abducted babies, CROW's presenter will address the most likely reasons patients are admitted to the hospital.

Friday, March 27, 2 p.m. – Wildlife Rescue 101, presented by CROW volunteer Ronald Frazer, free with admission.

CROW hospital treats over 3,500 patients a year, but not all of the animals admitted need assistance. Facilities like CROW should be an animal's last resort,

not their first one. This presentation uses past case studies, rescues and releases to teach you about safe interactions with wildlife in the community.

Saturday, March 28, 11 a.m. – CROW Case of the Week, presented by CROW Wildlife Rehabilitator Rachel Walsh, free with admission.

CROW's teaching hospital offers externship, fellowship and internship opportunities for natural science and veterinary medicine students. While on site, students learn the ins and outs of conservation medicine and wildlife rehabilitation, and share their favorite patient stories.

Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m. – Baby Care at CROW, presented by a CROW volunteer, free with admission.

Wildlife parents are very devoted to the care of their young and rarely abandon them, and juveniles found "abandoned" might actually be in a natural stage of development. Those that need assistance are placed in a specialized wing of the wildlife hospital and provided supportive care around the clock until they are old enough to care for themselves.

Monday, March 30, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. – CROW Case of the Week, presented by a CROW student, free with admission.

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opportunities for natural science and veterinary medicine students. While on site, students learn the ins and outs of conservation medicine and wildlife rehabilitation, and share their favorite patient stories.

Tuesday, March 31, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. – Patient Profiles: Sea Turtles, presented by CROW staff, free with admission.

CROW is the only licensed sea turtle facility from Sarasota to Miami on the southwest coast of Florida. Listen as one of CROW's team members describes why they are admitted and how the medical staff treats this species.

Wednesday, April 1, 2 p.m. – Wildlife Walk, \$20 registration.

Following the 2 p.m. presentation in the Visitor Education Center, visitors will be escorted to the rehabilitation grounds for an exclusive look at what it takes to rehabilitate more than 3,500 wildlife patients per year.

Thursday, April 2, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. – Patient Profiles: Gopher Tortoises, presented by CROW staff.

The life of a gopher tortoise revolves around its burrow. These tortoises are found digging from Southern Georgia to Southeast Florida. Because of its contributions to the ecosystem, it is classified as a "Keystone Species." Listen as CROW's presenter describes why they are admit-

ted and how the medical staff treats this species.

Friday, April 3, 9 a.m. – CROW's Nest Reading Club, *Henry the Impatient Heron*, free with admission/

CROW invites all 3- to 5-year-olds to the Visitor Education Center for a read-along with staff, students and volunteers. Stories will be interactive and give children the chance to learn about local species of wildlife.

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Hundreds of like-minded dog lovers and supporters run and walk the event with or without their dog each year. Avid runners can race to compete, while others can take a leisurely run or walk. Dogs are welcome to participate accompanied their owners on a non-retractable lead.

The chip-timed race will begin at 8 a.m. Awards for overall best male and female, and the top three performers in each age group will be presented following the race. Awards will also be presented to the top three dogs in three different weight classes. Participants in all three local Humane Society 5K races will receive a special Triple Crown Award upon completion of the Fast and The Furriest 5K Run and 1-Mile Fun Walk.

Registration can be completed at the events page on www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org or at www.active.com. All proceeds will benefit the Gulf Coast Humane Society.

Gulf Coast Humane Society, located at 2010 Arcadia Street in Fort Myers, was established as the first non-profit animal welfare organization in Southwest Florida in 1947. For more information call 332-0364 or visit www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org.✪

Airport Reports February Traffic

During the month of February, 906,039 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport, an increase of 5 percent compared to February 2014. Year-to-date, passenger traffic is up 7.3 percent from the same period last year.

"In spite of 231 flight cancellations in February at RSW due to weather conditions throughout the United States, Southwest Florida International Airport still experienced the best February in our 32-year history," said Robert M. Ball, A.A.E., executive director of the Lee County Port Authority.

The traffic leader in February was Southwest Airlines with 201,509 passengers traveling to and from Fort Myers. Rounding out the top five airlines were Delta (192,055), JetBlue (98,096), US Airways (93,080) and Spirit (82,222).

Southwest Florida International Airport had 8,370 aircraft movements (takeoffs and landings), an increase of 3 percent compared to February 2014. Page Field saw 7,942 movements, a 4.9 percent decrease from February 2014. In addition, nearly 2.6 million pounds of air freight moved through Southwest Florida International Airport in February 2014, a decrease of 9.9 percent compared to February 2014.

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RESTAURANTS

The variety of dining options on Sanibel and Captiva just keeps getting better. For their size, the islands offer an extensive culinary array – all making the most of the area’s fresh and abundant seafood and local produce. You’ll find everything from burgers to barbecue, bistro style, Italian, Mexican, American, classic deli fare, organic, vegan, gluten-free, café food and Caribbean.

In this column, each week you will be able to stay updated on our local dining establishments and what they’re offering and get the scoop on the island dining scene, whether it’s fine or casual, take-out or frozen desserts.

AMONG THE FLOWERS CAFE

Among the Flowers Cafe features local and organic vegetarian/vegan fare. Some of the featured items are fresh pressed juices and smoothies, fresh organic coffee and an espresso drink bar, fresh house-made nut milks, raw protein gems and chocolates, organic egg sandwiches and salads, Queenie’s local ice cream, local beers and organic/sustainably farmed wines, gluten free bakery with custom layered cakes and complete party catering. You’ll also find original art with uplifting messages as well as salt lamps, sage wands, handmade jewelry, T-shirts and gift-baskets.

Open 7 days a week for breakfast, lunch and early dinner until 6 p.m. Call-ahead for to-go orders, or sit outside under a covered deck.

BAILEY’S GENERAL STORE

Bailey’s General Store has a full deli, bakery, daily lunch specials, take out and catering for cook-outs, picnics and parties. This is the oldest supermarket on the islands, established long before a causeway linked Sanibel to the mainland.

The bakery has freshly made donuts, scones and breads. The deli offers a variety of hot foods for breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as catering services for special events. Services include shopping for your groceries and delivering them to your home or vacation destination. If you are on a gluten-free diet, pick up the extensive list of gluten-free products near the entrance to the supermarket.

The Coffee Bar at Bailey’s serves espresso based drinks, hot chocolate, smoothies and specialty coffees.

BEACH PIEZ

Beach Piez New York style pizza offers carry out and delivery on Sanibel and Captiva. Hours are Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. With fresh ingredients, mouth watering mozzarella, “secret recipe” dough and homemade pizza sauce, Beach Piez will deliver the best pizza the island has to offer. Stop in for the slice of the day.

BENNETT’S FRESH ROAST

Bennett’s Fresh Roast at 1020 Periwinkle Way prides itself on its fresh-from-scratch doughnuts made daily and being the only Southwest Florida doughnut shop offering fresh roasted coffee from the finest beans. They also offer fresh desserts including praline bread pudding and lemon bars, packaged whole bean or ground coffees, breakfast muffins, oatmeal, breakfast sandwiches, strata (a layered baked breakfast dish) and a large variety of Harney & Sons Fine Teas. Lunch offerings including paninis, soups, sandwiches, signature salads and Bennett’s Chicken & Donut, Donut Dog and a Lobster Roll are available Monday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Desiree Liggio at Beach Piez

BLUE GIRAFFE

Blue Giraffe serves breakfast, lunch and dinner from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. This restaurant offers casual island dining seven days a week from a menu featuring fresh local seafood, chowders, salads and steaks. Besides dessert choices, you can get hand-dipped Edy’s Grand Ice Cream.

Dine outside on the boardwalk or inside at hand-painted tables decorated by a local artist, or sit at the full liquor bar for a mixed drink, glass of wine or cold beer.

CIP’S PLACE

Cip’s Place is named for the late Jimmy Cipriani, a longtime islander and owner of the property on which the restaurant sits. Jimmy always made time for a good conversation, good company and great food. In Jimmy’s memory, Cip’s styles itself as a local watering hole. A mural that takes up an entire wall shows lots of islanders through the ages – including Cip – and if you don’t recognize them all, ask to see the “key.”

Food choices range from “comfort” to culinary with some Caribbean and island favorites as well. And do try the home-made potato chips, the fried buttermilk chicken with sage gravy and the snapper tacos.

Choose between the outdoor garden patio or front porch. Indoor seating and full bar are also available. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily with happy hour from 4 to 6 p.m.

CHIP’S SANIBEL STEAKHOUSE

Chip’s Sanibel Steakhouse has many great options for locals and tourists alike. It is open seven nights a week with daily happy hour from 5 to 6 p.m., featuring two-for-one drinks and \$4.95 appetizers. For early diners, there’s a three-course prix fixe menu for \$35 including a cocktail. In addition to an updated

wine list, seasonal house-infused liquors such as strawberry-jalapeno tequila, blood orange vodka and cucumber gin are available.

The menu features steaks and seafood, including a six-ounce filet mignon topped with jumbo lump crabmeat finished with Hollandaise and served with of asparagus and choice of potato; Parmesan-crusted seabass served with mushroom risotto and finished with a creamy dill sauce. Save room for dessert though, because whether you are a chocolate lover or Key lime pie fan, Chip’s has something for every sweet tooth.

CROW’S NEST AT ‘TWEEN WATERS INN

The Crow’s Nest at ‘Tween Waters Inn is a more casual place than its sister the Old Captiva House. It’s home to the famed Captiva Crab Races on Mondays and Thursdays and is a popular venue for live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays.

There is a nightly happy hour.

DOC FORD’S RUM BAR & GRILLE

Doc Ford’s Rum Bar & Grille is named for the Doc Ford character in local author Randy Wayne White’s best-selling mystery novels.

In addition to its Sanibel restaurant, Doc Ford’s has a Captiva location in Chadwick’s Square.

It’s a well known gathering place and tropical theme sports bar with indoor and outdoor patio seating. The combined menu offers all the lunch and dinner items from 11 a.m. until closing. It includes cedar plank salmon topped with a mango chipotle glaze or a marinated grilled chicken sandwich. The fish tacos are an island favorite and there’s a well provisioned raw bar. Tropical drinks are a specialty, notably the signature rum drink, Island Mojito.

THE DUNES RESTAURANT

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club is open to the public and serves lunch daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chef specials include an assortment of salads, wraps and sandwiches, soup buffet Monday through Friday, and the popular the Shrimp Po’ Boy.

Featured monthly events include Trivia Night, Corks & Canvas, Comedy Night, dinner, dancing and live entertainment, and bridge. There is a Friday a la carte dinner menu with featured selections each week such as fish fry, prime rib, seafood and pasta nights.

Take in the sunset views while sipping on your favorite drink. Happy hour is every day from 3 to 6 p.m.

GEORGE & WENDY’S SEAFOOD GRILLE

George & Wendy’s Seafood Grille features live music Fridays and Saturdays and Karaoke on Thursdays. Specials include barbecued ribs on Monday for \$18, prime rib on Tuesdays for \$18, crab legs on Wednesdays for \$18, steak lovers special on Thursdays for \$18 and Friday night fish fry for \$15.

There is a live jazz brunch buffet on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Happy hour is from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The full bar has an extensive wine list, 20 beers on tap, local, domestic and craft beer, mojitos, martinis and tropical favorites.

Football food and drink specials are available in the bar area only during all NFL and Saturday college games. There are free Jello shots with each Chicago or Buffalo touchdown.

Hours are 11 a.m. to midnight seven days a week.

GRAMMA DOT’S

Gramma Dot’s, the only dockside dining on Sanibel, offers a lunch and dinner menu seven days a week from “Sanibel’s only Seaside Saloon” where you can leisurely dine at the Sanibel Marina in view of luxury yachts and modest fishing boats and watch the comings and goings of seagoing folk and fishermen. The menu features a full line of “only fresh” seafood, salads, sandwiches and more. Appropriate dress is required.

If you’re arriving by boat, check in with dockmaster for a lunch slip, monitor VHF 16. You can tie up for a night or two at the available dockage if you wish. Gramma Dot’s is open daily at 11:30 a.m. For dinner, arrive before 8 p.m.

GREAT WHITE GRILL

The Great White Grill is a sports bar featuring 29 beers on tap and a good wine list. It’s home of The Steel Curtain Pizza. There’s free pizza delivery too. The Great White carries the TV Baseball package and the NFL package for sports enthusiasts and has arcade games for kids of all ages.

The regular menu includes hand-cast fresh dough pizza, wings, fries, chicken fingers, salads, gyros, sandwiches and burgers. Check out the Pittsburgh Salad, which consists of grilled chicken, French fries, cheddar cheese, cucumbers, tomatoes and onions on a bed of lettuce.

GREEN FLASH

The Green Flash has marvelous waterfront views of Captiva’s bayside and Pine Island Sound. The Green Flash was built on the site of the historic Timmy’s Nook, opened in 1950. Fittingly, seafood dominates the menu, although other options are offered as well. The Green Flash is easily navigable by boat and is located southwest of Marker 38 on the Intracoastal Waterway.

Hours are daily from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for lunch and 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. for dinner.

GREENHOUSE GRILL

The Greenhouse Grill has happy hour daily that includes \$2 off house wine, \$1 off draft beer and half price special of the day appetizer from 4 to 6 p.m. There are vegan and gluten free options available. Fresh, local, seasonal ingredients are used to flavor steaks, seafood, pasta, salads and burgers. The signature Bouillabaisse is a seafood lover's delight with fresh shrimp, mussels, clams, scallops, grouper and calamari. Homemade lemonade and green tea with pomegranate are a favorite among guests. Grand finales include Chocolate Fondant, Tiramisu, Crème Brûlée, Cannoli and other delectables. Pet-friendly patio seating available.

The Greenhouse Grill is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Reservations are appreciated and carry out orders are welcome.

IL TESORO

Il Tesoro serves authentic Italian food “with the taste and feel of a Tuscan holiday,” according to owner Chef AJ Black. He infuses flavors from the old world to the new world of cooking using only fresh seasonal ingredients to bring his dishes to life. Daily specials focus on pairing authentic meals with a bold array of fine Italian wines.

Il Tesoro (The Treasure) serves dinner seven nights a week from 5 to 10 p.m.

ISLAND COW

The Island Cow is a family favorite with its colorful indoor and outdoor seating and live entertainment. “Come as our guests... leave as our friends!” is the motto. The Cow serves breakfast, lunch and dinner featuring fresh local seafood and meats and has an extensive children's menu. Starbucks coffee is also on the menu.

Breakfast is served between 7 and 11 a.m. Hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

JACARANDA

The Jacaranda Restaurant & Patio Lounge is a Sanibel mainstay, with a reputation for fine seafood and steaks. Dinner is served year-round Monday through Sunday. You can eat inside or outside on the pretty patio with its fairy lights and tropical vegetation.

During The Jac's Summer Break, Monday through Thursday, choose an appetizer, entree and dessert from the featured menu for just \$30. Wine specials are also offered, along with the featured drink, The Jacaranda Sangria.

The Jac Bar has live music six nights and is the unofficial HQ for Sanibel's social scene. The patio lounge menu includes a selection of “happy apps” for \$5.95 and half price drinks during happy hour, 5 to 7 p.m. There is also a raw bar.

JERRY'S RESTAURANT AND DELI

Jerry's Restaurant and Deli in Jerry's Market is the next best thing to dining in a tropical garden. This family-style restaurant has large windows to view the lush garden with caged tropical birds that are favorites with visitors and residents. Daily specials are offered in the spacious restaurant and you can order a sandwich or hot food from the deli or help yourself at the well-stocked salad bar to take out.

The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

LAZY FLAMINGO

The Lazy Flamingo is a famed island hang-out with two Sanibel locations: one at 1036 Periwinkle Way, the other – the original – at 6520 Pine Avenue, near Blind Pass. “If our seafood were any fresher, we would be serving it under water!” is the Flamingo's motto. And that includes, shrimp, grouper, oysters, conch fritters and chowder as well as chicken.

The Flamingo Bread and the Caesar Salad are signature items. Pull up a stool to the rustic bar or take a high or low table. The interior feels like the inside of an old pirate ship with its portholes and hewn wood surfaces. The atmosphere is definitely casual and beer is available by the bottle, on draft or by the pitcher.

LIGHTHOUSE CAFE

Sanibel's popular breakfast and lunch restaurant on the east end also serves dinner from December 15 until the end of April. Owner Mike Billheimer, Sanibel native and member of a family operating one of Sanibel's first restaurants back in the 1950s, took over this legendary cafe in 1988 and has been mentioned in *Gourmet*, *Bon Appetit*, *Country Living*, *Southern Living* magazines for their outstanding food quality and service. Try one of the selections of eggs Benedict, homemade wholewheat granola hotcakes or one of the three-egg omelets.

The French toast is made with a rich custard batter and real French bread. Breakfast is served until 3 p.m. The most popular lunch item is the fresh, local grouper sandwich served crunchy fried, chargrilled, blackened, sautéed or broiled. Open 7 days. Call ahead seating for breakfast and lunch, and reservations accepted for dinner.

MATZALUNA ITALIAN KITCHEN

In the mood for pizza? Matzaluna Italian Kitchen has a wood-fired oven to bake authentic pizzas, including gluten-free ones. That's in addition to a big selection including over 20 combinations of pasta dinners from \$11.95 (including soup or salad and fresh baked bread), affordable veal, tender chicken, choice steaks and seafood (Italian style) in a casual market-like setting. Gluten-free pizza is also available.

Matzaluna has craft beers on tap. On Wine Wednesdays, every bottle priced \$25 and over will be discounted by \$8 all evening. Hours are 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. daily and happy hour is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

MUCKY DUCK

The Mucky Duck may well be the most famous restaurant on Captiva due to its longevity and quirky name. Then there's the fabulous sunsets. Patrons gladly wait on the beach for tables. This place draws crowds – sipping cocktails and beverages until they can take their seats. Reservations are not accepted.

The Duck is open for lunch and dinner, serving fresh seafood, pub-style food, sandwiches, steaks and other items.

OLD CAPTIVA HOUSE AT 'TWEEN WATERS INN

Old Captiva House at 'Tween Waters Inn, Captiva, offers romantic sunset dining in an historic setting with live piano music. Executive Chef Jason Miller prepares New Florida island favorites, tropical seafoods, classic meats and daily fresh-baked breads and pastries, served with an extensive selection of wines, liquors and coffees.

First built as a one-room school for children of Captiva's pioneer settlers, the Old Captiva House still reflects much of its original charm – from white French doors to hardwood floors to the Gulf of Mexico sunset that streams through the western windows. Its collection of famed cartoonist JN “Ding” Darling's 1930s whimsical vacation illustrations has led to its designation as a landmark in Southwest Florida.

OVER EASY CAFÉ

Over Easy Café is a pet-friendly place with indoor and outdoor dining for breakfast and lunch. The covered patio is a popular spot. Choose from 22 different Eggs Benedict, scramblers and omelettes, 11 pancakes and French toast choices, 15 egg specialties and wraps, eight salads and 26 sandwiches and burgers, plus baked goods. Beer and wine is available.

Breakfast is served all day. Hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PECKING ORDER

The Pecking Order, features tender, juicy, broasted fried chicken and the fixins. The chicken is marinated and seasoned, and the high-pressure deep-frying system produces a crispy coating and holds in the juices without allowing the fat to penetrate.

Homemade sides include slow-cooked collard greens, sweet and spicy baked beans, cheesy shell mac, rice and beans, cole slaw, red mashed and gravy, fried pickles and veggie chili. Try the Black Betty, a warm, dark chocolate cupcake filled with liquid dark chocolate, sprinkled with sea salt flakes and confectioners sugar.

Take out and outdoor dining available. .

POCOLOCO

Need a pick-me-up? Looking for some downtime? Either way, your best bet is PocoLoco on the tropical courtyard at Jerry's Center. Indoors or out you will savor gourmet coffee, tea, signature sandwiches, pastries, or a cone of the region's most popular ice cream, Love Boat. PocoLoco is the Sanibel source for this ice cream and always features a couple dozen delicious favors. Stop by, sit in the sunshine and chatter with six cheerful parrots for a unique and memorable experience.

RC OTTER'S, CANTINA CAPTIVA, SUNSHINE SEAFOOD, KEYLIME BISTRO AND CAPTIVA PIZZA, YOGURT & GIFTS

Five Captiva eateries under the same ownership – RC Otter's, Cantina Captiva, Sunshine Seafood, Keylime Bistro and Captiva Pizza, Yogurt & Gifts – offer a fun and casual dining experience with a tropical flair reminiscent of Key West.

RC Otter's and Keylime Bistro have live music outdoors most of the day. Cantina Captiva serves Mexican food. Sunshine Seafood Cafe Wine Bar specializes in fine dining with a very respectable wine list. You have your choice of dining inside or outdoors.

ROSIE'S CAFÉ & GRILL

Rosie's repertoire includes crab cakes, grouper and shrimp entrees and steaks with all the trimmings, Southwestern dishes such as burritos and fajitas, soup and sandwich combos, and salads. Among the most popular items is Rosie's Famous Cheese Steak made from shaved rib eye, grilled mushrooms, onions and green peppers, Ultimate Cuban and Classic Reuben, home-made muffins and cinnamon rolls and Key lime pie, root beer floats and banana splits. A children's menu and carry-out are also available and outdoor seating is available.

Breakfast is served from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and happy hour is from 3 to 6 p.m. seven days a week with two-for-one draft beer and wine and a menu that starts at \$4.50 for items such as nachos with cheese and salsa and \$5.50 wings and chicken tenders. The ice cream bar has 20+ flavors of locally made Royal Scoop ice cream.

SANDBAR

Currently serving happy hour from 4 to 5:30 p.m. every day in the lounge only, and dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. Since opening in 2013, The Sandbar has become known for its fresh seafood and choice cuts of beef and pork.

SANIBEL BEAN

The Sanibel Bean coffee shop is java central on Sanibel Island. With its indoor and outdoor seating and free wi-fi, it's a popular venue for laptop-toting coffee lovers to relax and check their inboxes, have breakfast or lunch or recharge the batteries in the afternoon.

Besides a big selection of coffee from around the globe and a variety of coffee drinks, The Bean has tea and other beverages and a variety of hearty sandwiches, pastries and muffins, plus other light fare.

SANIBEL DELI & COFFEE FACTORY

Sanibel Deli & Coffee Factory offers a gluten free menu in addition to regular choices, along with pizza and wings, Boar's Head meats, frozen yogurt and ice cream. There is indoor seating as well as outdoor tables shaded with umbrellas, and free wi-fi.

SANIBEL FISH HOUSE

Find out why Sanibel Fish House is such a great addition to the list of Sanibel restaurants. We offer a wide range of fresh seafood as well as our great alternative choices at reasonable prices.

Come and see us in our delightful tropical island setting. Open 11 to 10 daily with excellent lunch and dinner specials. Don't miss the best happy hour on the island 11 to 6 daily and all day on Saturdays and Sundays in The Lounge! The Lounge opens 11 to 10 Sunday through Thursday and until 1 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

SANIBEL GRILL

The Sanibel Grill has 19 big screen TVs with satellite TV tuned to every televised sporting event. The Grill shares a kitchen with The Timbers, serving the same fresh seafood, along with burgers, sandwiches, pizzas and salads. Crunchy Grouper and Crunchy Shrimp are signature dishes.

SANIBEL SPROUT

The Sanibel Sprout is the island's only vegan cafe and organic juice bar. There is comfortable seating for friends to socialize and taste Chef Nikki's extended menu of plant-based gourmet cuisine. The soups – lentil, Vietnamese Pho, etc. – are popular year-round, as are vegan lasagna, Mexican taco salad, kale salad with avocado chipotle dressing and numerous desserts. The extended menu is posted on the Sprout's Facebook page.

The organic juice bar is popular with locals and visitors of all ages. Kids love the Strawberry Kiss or the Chocolate Bliss Smoothie, whereas adults favor the Coffee Sproutaccino or the green Emerald Mermaid Smoothie. Those are just a few of the juice bar favorites from an extensive menu.

The Sprout is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner 8.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

SUNDIAL BEACH RESORT & SPA

The Sea Breeze Café at Sundial Beach Resort & Spa is open 7 days a week, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Dine indoors or al fresco, overlooking the gulf. Choose from classic tavern fare, fresh seafood, innovative entrees, salads and sandwiches. There is a daily happy hour from 4 to 6 p.m. with drink specials and bar menu. Every Monday is Margarita Monday with \$5 margaritas from 4 to 10 p.m. and live island-style entertainment from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Turtle's Pool & Beach Bar serves imported and domestic beer, wine and tropical drinks in a casual outdoor island setting just steps from the gulf. A full menu is available at the poolside dining patio from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., including seafood, award-winning burgers and fresh salads. Happy hour is 3 to 5 p.m. every day.

Create your own custom pizza or grab a quick snack at Slice of Paradise, Sundial's newest poolside dining option, featuring slices, specialty and custom pizzas, grab and go salads, hot dogs and hand scooped ice cream, including Sundial's signature flavor, Island Delight. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. All restaurants and bars are open to the public.

TIMBERS RESTAURANT & FISH MARKET

The Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market and the adjoining Sanibel Grill are mainstays of the island dining scene, boasting 35 years of fresh fish on Sanibel Island. The restaurant offers 13 dinners for \$15 daily before 5:30 p.m. plus a large selection of local seafood such as grilled shrimp, fried grouper, oysters, clams and crab cakes.

Besides specializing in fresh local seafood, the restaurant has a seafood market that opens at 11 a.m. (except Sunday, when it's 2 p.m.)

TRADITIONS ON THE BEACH

Traditions on the Beach is one of the few Sanibel restaurants with beachfront dining. Located in the historic Island Inn, the recently updated restaurant sits on 10 acres with gulf views, perfect for watching the sunset over the water while you dine. The menu features Italian and Mediterranean cuisine prepared by Chef Aziz and his team. Traditions' dishes are made with fresh ingredients, from seafood and meats, to produce from local vendors. On the menu you will find the classics and specialties including Moroccan lamb, roast duck, lobster and veal. Pasta, grilled items and a raw bar are also available. In addition to the regular menu, specials are offered daily. There's an attractive bar and lounge area that also serves food and an extensive wine and cocktail list. Dining begins at 5 p.m. and continues until late. Reservations are suggested.

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ZEBRA TREATS

This bold and bright cafe/store offers a variety of frozen yogurt flavors – try the caramel sea salt pretzel – with more than 50 toppings such as strawberries, blueberries, chopped candy and sprinkles. Other offerings include milk shakes, smoothies and frappes.

Zebra has indoor and outdoor seating.

The store recently added frozen yogurt to go, by the pint and quart.

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS



Renata plays funk, jazz and contemporary Friday, Saturday and Monday night at The Jacaranda

The Crow's Nest Beach Bar & Grille at Tween Waters Inn has live entertainment with the John Allender Band on Friday and Saturday; Steve Farst on Sunday; and Taylor Stokes on Tuesday. Crab shows are on Mondays and Thursdays.

George & Wendy's Seafood Grille has live music Friday with Busted Stuff, playing rock, Irish and blues; Saturday is the Rex Bongo Band, playing blues and rock; Sunday is Jeff Lyons on guitar and vocals; Monday is Rex Bongo Band. On Sunday, there is

a live jazz brunch buffet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. plus Hospitality Night with happy hour pricing from 8 p.m. to close. Tuesday is open mic night from 8 to 11 p.m. Karaoke is Thursday from 9 p.m. to midnight.

The Jacaranda has live entertainment on Friday and Saturday with Renata, playing funk, jazz and contemporary, beginning at 8:30 p.m. Sunday is Jamaica Dave & Co., playing reggae and dance, beginning at 8 p.m. Weekdays, music is from 8 to 11 p.m. On Monday, it's Renata, playing jazz, funk and contemporary; Wednesday is Barbara Dexter, playing contemporary, top 40s and dance; Thursday is Eric Malibu, playing contemporary, reggae and dance.

The Mucky Duck on Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva features music by Gary Earle on Thursday and Friday; Gene Federico plays on Saturday; Gary Earle plays Sunday; Mark Dupuy plays on Monday; Perry English plays on Tuesday; and Gene Federico plays on Wednesday.

Sea Breeze Café at Sundial Beach Resort & Spa features Margarita Monday from 4 to 8:30 p.m. every Monday with \$5 margaritas and island style entertainment. Happy hour is daily from 5 to 7 p.m. with drink specials.

Traditions on the Beach at Island Inn has live music Friday and Saturday with Joe McCormick and Marvella Marzan, playing jazz, Latin, pop, R&B and contemporary dance. Dusk Duo, with Dean and Kathy Winklemann, play pop, R&B, country and jazz on Sunday. Mike Arnone, "The Jersey Kid," performs on Monday. Barbara Smith and Woody Brubaker play on Tuesday. Joe McCormick plays Wednesday. Joe McCormick and Marvella Marzan play on Thursday.

The Island Cow on Periwinkle Way has live entertainment on Friday with Gene Federico; Saturday, Jay Helt; and Sunday, Dan Confrey.

RC Otter's on Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva, has live music daily with dining inside and out.

Restaurant owners/managers, please email or fax any changes to your entertainment schedule to press@islandsunnews.com or 395-2299.✪



The cast of *Dividing the Estate*

Sibling Rivalry At Florida Rep

Horton Foote's Tony-nominated Best Play, *Dividing the Estate*, will be on stage at Florida Repertory Theatre through April 8. Foote is an Academy Award, Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize-winning author.

In *Dividing the Estate*, Gordon family matriarch Stella Gordon is determined not to divide her 100-year-old Texas estate despite her family's declining wealth, but her three grown children have other plans. Old resentments and sibling rivalries surface as the members of this dysfunctional family go head to head to see who might claim the biggest piece of the pie.

The 13-member cast features Rachel Burtram, Chris Clavelli, Patricia Idlette, Carrie Lund, Sara Morsey, Jason Parrish, Brendan Powers, Brittany Albury, John Archie, Courtney Feiman, Cindy De La

Cruz, Elise Lorraine Miller and Kayla Tomas.

Florida Rep Producing Artistic Director Robert Cacioppo directs the production, Dennis Maulden is the set designer, Jim Hunter is the lighting designer, Roberta Malcolm is the resident costume designer, John Kiselica is the sound designer and James Danford is the production stage manager.

Performances are Tuesday to Saturday at 8 p.m., with matinees on Wednesday, Sunday, and selected Saturdays at 2 p.m.

Dividing the Estate is sponsored by Bruce and Janet Bunch.

Tickets are on sale through the box office at 332-4488 and online at floridarep.org. Single tickets are \$49 and \$45; \$25 back row seating is available 48 hours in advance of each performance.

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Salt and pepper to taste

Cook bacon in a three-quart heavy
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per, and celery and cook until softened,

about five minutes. Stir in potato, clam
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minutes. Add clams; cover and simmer 8
to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until
clams open. Discard any clams not open
after 10 minutes. Move pan off heat.

Remove clams with tongs, reserving a
few clams in the shell for garnish. Detach
clam meat from remaining shells and
return meat to chowder. Stir in parsley, salt
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Note: The chowder (without the clams
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Bring chowder to a simmer then add clams
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CROW volunteers gathered for a special dinner last week at The Community House

CROW Hosts Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) honored its outstanding volunteers during the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on March 16 at The Community House on Sanibel.

The dinner recognized more than 200 volunteers who provide thousands of hours of service to CROW and the community. The volunteers provide a number of services including emergency rescue, first responders, gift shop, education and animal care.

Together, the volunteers have given over 21,000 hours of service to CROW in 2014 resulting in a savings of more than \$200,000 in salaries.

A breakdown shows percentage of volunteer hours served in varied areas:

- General Patient Care – 64 percent



Ruth Parks and Dr. Linda Estep

- Gift Shop – 15 percent
- Transport/Rescue – 12 percent
- Grounds/Maintenance – 6 percent
- Community Events/Clerical Duties – 3 percent

Exemplary volunteers honored for number of hours served include:

- Ruth Parks – 603 hours
- Barb Walling – 373 hours
- Elissa Karasin-Sarnet – 349 hours
- Claudia Burns – 317 hours
- Jan Lucre – 278 hours


The annual dinner is CROW's way to show its appreciation for the hard work and dedication of its volunteers. Without them, the mission could not be accomplished.

For information on how you can become a CROW volunteer, contact JoEllen Urasky, Volunteer Coordinator, at 472-3644 ext. 221 or jurasky@crowclinic.org.

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Guest DJ To Entertain At CROW's Southern-style Fundraiser

David Flory, proprietor of Island Ballroom, will be the guest DJ for the CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) Southern Comfort on Sanibel to be held Saturday, April 11 from 6 to 10 p.m. at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club. The event will also feature southern food by Madame Mac's Radical Rations and specialty Southern Comfort drinks.

Flory from Island Ballroom will be providing lively dance music. In addition, he will jump in periodically throughout the night to offer some impromptu dance instruction.

Tickets for Southern Comfort on Sanibel are \$65 and all proceeds will benefit direct patient care at CROW's wildlife hospital. In addition to dinner and dancing, the evening will feature a raffle, silent auction, photo booth and other surprises.

Members of the Southern Comfort on Sanibel committee are Kathy Boone, Jan Egeland, Shirley Harris, Diane Neitzel, Inge Santos, Nancy Siegel, Cecelia Tweedy and JoEllen Urasky.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact James Robinson at CROW at 472-3644, ext. 232 or jrobinson@crowclinic.org. The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife is a 501(c)3 organization established in 1968, whose mission is Saving Wildlife Through, Care, Education and Collaboration. CROW's facilities, located on Sanibel, include a visitor education center and a state-of-the-art hospital where ill and injured animals receive care.



David Flory

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Gopher Tortoise

so far out in the water. I mean, it's just not part of their natural behavior to go swimming in deep water. And when they go to drink, it's at fresh streams," said Dr. Brittany. As Captain Houston added, "He was out near Safety Harbor off North Captiva. There are a lot of construction workers on that route. Someone must have dumped him from a boat."

We may never know how the tortoise found himself afloat in the middle of the sea, but one thing is for certain: the gentle creature owes his life to the quick-thinking captain and the highly-skilled veterinarians at CROW.

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

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CROW Is Caring For Bald Eagle Ozzie



The bald eagle receiving treatment

Officials at CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife) on Sanibel, say it is extremely likely that this bald eagle currently in CROW’s care is Ozzie, one of a pair of nesting bald eagles made famous by a web cam in North Fort Myers.



The bald eagle being examined

“Due to the photographs and description sent to CROW from the operators of the Southwest Florida Eagle Cam, it has been confirmed that the bald eagle does have a fractured clavicle and will need a few weeks of rehabilitation at CROW,” said Kenny Howell, CROW marketing manager, in a statement last week. “As of this morning, the bald eagle is in stable condition and eating. He is receiving pain and anti-inflammatory medication,” Howell added.✧

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Birding Shipley

Join other birders at the Shipley Trail on April 3. Both new and experienced birders are welcome to take part in spotting a variety of birds in a diversity of wildlife habitats. Botany enthusiasts are also welcome to help identify plants along the trails.

All walks begin at 8 a.m. Meet at the Shipley Trail at the Bailey Homestead Preserve, in the parking lot at Roadside City Park on Periwinkle Way (just east of Islander Trading Post). The Shipley Trail runs through the Bailey Homestead Preserve and connects the city's Pond Apple Park Trail to Roadside City Park.

Please note that the rest of the Bailey Preserve is still undergoing site work and is not yet open to the public.

Walks are free for members and non-members.

Call SCCF at 472-2329 for more information on these programs unless otherwise indicated. Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road.*

Master Gardener Lecture At Library

The 72nd Master Gardener Lecture Series will be held on Thursday, April 2 at the Sanibel Public Library at 10 a.m. The program will be presented by two biologists from the Sanibel Department of Natural Resources, James Evans and Holly Milbrandt. Their program will be a PowerPoint on the recently completed and ongoing restoration projects.

Many cities of 150,000 or more

population do not have a department of natural resources to maintain public areas. Sanibel, by contrast, has a department of natural resources staffed by three environmental biologists who are supported by the City of Sanibel but augment their funding for projects by obtaining grants from the county, state and federal government. They partner with Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on mutually important projects.

Recently completed projects include Pond Apple Park and Shipley Trail boardwalk, a fertilizer-smart consortium and a white paper summarizing the Caloosahatchee Watershed Regional Water Management issues. Currently,

they are involved with the Sanibel Bayous Preserve restoration and a comprehensive nutrient management plan. In the near future, they will begin beach dune and coastal scrub habitat plantings and a community lake and pond best practices program.

Evans and Millbrandt are experienced speakers and biology professionals who continue to help maintain and improve the special ecosystem on Sanibel.

All are welcome to attend and hear about the results this department has achieved over the past year. There is no admission charge.

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Shell Festival Committee Says ‘Thank You’

submitted by Joyce Matthys

The 78th annual Sanibel Shell Festival hosted by the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club and the Sanibel Community Association was a great success, and the two groups wish to express their appreciation to everyone who supported this annual event.

The following generously provided items for the Sanibel Community Association raffle: Pamela Boynton – 10” Sailor’s Valentine in a box made by Bill Jordan; ‘Tween Waters Inn – one-week vacation; Congress Jewelers – sterling silver shell bracelet and cockle shell earrings; Bill Schecker and Charles Lister – Luc Century Object D’art; The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum and Captiva Cruises – island ecological expedition; and the Sanibel Community Association Shell Crafters – shell floral arrangement. David Drotleff provided his time and talent to design the beautiful rack cards.



Scientific Division People’s Choice winner Marge Tunnell exhibited a preserved giant hermit crab in a Florida horse conch as it was found on the beach.

The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club would like to thank the following businesses for making major financial contributions to the Sanibel Shell Show. There is one Angel Wing level sponsor, The Island Inn. The following businesses are Heart Cockle level sponsors: *Island Sun*, The Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market and Matzaluna, Bailey’s General Store, Three Crafty Ladies, and She Sells Sea Shells. Congress Jewelers designs and donates a special pin shell that is presented to the winner of the Shell Show’s top award, the Anne Joffe Sanibel Superstar Award. We thank them for their support.

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Shell Show Chair Mary Burton presents Melinda Pierce with the Artistic Division People’s Choice Award. Her exhibit entered in the “Collectables” category was a miniature shell shop created by her mother in 1985.

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum hosted the Judges’ Reception and Awards Ceremony. We thank them for allowing us to use the museum for this event. The Timbers Restaurant provided wonderful food for the reception at a price that we could afford. We thank them for their support. ‘Tween Waters deserves a special thanks for donating the use of tablecloths for the reception. Thanks also go to Bank of the Islands for providing free bottled water.

Again this year, The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum granted free museum admission to everyone who gave the requested \$5 donation to visit the Shell Show. Over 500 people took advantage of this generous offer and visited the museum without charge during the show. We thank the museum for its generosity.

Each year the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club provides food for the exhibitors, vendors and the volunteers who spend the day working at the Shell Show. In addition to items provided by many of our members, the following restaurants donated food to be used in the Shell Show Kitchen: Jacaranda, Subway Shop, Sanibel Deli & Coffee Factory, Rosie’s Café, Sandbar Restaurant, Great White Grill, Jerry’s Supermarket, Publix, Costco. Those who worked the whole day at the show greatly appreciated your donations.

Thank you to the sixth grade students of The Sanibel School for sharing their knowledge about mollusks at the live shell exhibit.

The Shell Show would not have been possible without the scientific and artistic exhibitors. Thank you.

Thanks to the 500 volunteers who worked to make the Shell Festival a huge success: the Sanibel Community Association Shell Crafters who work throughout the year preparing for the Shell Festival craft sales; those who sort shells throughout the year so they can be sold in the Shell Tent; the members of the Shell Club who donate shells and their time to prepare the thank-you bags given out at the shell show entrance; also to those who contribute their time and resources at the Authors and Specimen Shell Tables; the Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis who help with parking and opening the tents each morning; Sanibel Community Association members; all the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club members, and all the people from the community who volunteered to work during the Shell Festival. The club also thanks nature photographer Melanie Moraga for allowing the use of her photography, without charge, for the Shell Show awards and the Shell Show booklet.

Thank you to the City of Sanibel and the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce for their assistance. Gratitude to the island businesses that facilitated promoting the festival.

Island Sun and *Islander/Island Reporter* newspapers provided great coverage with stories and photos before and during the event, as did the *Santiva Chronicle* with its online coverage. The *Island Sun*’s festival magazine was beautifully done and was mailed to all households on the islands and handed out at the festival.

A big thank you goes to the community of Sanibel for helping make the 78th annual Shell Festival a success. And a huge thank you to the attendees for their interest and patronage.

Planning is already under way for next year’s Shell Festival. The dates are March 3, 4 and 5, 2016 at The Community House. Plan to come and be amazed!✧

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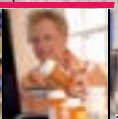
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Shells Found



Margo Northrup, Pierre, South Dakota; Brenda Schmidt, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Robin Carlson, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Addie Sanchez, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Tina Vermeulen, Chandler, Arizona; Amanda Sprenkle, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Kylie Nystrom, Nashville, Tennessee

Margo Northrup, Brenda Schmidt, Robin Carlson, Addie Sanchez, Tina Vermeulen, Amanda Sprenkle and Kylie Nystrom found a variety of shells last week on the east end of the island. The girls, friends since the fourth grade, were visiting Addie’s mother, Sally Reiman, on Sanibel.✧

Lunch Cruise To Historic Tarpon Lodge And Calusa Indian Mounds

Captiva Cruises’ newest expedition in its Discover Southwest Florida History tours will focus on the fishing cultures in Pine Island Sound; a story of fascinating characters and traditions. The cruise will depart from McCarthy’s Marina on Captiva on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and travel to Pineland on Pine Island. Along the way, you will get an up-close look at historic fish houses of Pine Island

Sound and hear about the area’s diverse fishing cultures from the indigenous Calusa, to Spanish Cuban Ranchos, to the Punta Gorda Fish Company and the spectacular tarpon and sport fishing of today.
You will be greeted at The Tarpon Lodge and learn about the location, the family run business and the storied tradition of fishing within Pine Island Sound and Charlotte Harbor. Lunch will be at the historic Tarpon Lodge, with waterfront views of Pine Island Sound and mangrove islands. After lunch, walk across the street to the Randell Research Center (RRC). The RRC, a program of the Florida Museum of Natural History, aims to establish and maintain, at the internationally significant Pineland archeological and historical site, a permanent facility dedicated to learning and teaching the archeology, history and ecology of Southwest Florida. An RRC educator will lead the group on The Calusa Heritage Trail to one of the pre-Columbian Mounds of the ancient Calusa while elaborating on the unique fishing culture.
For more information and reservations, call Captiva Cruises at 472-5300.✧

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Peter Manolis
While visiting his grandparents on Sanibel, Peter Manolis of Roseville, Minnesota celebrated his 12th birthday with his first-ever red-fish, a nice 24-incher.✧

Shell Of The Week

Cayenne
Keyhole Limpet

by José H. Leal,
PhD, The Bailey-
Matthews National
Shell Museum
Science Director &
Curator

The Cayenne
keyhole
limpet,
*Diodora cay-
enensis* (Lamarck,
1822), is a keyhole

limpet often found on the beaches of Sanibel and Captiva. Like most representatives of the keyhole limpet family, Fissurellidae, this species shows the typical keyhole-shaped orifice that serves to reroute waste water away from the head of the animal (see picture on the right). The shell has a sculpture of numerous radial riblets of which every third or fourth is larger. The animal feeds on microalgae growing on rocks or other hard substrates. The picture of the live specimen was taken by Amy Tripp near Marco Island.

Shell Museum Events

Daily at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. – Live Mollusk Tank Talk: Learn more about the shell makers.

Mondays at 2 p.m. – Carolyn's Collection (featuring gem quality shells) or Giant and Colossal Squids: An expert's



The Cayenne keyhole limpet

insights about these mysterious creatures.

Tuesdays at 2 p.m. – What is a Mollusk? A marine biologist offers a fun and informative introduction to mollusks found throughout the world.

Wednesdays at 2 p.m. – Mollusk Matinéés: Scientific lectures by guest speakers, ranging from historical changes in waterways to learning about cephalopods. Visit shellmuseum.org for details.

Thursdays at 2 p.m. – Shell ID: Get mysterious finds identified by an expert.

Fridays and Sundays – Shelling 101: Learn how and where to shell our local beaches.

Saturdays at 2 p.m. – Giant and

Colossal Squids: An expert's insights into the lives of these mysterious creatures.

Daily Island Inn Morning Beach Walks: Join our marine biologist for a beach walk near Island Inn on Sanibel. Walks depart daily from the Island Inn lobby at 9 a.m. The cost is \$10, and parking at Island Inn is free for beach walk participants. Space is limited so book online at shellmuseum.org/events or call 395-2233 to make a reservation. All beach walk participants receive half-off shell museum admission. (Current Island Inn guests: Please contact Inn directly to book).

Marine Naturalist Cruise on

photo on the right by Amy Tripp

Thursdays: At Captiva Cruises, South Seas Island Resort, Captiva. Join our marine biologist for an unforgettable four-hour cruise with a small group aboard a 40-foot sailing catamaran. You are likely to see dolphins, manatees, bald eagles, live shells, and more. Includes laminated shell guide, gourmet lunch and free admission to the shell museum. Cost is \$100 per adult/\$75 per child. Cruise must be booked by calling Captiva Cruises at 472-5300.

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum is at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Phone 239-395-2233 or visit www.shellmuseum.org.

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Bead Shop Web Series To Come



Lily Rose of The Sanibel Bead Shop demonstrating a jewelry making technique

Lily Rose of the Sanibel Bead Shop is taking costume jewelry-making to new heights with her pioneering new web series, Sanibel Bead Shop TV. The series is an innovative combination of how-to instruction and island lifestyle which premieres this week on her website SanibelBeadShop.com.

"There are so many videos on the Internet rehashing the same techniques," said Rose. "I want viewers to learn a technique as if they were taking an in-depth class at my store, with the added

bonus of exploring its relevance to some aspect of our lives and to our natural surroundings. Sanibel and Captiva provide the perfect backdrop."

She added, "I want to create an entertaining format for people that love jewelry making and also our beautiful islands," she said.

"Jewelry has been an integral part of our lives since the dawn of man. Some of the earliest known man-made artifacts include jewelry fashioned from eagle talons and also shells, highlighting man's desire to adorn himself using symbols derived from nature. That desire is still strong today."

Rose says a large focus of her business is helping customers who want to make jewelry with shells they've found on the beach.

"In many cultures, children are gifted jewelry when they are born. We give jewelry to express love; we exchange rings with our wedding vows; and we bequeath our jewelry to our loved ones," she added.

She believes that jewelry takes on even further meaning when it's something you've made for yourself or when someone has made it just for you. Rose recalls a Mother's Day bracelet-making activity she hosted for her son's Kindergarten class at The Sanibel School 10 years ago.

"These children will be entering high school this year and many of the moms have told me they still wear and cherish the bracelet their child made for them that day," said Rose. "My son is growing

every opportunity to learn about changes and advancements as they are available."

The workshop will cover Clinical Modification (CM) and Procedural Coding Services (PCS). Additionally, a workshop discussing Clinical Documentation Improvement will take place on April 18. These workshops will provide coding tips, how to overcome challenging areas, possible scenarios and more related to the CM and PCS programs. The CDI workshop will address the importance of CDI programs and ensuring those results to achieve better results.

To register, or learn more about these events, visit www.FHIMA.org or contact Elizabeth Whitmer at ewhitmer@fsw.edu or 489-9493. Registration costs range from \$150 to \$530, depending on the workshops attended and membership status with FHIMA.*



Lily Rose explaining shell textures in a scene from the premier episode of Sanibel Bead Shop TV

up so quickly... the bracelet he made for me that day brings back fond memories of his early childhood.

"I make jewelry for a living, but the

majority of my customers just make jewelry as gifts for family and friends and as vacation mementos. The proud look on their faces when they complete a project is priceless," she said.

This year marks The Sanibel Bead Shop's 10th anniversary and according to Rose, costume jewelry making has evolved tremendously during this short span of time.

She explained that techniques from diverse crafts such as knitting and scrapbooking are melding with traditional jewelry-making techniques such as metal-smithing. Jewelry made using combined techniques and diverse materials is called mixed media jewelry and it's very popular right now.

"We will feature these techniques and more in the upcoming episodes," she said. "I hope my show will become a useful resource and a source of inspiration for all who watch it."

You can watch the premier episode of Sanibel Bead Shop TV by logging on to SanibelBeadShop.com.*

CollegeTo Host Health Info Workshop

Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) in Fort Myers will host a two-day workshop for the Florida Health Information Management Association (FHIMA). These workshops will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19.

"We are honored to have the FHIMA bring these educational courses to FSW," said Elizabeth Whitmer, health information technology faculty. "The field of health information technology has grown significantly in recent years, and we want to provide our professionals with



Concert To Benefit The Florida Museum Of History Foundation

Groove to genuine '50s and '60s rockabilly, ballads and rock 'n' roll with Memphis 56 and The BeatleManiax performing at Harborside Event Center on Saturday, April 25 at 6 p.m. Step out in hip, vintage attire. Dig into far-out American diner fare and classic automobiles.

The BeatleManiax captures the feel and excitement of a real Beatles concert with authentic clothing, "mop-top" hairstyles and the use of the same brand and model of instruments the Fab Four used. The BeatleManiax is a talented band with a hard-to-find, left-handed bassist – just like Paul McCartney – performing classic Beatles songs from their 1962-66 touring years. The arrangements have been kept as close to the original recordings as possible. They perform the hits as well as the beloved songs that should have been hits, giving their audience a wide variety of early Beatles classics.

Memphis 56 offers a musical stage show dedicated to meticulously recreating the sounds of Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash, bringing alive the iconic Sun Record Studios sound of the '50s. The group is fueled by the rich voice, rhythm guitar and uncanny performance of Rai Aulen on lead guitar and vocals. Anthony Galler, on the upright bass, takes slapping and thumping to a new level, and drummer Jim Becker will keep your toes tappin' and fingers snappin' from start to finish of their tribute to the days before it was known as rock 'n' roll. The Fort Myers-based band is powered by vintage, '50s-era sound equipment and instruments to create an authentic rockabilly sound.

Doors open at 6 p.m. followed by the concert at 7:15 p.m. Harborside Event Center is located at 1375 Monroe Street in historic downtown Fort Myers

Cost to attend the concert only is \$35. An All-Access Pass costs \$100, which includes dinner, dessert and VIP reserved seating. A VIP table for eight costs \$750. A cash bar will be available. For tickets or more information, visit www.museumofhistory.org or call 321-7430.*



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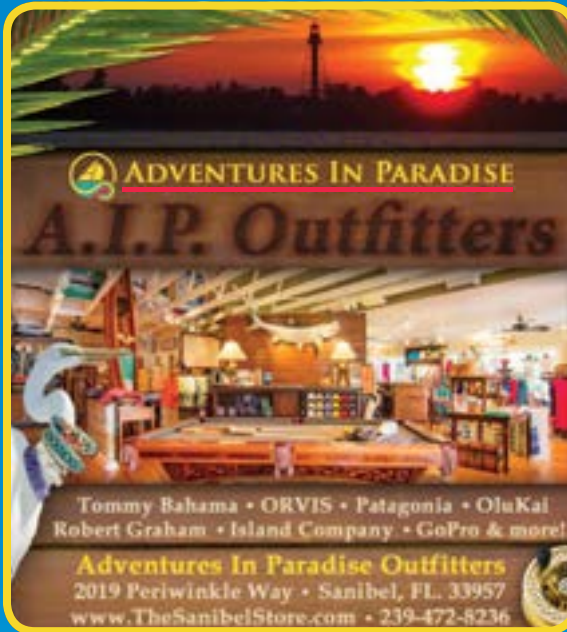


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Mullet Parade Honors WWII Vet, Supports Conservation Amendment



Prior to the start of last Friday's Marching Mullet Parade on Captiva, World War II veteran Stuart Symington Jr., left, shared a few laughs with Vanessa "Queenie" Viglione and Mernie Libonate at Jensen's Marina

photos by Jeff Lysiak

by Jeff Lysiak

Last Friday evening, the latest Marching Mullet Parade honoring American military veterans paused to pay tribute to Stuart Symington, Jr., a 90-year-old World War II vet who lives on Captiva, while also rallying public support for the Water and Land Conservation Amendment.

Marching along the island's two busiest thoroughfares – Captiva Drive and Andy Rosse Lane – Marching Mullet organizers welcomed one and all to join them in a frolicking musical stroll to the beach, where a crowd of more than 200 patriotic participants and curious spectators sang along to *This Land Is Your Land* and *America The Beautiful*.

Kristie Anders, director of environmental education for the Sanibel-Captiva



Stuart Symington Jr. smiled throughout the parade



Brent Moyer and Kristie Anders take part in the sing-a-long



Juan Creba, Dave Jensen, Pat Hengen and Brent Moyer

Conservation Foundation, welcomed the crowd and offered some background information about Symington, who passed up an opportunity to ride in a golf cart during the parade, instead insisting upon walking the route while carrying a pole with a fish dangling from one end, symbolic of his support for Amendment 1.

"After graduating from school in 1943, Stuart was anxious to do his part for



Just before sunset, the crowd sang *This Land Is Your Land* and *America The Beautiful* on the beach



More than 150 people took part in last week's Marching Mullet Parade down Andy Rosse Lane



Mernie Libonate chats with Emma and Jennifer Stettelman from Minnesota, who helped paint fish for the parade

World War II," said Anders, noting that Symington was eventually assigned to the United States Army's engineering division in the European Theater. Once victory in Europe was declared, he was sent to the South Pacific. "His reflections on his experience may be summed up best by his own words from his book, *Throwing The Bolt*: 'Those that still survive, remain everlastingly grateful that our lives were spared. More and more, we dwell on our memories of those of us who did not make it and the enduring honor we owe them.'"

Following the ceremonies on the beach, dozens of onlookers approached Symington, offering the grateful veteran their thanks, some with a simple handshake, others with a heartfelt hug.

Prior to the launch of the Marching Mullet Parade, Anders hosted an informal discussion at Jensen's Marina about the Water and Land Conservation Amendment.

Amendment 1 calls for renewed state spending on water and land conservation that will help Florida's future by restoring and protecting water resources, providing access to



Red Anders tied hand-painted fish onto a net



Operation Open Arms and the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation led the parade



Some of the hand-painted fish

public lands and keeping working lands, farms and forests as part of Florida's rural landscapes.

"It's a very complex issue and we want people to talk about it," said Anders, who encouraged parade participants to paint a fish symbolic of their support for Amendment 1.

"A lot of jobs here are at risk – waiters



Jack and Sandra Holbert



The parade ended at the beach access adjacent to The Mucky Duck

and waitresses, hotel staff and others on the islands – and there is a lot to lose. The branding of Lee County is natural resources and the beauty of our open spaces. That's so important to our economy."

The intent of Amendment 1, as ratified by an overwhelming majority (75 percent) of Florida voters, is to restore spending for the highly successful group of long-standing programs already authorized in Florida statutes. It was drafted so implementing legislation is not required and the constitutional mandate can be met by restoring and enhancing funding to existing water and land conservation programs.

Because development is on the rise, Amendment 1 is intended to strike the right balance between development and conservation. In addition to preserving natural areas that protect our water supply, the



Stuart Symington Jr. received both handshakes and hugs from the crowd



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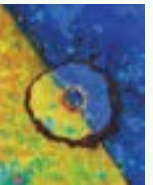
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Scavenger Hunt Returns For More Digital Adventures



What happens when a scavenger hunt meets the digital age? Grab your camera and some teammates to find out in this afternoon adventure filled with discovery, camaraderie, and photography. The fun takes place Tuesday, April 7, at the BIG ARTS Center on Sanibel.

Teams of two to four will receive clues that are a brief phrase or just a single word. Then they will have two hours to walk, bike, or drive around the island on their quest to photograph their interpretations of the clues – creativity is, of course, encouraged.

Last year’s hunt resulted in fun and fabulous images of clues such as “cutting edge” and “tangled.”

Teams will regroup at the center to submit their entries and have a gourmet boxed dinner before the winners are announced at a dessert reception.

The hunt begins at 3 p.m. with the reception and awards presentation at 6 p.m. The cost to participate in the full event is \$45 per person, which includes the boxed

dinner; teams should have two to four members; family and friends can join in for the dessert reception for \$8 per person. Participants must have their own digital camera with standard removable memory card (SD, CF, XF, or microSD). No cell phones or iPads may be used, and agree to have their images showcased during the reception. Entry forms are available at the Marks Box Office, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, or by phone at 395-0900 or at www.bigarts.org.

Proceeds benefit BIG ARTS scholarship programs. The Photography Scavenger Hunt is sponsored by Sanibel Susan Realty Associates.✱

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Mullet Parade



The crowd sang *America The Beautiful* to close Friday night’s festivities

amendment is also intended to fund ecosystem restoration projects, including Everglades restoration.

“This is our last big chance to help our river estuaries, wild creatures and our quality of life,” added Anders, who asked that members of the public tell the Lee County Commissioners, Sanibel City Council members and state representatives to support Amendment 1.

She said, “Seventy percent of excess polluted water is sent to the west coast of Florida. Don’t let Captiva and other islands bear the brunt of bad water.”✱

Refuge Biologist To Delve Into Sea Turtle Nests



Jeremy Conrad

Jeremy Conrad, a wildlife biologist at J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge, will give two pictorial Sea Turtles: Successful Nesting presentations with a local and global perspective beginning at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday, April 3, in the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center on Sanibel.

Conrad’s presentation will focus on

nest ecology and what conditions make for a successful sea turtle nest. He will talk about nest selection and what environmental factors are required to produce healthy hatchlings.

Conrad joined refuge staff in March 2010. Before that, he served as an invasive species biologist at Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge in Boynton Beach, Florida, and earlier spent four years at Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuge in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, a hotspot for leather-back turtle nesting.

Admission is free to the lectures, which are sponsored by The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), as part of the 14-week Friday Lecture Series.

As usual, Wildlife Drive is closed on Friday, but visitors are welcome at the Visitor & Education Center and at Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge’s official concessionaire located at its Tarpon Bay Recreation Area.

For more information on the lecture series, call 472-1100 ext. 241 or visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org/lectures.

Future events are listed below; all lectures include two presentations at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

(*Book-signings will follow the starred presentation)

April 10 – Speaker Jerry Lorenz, Roseate Spoonbills in Florida Bay: Pink Canaries in a Coal Mine

*April 24 – Speaker Blair Witherington, Our Sea Turtles - Up Close & Personal.✱

Scholarships Application Deadline



2014 scholarship donors and recipients

Application deadline for a dozen or more separate scholarships from the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), amounting to more than \$10,000 total, is Tuesday, March 31. High school seniors or college students in or from Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties intending to pursue degrees in environmental-related studies can apply.

The scholarships will be awarded at a special ceremony at the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel in June.

Interested students can find more information and printable application forms at www.dingdarlingsociety.org/student-scholarships.

This year’s scholarship sponsors include:

- Tarpon Bay Explorers Scholarship for Environmental Studies (five scholarships) – now in its 10th consecutive year
- Jane Werner Environmental Scholarship – the first permanently endowed scholarship received at “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society, now in its fourth year
- Mike and Terry Baldwin Scholarship
- Mary Lou Schadt Scholarship (three scholarships)
- Francine Litofsky Memorial Scholarship
- Richard Bailey Scholarship (two scholarships)

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From the great outdoors to outer space, tea parties to pirate ships, BIG ARTS Summer Arts Camp offers a summer full of creativity. Each of the nine weeks is a new experience, with a different theme that guides the activities, the learning and the fun.

Sessions begin each Monday, June 15 through August 10, and run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the BIG ARTS Center on Sanibel. A special presentation each Friday afternoon marks the end of the themed week. Children can sign up for all nine weeks, or pick just the ones that fit their family's schedule. Price is \$150 per week for children grade 5 (rising) and younger; \$75 per week for middle and high school students. Registrations are now being accepted at the BIG ARTS Center, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel; 395-0900; www.bigarts.org.

Summer Arts Camp offers children from kindergarten through fifth grades hands-on activities on a rotating schedule that includes daily visual and performing arts. The program for middle and high school students provides an opportunity to volunteer to earn community service hours as an instructor's apprentice and/or take classes. Activities include photography, painting, filmmaking, glass fusing, jewelry-making, dance and drawing.

This year's themes promise a world--real and imaginary--of fun! Probable themes are:

- Week 1 (June 15 to 19): Lego Your ART Out! – BIG ARTS is calling all wee designers, potential builders and inventive Lego enthusiasts for a week of camp that will give you the building blocks for a bright summer. Create your own world and participate in Lego challenges that are fun for builders of all sizes. Sign up now to create your own colorful world.

- Week 2 (June 22 to 26): Natures Wonderers – Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Nature always wears the colors of the spirit." This week, campers will discover their own colors as they reflect on the true beauties of nature. They will explore and discover nature's wonders and create art that encapsulates the beauty outside each classroom.

- Week 3 (June 29 to July 3): This Land Was Made For You And Me – This week is all about celebrating our independence. We will partner with the Sanibel Public Library and create shoebox floats along with other crafts that you will be able to take to the parade.

- Week 4 (July 6 to 10): Alice In Wonderland – You'll go this way and that way and every way around, until you find BIG ARTS the morning of July 6. Join us as we celebrate a classic tale, and even hold our very own mad tea party. After all, "We're all quite mad here, you'll fit right in!"

- Week 5 (July 13 to 17): To Infinity And Beyond – While things on earth are amazing, the cosmos are out of this world. Come design your own spaceship and adventure to the moon this week. Stargaze in a galaxy that you craft. Decide if you're an astronaut or an alien. Learn about astronomy and moon phases and make some cosmic slime. Parents please bring a large cardboard box at the start of the week to help us build the spaceship of your child's dreams.

- Week 6 (July 20 to 24): Eureka! The Inventor's Camp – Thomas Edison said that genius is 1 percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration... but this camp is 100 percent fun. Come to BIG ARTS this week and be inspired by some very famous inventors while creating your own inventions. Construct catapults and forts, design underwater vehicles, build a mini amplifier, and assemble a working light saber to take home. Be the creator you want to be at BIG ARTS.

- Week 7 (July 27 to 31): Arrg Matey! The Pirate Life For Me – Welcome aboard, ye little swashbucklers! Sail away on a ship of fun this week at BIG ARTS. We will hunt for buried treasure as you make your transformation into a true pirate. (Who doesn't love pirates?) To ports of call near and far we'll travel, discovering new worlds and memorable opportunities. Anchored in strong character and teamwork, we'll set a course for a grand adventure that only BIG ARTS could bring you.

- Week 8 (August 3 to 7): Around The World In 5 Days – Get ready to become an adventurer. We'll make our own passports and travel to a new country each day. We'll explore the culture, traditions, music and art of eight locations. On Friday, each culture will come together to perform the songs and dances of the countries and display the country-inspired art we have created that week.

- Week 9 (August 10 to 14): When I Grow Up... – What do you want to be when you grow up? BIG ARTS is here to send you down your path to success. As we wrap up our final week, kids will be encouraged to look into the future, reflect on the past and see what's in store 10, 20 or even 30 years down the road. We don't want you to grow up too fast, but this will give you a chance to imagine something and then create and become the very thing you have imagined in just a matter of moments.

For more information, call 395-0900 or email info@bigarts.org.



Nomination Deadline Nears For Distinguished Entrepreneur Award

The Florida Small Business Development Center (FSBDC) at Florida Gulf Coast University scheduled closing date for nominations for Distinguished Entrepreneur 2015 is Tuesday, March 31. Business entrepreneurs are encouraged to apply. The Distinguished Entrepreneur of SWFL Award recognizes a small-to mid-sized Southwest Florida business for its overall success, and provides an opportunity for the local business community to celebrate the company's achievements.

The FSBDC at FGCU will host its 2015 Distinguished Entrepreneur of the SWFL

Award and Ceremony event on Tuesday, May 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa in Bonita Springs. Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Company, P.A., has been named title sponsor for the event. Individual tickets are \$125.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for this event. Nominations, sponsorships and ticket purchases can be completed online at www.fsbdcswfl.org or contact the office at 745-3700.

The FSBDC at FGCU offers one-on-one, confidential, no-cost consulting and low-cost workshops for businesses throughout Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. It is designated by the state as Florida's principal provider of business assistance.

For more information, contact Amanda Stirn, marketing director, at astirn@fgcu.edu or 745-3706.

South Seas Resort Celebrates Easter



South Seas Resort Easter buffet



South Seas Island Resort

South Seas Island Resort on Captiva is celebrating Easter with a host of fun-filled activities for guests of all ages. Highlights of its 2015 Spring Celebration from Monday, March 30 to Sunday, April 5, include an oceanfront Spring Fling party; sand sculpting competition; an Easter egg decorating competition to create the best oversized egg; a guided moonlight kayak tour to Bryant Bayou; a Bunny Hop Bash with a variety of crafts including egg dying; and an egg hunt with a special appearance by the Easter Bunny.

An Easter Brunch of traditional favorites and Caribbean-infused menu items will be available to guests on Easter morning.

Happy hour and weekend specials are also being offered at resort dining outlets including Harbourside Bar & Grill, Sunset Beach Bar, The Pointe and Crooked Snook, a new tiki bar at the resort inside its main pool complex.

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Captivans Celebrate Landmark Lindbergh Book



Ann Bradley of the Captiva Memorial Library thanks Eiluned Morgan – niece of Anne Morrow Lindbergh – for attending last week’s 60th anniversary celebration of the release of Lindbergh’s groundbreaking book, *Gift From The Sea*, at the Captiva Community Center

photos by Jeff Lysiak

by Jeff Lysiak

More than 100 people gathered at the Captiva Community Center last Wednesday evening for a special program celebrating the 60th anniversary of the landmark book *Gift From The Sea*, written by former part-time island resident Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

Hosted by the Captiva Island Historical Society and sponsored in part by Captiva Memorial Library and the Earth Shine Institute, the event featured passages from the literary classic read by the author’s niece, Eiluned Morgan.

“I think that it’s extraordinary for any book to still be in print after 60 years,” said Morgan, who noted that more than 3.5 million copies of *Gift From The Sea* have been sold since it was first published in 1955.

“A good relationship has a pattern like a dance and is built on some of the same rules,” Lindbergh wrote. “The partners do not need to hold on tightly, because they move confidently in the same pattern, intricate but gay and swift and free, like a country dance of Mozart’s. To touch heavily would be to arrest the pattern and freeze the



Several books by and about Charles Lindbergh and Anne Morrow Lindbergh were offered for sale prior to the event

movement, to check the endlessly changing beauty of its unfolding. There is no place here for the possessive clutch, the clinging arm, the heavy hand; only the barest touch in passing. Now arm in arm, now face to face, now back to back – it does not matter which. Because they know they are partners moving to the same rhythm, creating a pattern together, and being invisibly nourished by it.”

During the lecture, Morgan reflected on *Gift From The Sea*, along with what her famous aunt – an acclaimed author, aviator and wife of American hero and pilot Charles Lindbergh – thought about the book. Holding a 50th anniversary edition of the classic, she said that it was “a runaway best-seller” from the time it was originally printed, and many consider it “a passionate read passed on from generation to generation.”

Lindbergh herself had a difficult time deciding which direction she would take her fifth book, offering that writing *Gift From The Sea* was like, “feeling for threads in the dark.” The author also gave credit to the island of Captiva, which she called “a wonderful organizer” for her thoughts.

“To an aviator, even the great continents are islands,” wrote Lindbergh, who shared her own spin on the well-known John Donne poem *No Man Is An Island*: “I feel we are all islands, in a common sea.”

Perhaps more important than its legacy as a leader in the environmental movement, Morgan explained that *Gift From The Sea* became a literary classic because it

It’s A Digital World, Even For Artists

Every day we see more and more art that is created digitally. But the world of more traditional art is also going digital, at least in the way that artists submit their work for exhibits. Many organizations locally and nationally are requiring digital submission.

For its 2015-16 season, BIG ARTS on Sanibel will require digital submissions for all juried exhibits, beginning with the juried sculpture show, planned for October.

With digital entries, artists no longer have to travel to the gallery location to place an entry in a show – they have no guarantee it will be admitted, and thus may have to go back the next day to retrieve it. That can be difficult for artists who are far away or have committed schedules. With digital submission, they only need to bring their approved work on receiving day.

“This should provide a much larger pool of work for the juror to choose from,” says Deborah Butler, co-chair of BIG ARTS’ Visual Arts Committee, “as busy artists from farther away can participate in our juried shows. Thus the quality of the shows should be improved.”

The digital images are only used in the decision about which works will be included in an exhibit; the decision as to

award winners will still be made in person by a juror after the accepted works are received.

But what does that mean for someone submitting a painting or a 3-D piece? BIG ARTS is offering a free workshop on how to handle digital submissions for artists. Included will be how to best photograph work, meeting specific requirements for size etc. Participants will learn how to correctly submit files and how the jurying and judging processes work with this new system, and even how to pay entry fees.

The workshop will take place on March 30 at 1 p.m. at the BIG ARTS Center, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. It is advised to call to reserve a place.

For more information, call 395-0900 or email info@bigarts.org.

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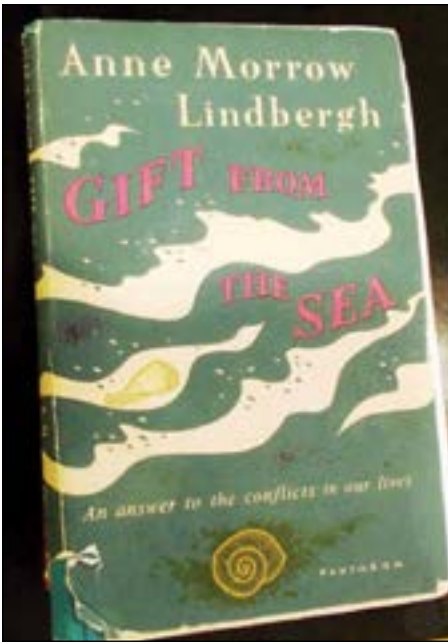
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Eiluned Morgan read several passages from *Gift From the Sea*, written in 1955 by her aunt, Anne Morrow Lindbergh



Artist Hannah Ineson



Paul McCarthy thanked Eiluned Morgan for speaking during the March 18 event hosted by the Captiva Island Historical Society

broke down barriers for women to write about subjects other than cooking, fashion and raising a family. She also said that her aunt didn't like being called a feminist, because that description was "too limiting." Instead, she preferred to be called a "humanist."

"*Gift From The Sea* opened the door for discussions that hadn't been possible before," added Morgan.

Following her lecture and a short question-and-answer period, Morgan was presented with a 50th anniversary edition of *Gift From The Sea*, which had been

read during a similar gathering 10 years ago – following Hurricane Charley – by Ann Bradley of the Captiva Memorial Library.

"This book is enduring in time all over the world, but not everybody knows that it was inspired here," noted Paul McCarthy, who emceed the event.

Hannah Ineson, an artist from East Naples, also displayed six paintings inspired by Lindbergh's book at the Captiva Community Center. "I try to paint with feeling, not with a specific location in mind," Ineson told the crowd.

Coffee, desserts and other refreshments were served following the reception, provided by Tween Waters Inn and The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company.

On Monday, March 30, the Captiva Island Historical Society will host a screening of the film *Queen of Swing*, featuring Norma Miller, a Lindy Hop swing dancer. The 94-year-old Miller will appear at the event, along with the director of the film. The event – which will also feature a fried chicken basket dinner and beverages – begins at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each and are available at the Captiva Community Center, 11550 Chapin Lane. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 472-2323 or sending an email to mail@captivaislandhistoricalsociety.org.✱



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Monday Night Movie

ILO ILO



by Di Saggau

The BIG ARTS Movie for Monday, March 30 is *ILO ILO*, a film set in 1997 Singapore, during that year's Asian financial crisis. A Filipino housemaid named Terry comes

to live with a struggling middle-class family. Father Teck works in sales, mother Leng as a secretary. Deprived of attention at home, their troublesome 10-year-old son Jiale, acts out at school.

Leng is the strict Asian mother, Heck her servile, emasculated spouse, and Terry the meek, oppressed immigrant. The film focuses on the growing bond between Terry and Jiale and the resentment this causes in his mother. An outsider in both the family and Singapore itself, Terry initially struggles to manage Jiale's antics and find her footing in her new community. She proves to be a smart and resilient addition to the family becoming confidante to both father and son. As she earns respect and affection from Jiale, she enters a frosty cold war of territorial jealousy with his mother.

Named after a province of the Phillipines, *ILO ILO* is a personal project for first time writer-director Anthony Chen, who grew up in 1990s Singapore with a Filipino maid and a family suffering financial woes. With evocative



performances, especially from the two women, *ILO ILO* marks the emergence of a promising new cinematic voice. The characters feel authentic and capture the bittersweet banality of middle-class family life with vivid accuracy. The film runs one hour and 33 minutes.

Next up on April 6 is *Tracks* about an Australian girl who walks 1,700 miles across the Australian desert. I'll have more on that in next week's *Island Sun*.

Admission to BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series is \$8 and all screenings begin at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall. Each film is followed by a complimentary reception and discussion in

Phillips Gallery. Series Sponsors: Bank of the Islands, Stan and Visnja Gembicki, John R. Wood Properties, Penny Wilkinson. Series Supporters: Sanibel Taxi, Jerry's Foods of Sanibel.

BIG ARTS is located at 900 Dunlop Road. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 395-0900.*

Superior Interiors

What Does 'Custom' Mean?



by Jeanie Tinch

I am often asked what I mean when I use the expression "custom decorating." Here are some of the benefits of going custom.

"Furnishings play a vital role in setting the mood and atmo-

sphere for everyday living... a woman's home is an extension of herself," said Bob Mackie, the designer of glamorous gowns for the likes of Cher and Tina Turner, who has turned his talents to the home. Custom furnishings help express the homeowner's personality. For a husband and wife, custom will blend their tastes, it will bring the wishes of each into a room that both can enjoy.

Each sofa and loveseat you order is upholstered in your personal choice of fabric, the finish of every table and chair has been specified by you, and your draperies are designed to coordinate with the style and colors of the room, and fabricated to fit the size of the windows.

Custom does not mean starting from scratch. It may mean "working around people's furnishings, supplying them with what they want," writes Carol Donayre Bugg, who is vice president of design for Decorating Den Interiors, North America's largest home furnishings and interior design franchise company.

The extra touches you get from a custom treatment are endless. Detailing, such as banding, cording, trims and coordinating colors and fabrics, makes custom treatments truly individual and reflective of your style and taste. Designing the perfect window treatment for your home says a lot about you and your lifestyle. Perhaps nothing adds more drama and

pizzazz to your home's overall design plan than custom designed window treatments.

Custom bedding is another example. In addition to coordinating with what you already have, or what you are changing in the room's décor, it will fit your bed the way you want it to fit. You won't have to settle for only what you can find online or in a catalog.

Let's not forget color, the canvas of your room. Color is like beauty, it's all in the eye of the beholder. There are no bad colors, just bad decisions about using them. A designer can help with those choices.

In the end, custom should be affordable. The goal is to provide beauty, comfort and good design within a realistic budget.

Most of all, it should fit those who use the space. Legendary decorator William Pahlmann, of Lord & Taylor's, said, "Good decoration is a design for the living, not for looking. It is the service of human needs."

Jeanie Tinch is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at jeanie@coindceden.com.*

Writers' Meeting

Gulf Coast Writers Association annual business meeting and writing contest awards presentations will take place March 28 at 10 a.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2439 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers.

Members and first time visitors are admitted free; guests pay \$5.

Visit www.gulfwriters.org or call 247-4515 for more information.*

Book Sale

The popular Recycled Book Sale at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, will be open to the public from 1 to 3 p.m. every Sunday through March 29. Included in the sale will be gently used books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles, games, jewelry and small gift items.

Fiction is arranged alphabetically by author, and non-fiction by subject.

Proceeds benefit local non-profit agencies supported by the church.

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Upcoming Library Programs



Building with KEX in FabLab

Sanibel Public Library will be hosting a variety of programs this month.

On Monday, March 30 and Monday, April 6 at 1 p.m., children are invited to join in the fun with FabLab. On these days, there will be a variety of projects to work on – marble mazes, creating flowers out of a plastic table cloth, using crazy geoboards, making chain reactions out of dominoes or craft sticks, or making propeller cars. The library's FabLab has

items that are available for use at all times like Keva planks, Snap Circuits, Legos, duct tape and scrapbook supplies. FabLab is a place to create, tinker, build and have fun. Call Miss Barb at 472-2483 to let her know you are coming so there are enough supplies for everyone.

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Poet's Corner



We invite submissions from local poets. Anyone interested may submit their work via email to tutsie@comcast.net. Each week, individual work will be showcased.

selected by Tanya Hochschild

Sunset Pinks and Florida Cold Front

by Betty Anholt

Sunset Pinks

A crush of spoonbills
tumble down,
Rose thistles on the wind
Gyrate like storm-whipped
umbrellas,
Nearly stall, to recover
and land
Spread-footed in a plop of
shallow water.
Tangle-winged sailors
unsure of their wind
The pale young sift hurriedly
in dimming twilight
For their evening snack while

their elders stand –
A dozen dozen stemmed
carnations blooming in
dusk's light.

Florida Cold Front

The fields are December gold
And on the margins,
Crouching in the shadows
from the early sun
Are frosted dew patches
Surprised by the night's
starry glow.

Even the palms are still
Not shivering, but frozen
in amazement.

A line of mist – free of
the cold ground but
Trapped by the pine canopy
Hovers indecisive

Cloud blankets are tucked
protectively over each
lake and creek
So earth's lifeblood
will not
escape to the stars.

Betty Anholt is a student of Florida's natural and social history and has published four books including Sanibel's Story. She has been writing poetry since childhood.

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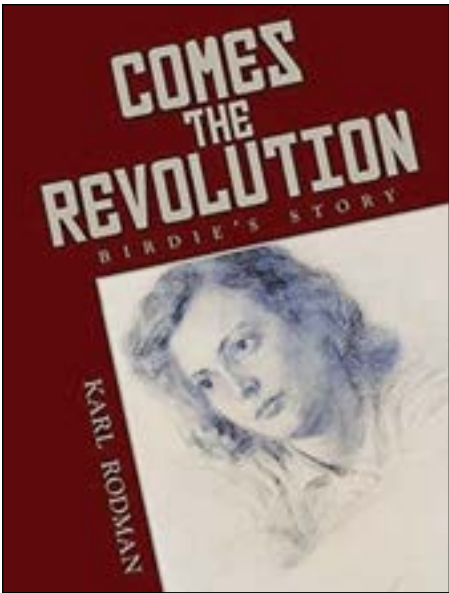
Comes The Revolution: Birdie's Story

by Di Saggau

Sanibel author Karl Rodman has penned a fascinating, fictionalized biography of his aunt Birdie, a strong, determined woman who worked hard for what she believed. The book is a sort of love-letter to her. Rodman told me that when Birdie died at 100, it seemed to him that her story was worth telling. He said Birdie was quite reticent to talk about the Russia period in her life. He knew a few details and felt free to invent those that he didn't know. Having led tours to the Soviet Union, much of the settings and some of the characters come from his own experiences.

On the front of the book is a charcoal sketch of Birdie. That portrait hangs today on her daughter's wall. She and her daughter had a complicated relationship which is obvious in the first few pages of the book. The exchange between the two of them is a true one.

Birdie's story starts out in 1931, under the cloud of the Great Depression. Twenty-one-year-old Birdie, a Jewish New Yorker, loses her job. A friend convinces Birdie that her role in life is to make the world a better place, specifically by working to bring a Soviet revolution



to America. Rodman feels that boredom, and having no prospects along with idealism, made her want to help build a better world. Birdie travels to Russia where she has a romance with a writer who is denounced and sent to Siberia. Birdie, pregnant with his child, makes several trips to the camps in Siberia to try and set him free.

After meeting an American journalist whom she marries, Birdie moves back to America just before World War II. However, she does not turn her back on her socialist ideals. Over the span of 50 years, many important events take place including The Korean War, the Rosenberg trial, Krushchev's speech, the

House Un-American Activities Committee and even a concert by political activist Paul Robeson. If that name doesn't ring a bell, picture the young man who sang *Ole Man River* in the movie musical *Showboat*. That's him.

Rodman paints a beautiful verbal picture of Russian landmarks, including the ornate church of Saint Basil, just outside Red Square. He talks about how Birdie always carried with her a bust of one of Russia's leading stage directors, Vladimir Mayerhoff. This fact is true. He also invented a relationship between the two that may or may not be true.

Birdie's feelings and the issues she struggled with are expressed in the book when she tells a friend, "I saw how bad it was. I've always known it. I lived through it. I saw people starve while I ate royally. I saw the terror firsthand. You know all about my husband being sent away on trumped-up accusations and none of it matters. When I hear the Red Army band playing *The International* or when Paul Robeson sings the Soviet National Anthem, my heart still beats faster, tears come to my eyes. Right away, I'm home. These are my people and I'm not able to let go of the dream."

The book is an inspiring tribute to a strong-willed woman who had a complicated affair with Soviet Russia. *Comes The Revolution: Birdie's Story* is available at Bailey's General Store, island bookstores and on Amazon.com. I thoroughly enjoyed reading it and know you will too.✧

The State Of Lee County Is Topic Of IMA Meeting

The Southwest Florida Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) is presenting State of the County as the topic for its March 24 program. Lee County leaders will talk about past, present and future state of affairs.

The two-hour program begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 9931 Interstate Commerce Drive, Fort Myers, and will feature a presentations by:

- Richard Wesch - Lee County attorney;
- Roger Desjarlais - Lee County manager; and
- Larry Kiker - Lee County Commissioner.

Hear the facts, join the discussion, and ask your questions. To register and more information, visit <http://imaswfl-march2015.eventbrite.com>. For more information on IMA Southwest Florida, visit the IMA Southwest Florida website at www.swflima.org.

The cost to attend is \$30 for IMA members, \$35 for non-members and \$10 for students and retirees and includes dinner.

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSP

Dear Shelley,
My daughter was tested for special education and was found not eligible for these services. While I don't want my daughter to be

labeled and I am glad that she doesn't have a disability, I am disappointed that she will not be receiving specialized help. She is still struggling. What should I do to help her?

Megan S., Fort Myers, Florida

Megan,

Although your child was found ineligible for special education services, this should not be the final step in terms of assisting her. The very fact that your child was evaluated indicated that there were valid concerns and difficulties that probably still need to be addressed. Her learning problems still require intervention but will need to be addressed using a different plan, other than special education. It would be prudent at this point to have a meeting with the teacher and other school personnel to determine what can be done within regular education to remediate your daughter's learning problems.

I'm sure it seems quite confusing. You are probably asking why can't your daughter just get help from Special Education teachers no matter her "label"? Why can't they help her? The eligibility requirements for special education services are essentially proscribed by law. Schools are required to follow strict guidelines set forth by both the state and federal governments. And there are strong penalties for school districts that do not

comply with the regulations.

I have listed some common reasons why child might be found ineligible for special education services. I hope this provides some clarification for you.

- Your child does not meet criteria for one of the disabilities recognized with special education. Each disability has a federal definition and a strict set of guidelines for determining if a student meets that definition. If a student does not meet the criteria for a disability, he or she will not be eligible to receive special education services.

- Your child has a disability, but there is not a documented educational impact. Just because a student has a diagnosed disability, it does not automatically mean a child will receive special education services. The disability must be creating an adverse effect on education. The way a school measures this adverse effect on education will vary but at a minimum most schools compare educational testing to cognitive testing to see if the child is learning to his or her ability level.

- Your child learns more slowly than other children, but does not qualify for any disability category. Testing revealed that your child has difficulty learning, struggles to learn new concepts, and it has greatly impacted educational performance. Despite these difficulties, special education services cannot be obtained because this is not considered a "disability." These are the students who will need the most support within the regular education environment. Tutorial and remedial programs are often used for students who learn at a slower pace. You may also need to hire outside tutors to help her.

I urge you to meet with school personnel to discuss your child's educational needs and ask that a plan be developed for her. In fact I would recommend that you keep in frequent contact with your daughter's teachers to monitor her progress

and make changes are made as needed.

Shelley Gregg is adjunct faculty at Florida SouthWestern State College, where she teaches psychology and education courses. She is also a nationally certified school psychologist and

consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.✱

Music, Health Programs At Library



Yoga is one way to improve balance and prevent falls

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Songs And Stories For Soldiers Fundraiser Rescheduled For April 3

On Friday, April 3, from 5 to 7 p.m., The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club will host a fundraising event for the Songs and Stories for Soldiers program to help increase awareness of the challenges of TBI and PTSD for American veterans and to raise money to buy MP3 systems for the veterans. The fundraiser was originally scheduled for March 26.

Through Songs and Stories for Soldiers, in partnership with the Carrick Brain Center in Irving, Texas, soldiers are provided with MP3 packages to help fill their down time between treatments, and help them get to sleep and rest through the night.

In the first four months of the program, 1,500 MP3 players were distributed and in the last 30 days, enough money has been collected to send out 800 more players. The goal is to have 10,000 veterans using the program by the end of 2015. For as little as \$10, you can help a soldier make it through the night.

All are welcome to come and learn more about the program. If you can't attend, you can go to the website – songsandstoriesforsoldiers.us – and click on the donate button. You will be helping soldiers get safely to dawn, and you just might win the complete three-volume set of Dan Perkins' trilogy, *The Brotherhood of the Red Nile*.

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club is at 949 Sand Castle Road. For more information, call 472-2535.✱

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SanCap Cares Sets Fundraising Record, Meets \$10 Million Goal



Marty Harrity as Liberace

The stars shone brightly at South Seas Island Resort on Captiva to benefit Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. SanCap Cares reached its five-year, \$10 million commitment to Golisano Children's Hospital's capital campaign for the new freestanding facility, adjacent to HealthPark, scheduled to open in Spring 2017.

At the beginning of this season, SanCap Cares was \$6 million toward its goal. In just the past two months, with sponsorships, capital campaign gifts and the event at South Seas Island Resort's Captiva Ballroom, an additional \$4 million was raised, completing the goal.

Due to SanCap Cares' efforts, the new pediatric emergency department will be named after the Sanibel and Captiva communities. The emergency department will be larger than the current one, with state of the art technology designed especially for children.

The biggest star of the evening was Marty Harrity, SanCap Cares' annual auctioneer extraordinaire, who made a grand entrance as the one and only Liberace. With a long flowing rhinestone and feathered cape, the Sanibel city councilman entertained and encouraged the group to raise their auction paddles for a great cause.

Thanks to SanCap Cares co-chairs Paula Bentinck-Smith, Amanda Cross and Susie Peltzman and their dedicated committee, the annual gala was an elegant evening celebrating the realization of a dream started 15 years ago by a group of caring Sanibel moms.

The evening was filled with additional shining stars. Sanibel Captiva Trust was the Master Sponsor for the 12th year; Corporate Sponsors, South Seas Island Resort and PSAV provided endless audio/video and convention services which made the evening spectacular.

The Captiva Ballroom lit up during the live auction as patrons bid on a diamond ring from Congress Jewelers, a beautiful roseate spoonbill hand-carved by Jim Sprinkle, an original piece of art by Darryl Pottorf, and the ever-popular Name That Drink from Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille.

Funds raised during the special Give-to-Give live auction will provide three dedicated Pediatric Neurology Epilepsy Monitoring Units in the new hospital. These specially designed rooms will monitor, evaluate and even induce seizures in young patients who are experiencing neurological issues.

In addition, guests pledged anywhere from \$50 to \$71,000 toward specific equipment needed in the new hospital, some of which was brought to the event and demonstrated by hospital staff.

The generosity and energy from the 15th Anniversary Island Celebration will shine brightly over Sanibel and Captiva for a long time.

For additional information on SanCap Cares, visit www.SanCapCares.org or email SanibelCaptivaCares@gmail.com. ✨

SCCF Tennis Tournament At The Dunes April 11 And 12

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) is holding its 23rd annual Tennis Tournament at The Dunes Pavel-Blackwood Tennis Academy on Saturday and Sunday, April 11 and 12. The format is doubles team competition with first round consolation; winners advance to the finals.

Play begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, continuing on Sunday April 12, with semi-finals and finals. There will be Courtside Happy Hour on Saturday at 5 p.m.

All entrants will receive tournament T-shirts and first place winners and finalists will receive an etched glass piece created by Lucas Century.

Breakfast and lunch will be served on Saturday; there will be a brunch on Sunday.

The categories are Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles, and all league players will compete at team level of the highest-ranked partner. Non-league players will be placed at USTA rating and/or at the discretion of The Dunes director of tennis operations. If three or fewer teams enter a category, they will be placed with the nearest appropriate category and will play a double elimination round.

For more information, call Diane Limeri at The Dunes Pavel-Blackwood Tennis Academy, 472-3522.

Sundial Beach Resort & Spa is sponsoring the event in the Championship category.



From left: Paul Corliss; Luc Century, tournament founder and glass artist; Phillip Starling, Sundial general manager; and Erica Cossairt, tennis director

Paul Corliss is helping to raise funds for this event as well as personally sponsoring the tournament as a Match Sponsor.

Erica Cossairt, director of tennis at Sundial, will be taking part in the pro exhibition

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Page Turners with Ann Rodman – If you would like to be on the Page Turners list, email annrodman@aol.com or contact the Center 4 Life.

The featured book on Wednesdy, April 8 at 2:30 p.m. is *Comes The Revolution* by Karl Rodman. Discussion will be facilitated by Alice Walzer.

iPad & iPhone Classes Now Available – Tuesdays and Thursdays with instructor Ronda Seifer Walis on the following dates:

Understanding iPhoto: April 14 and 16
iPad – Beginners: March 31 and April 2

iPhone Basics: April 7 and 9
A session includes a Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. on the dates indicated. Cost is \$60 per session for members and \$90 per session for non-members. Class size limited to four. You must provide your own device.

Sunset Social on the Causeway – Tuesday, April 28 at 6 p.m. Spend a

relaxing evening watching the beautiful island sunset. Call to RSVP, or sign up at the center. Meet on the causeway and bring an appetizer to share. Bring your beach chair. Meet on the first island on your left as you leave Sanibel. Look for Trish Phillips and the Island Seniors banner. Weather permitting.

Leisure Lunchers – Tuesday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m., Sanibel Moorings Botanical Gardens. Take a leisurely stroll along the pathways with tour guide Anita Marshall. Bring your camera and keep an eye out for the many resident butterflies, birds and wildlife. But remember, while a picture may be worth a thousand words, seeing the gardens in person is priceless. Limited to 20 persons. Lunch will be at the Blue Coyote. Sign up at the center.

The Flagler Museum w/Guided Tour and Lunch in Palm Beach – Wednesday, April 15. Cost is \$79 for members, \$89 for non-members. Includes round trip transportation; guided tour of the Flagler Museum (also known as Whitehall, Flagler's own home with his third wife, Mary Lily); Gilded-Age style lunch at the museum; and shopping time on Worth Avenue. Depart from Fort Myers at 7 a.m. Deadline to sign up is Friday, April 3.

Games Bridge – Monday and Wednesday

at 1 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes will be awarded.

Mahjongg – Thursday at 1 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

Tuesday and Thursday Kayaking – March 31, April 2, 7 and 9 (weather permitting) at 8:30 a.m. There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and limited space for those who own their own kayaks. Island Seniors will provide kayaks, paddles and life jackets. Bring water, a small snack, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses, towel, hat and change of clothing. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Advance registration is required.

Fitness Classes
Classes are available and all ages are welcome. Cost is \$3.75 for members and \$6.75 for non-members. Annual membership is \$20. Sanibel Recreation Center members must show their membership card to attend.

Happy Hour Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. This class keeps your brain fit and your heart, lungs and muscles strong with a combination of aerobics and muscle conditioning exercises and balance. Hand weights, stretch cords and your body weight will

be used. Class begins with a joke and ends with a positive thought for the day. Athletic footwear required. Silvia Villanueva is the instructor.

Essential Total Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Cardio, muscle strengthening and flexibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls. Athletic footwear required. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

Power Hour Fitness – Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. Hand weights, stretch cords, stability balls and mats are used. Improve core strength and balance. Athletic footwear required. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

Gentle Yoga – Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Stretch, tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Mats are used to meet the needs of varying experience levels. Bring a towel. Kim Kouril is the instructor.

Chair Yoga – Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. Similar to Gentle Yoga but all poses are done in a chair. Kim Kouril is the instructor.

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Eileen Fisher Raises Funds For Human Trafficking Prevention



Attendees of the February 20 HTAP event at the Eileen Fisher store on Sanibel

The Eileen Fisher store at the Forever Green Shops hosted a fundraiser on February 20 for Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships (HTAP) for the third time since 2010.

Nola Theiss, executive director of HTAP, and Dalyn Bland, HTAP intern from FGCU, attended and spoke to customers about the occurrence of human trafficking in Southwest Florida and the local efforts to combat human trafficking since the first task force was organized by the Lee County Sheriff's Department at the suggestion of the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva.

Customers purchased Eileen Fisher clothing and a portion of the day's proceeds were donated to HTAP for its youth prevention programs. Some customers made additional donations directly to HTAP, raising a total of \$2,930. These programs include ARTREACH, a 10-hour program offered to over 160 students in seven separate venues in 2014 alone. Paintings from this year's programs at Our Mother's Home, Ebenezer Christian Academy, First Haitian Baptist Church and the Boys and Girls' Club were on display.

The Eileen Fisher Corporation has been consistently supportive of HTAP over the years through fundraisers and grants. The local manager, Ruth Mayor, and her staff have worked with HTAP locally and representatives from the corporate and district offices have participated in the events.

On April 9, the Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva is sponsoring a fundraising event to benefit HTAP, the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village and BIG ARTS. It is an award winning one woman show, *Unsinkable Women*, starring Deborah Jean Templin at BIG ARTS beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$55 each and are available by calling 395-0900.

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Highlights Of Sanibel Historical Village Under The Stars Party



Guests mingle at the Sanibel Historical Village's Under The Stars Garden Party and Dance, held on the museum grounds on March 18
photos by Jeff Lysiak



Ann and Karl Rodman with Gail Migliorini



Mario and Louise Mangieri check out the live auction items



Gerri Perkins, Anita Smith and Sheila Barboza welcomed guests to the fundraiser



Dottie Miller donated the doll house to be auctioned



Enchanted Ballroom dancers Caleb Owen and Sheridin Wright



Adrienne Cross, John and Paula Newton and Alan Cross



Susan and Don Spangler and Carol Gertsen



Entertainer J. Robert provided music throughout the evening gala staged underneath two tents on museum grounds

Calendar Girls Entertain At Fair



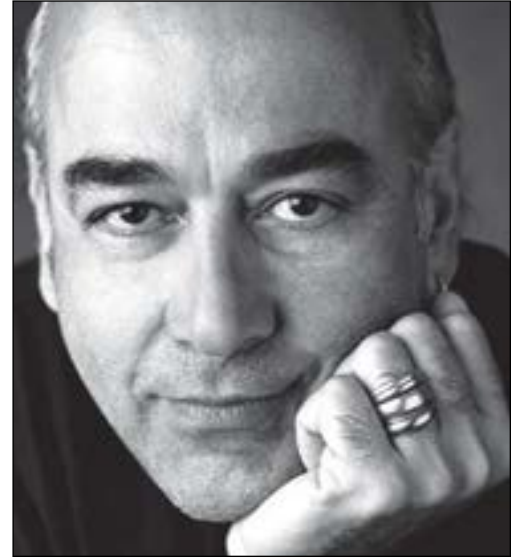
Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club member Bill Sadd with the Calendar Girls

The Calendar Girls got "Sanibelized" performing at the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, March 21. The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club and the Calendar Girls are big supporters of the Southeastern Guide Dogs organization. For more information on the Calendar Girls, visit www.calendar-girlsflorida.com.

Renowned Designer To Visit Lily & Co. Jewelers

Gurhan jewelry is unmistakable. Whether it is the unique design wrought solely in gold or kissed with gold in the tri-tonal silver line, women around the world seek out Gurhan pieces. Residents and visitors are invited to meet the famed designer during his visit March 27 to 29 at Lily & Co. Jewelers. There will be a cocktail party Friday, March 27 from 5 to 9 p.m., and open house Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 29 from noon to 5 p.m.

"We are delighted to be hosting a cocktail party in honor of a talented designer such as Gurhan," said Lily & Co. owners Dan Schuyler and Karen Bell. "Having him visit for an entire weekend is more than a treat and we invite everyone to meet the wonderful, personable man behind the exquisite jewelry."



Gurhan

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A Vision For HealthPark



Dr. Brian Hummel

submitted by Sandy Teger

Every time I hear an ambulance racing down Periwinkle, sirens sounding, I wonder about the person inside. With heart disease the number one cause of death of both men and women in the U.S. and given the aging population of our island, many of these might need immediate interventions for cardiac problems. Some of them may be



Dr. Paul DiGiorgi

friends. Next time – pray not – it could be me.
Lee Memorial Health System (LMHS) is the sole provider of cardiothoracic (CT) surgery in Lee County and its CT surgery division is one of the busiest in Florida. It has been a center of excellence for minimally invasive heart surgery and has comprehensive follow-up programs. But doctors Paul DiGiorgi and Brian Hummel think it could do better, and have a vision for a new cardiothoracic surgery center that will take the next leap forward in optimizing patient care.
On March 13, Darryl Pottorf and Mark

Pace hosted a gathering of people at the Rauschenberg home, brought together by their common interest in cardiac care. It included doctors and staff from LMHS, former cardiac patients, philanthropists and community leaders. The goal was to start spreading a vision of the next level of

cardiac care, including innovations in techniques and services that improve patient care. This includes increased focus on preoperative measures (prehabilitation, not just rehabilitation), and on the integration
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New Buyers For Village Store



Nancy Siegel, Edina Lessack and Ann Rodman, store committee chair

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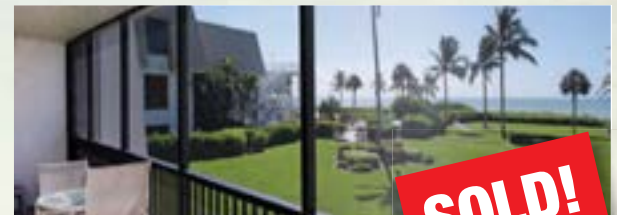
- 2 bedroom/2 bath • Gulf-front views • Residential complex • Remodeled kitchen and baths
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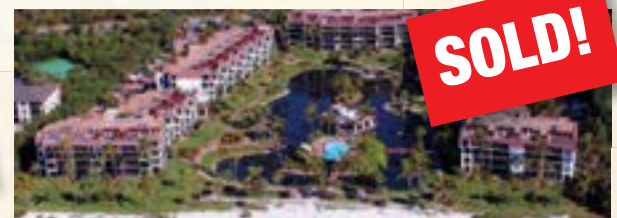
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Firefighters Complete Hazmat Training At Water Facility



Members of the Sanibel Fire & Rescue District during their training exercises
photos by Jeff Lysiak

by Jeff Lysiak

Members of the Sanibel Fire & Rescue District (SFRD) last week took part in their annual hazardous material and emergency response training at the Island Water Association's main facility on Sanibel-Captiva Road, practicing search and rescue techniques as well as handling and containing spills of toxic materials.

According to SFRD Training Officer Tim Barrett, all three shifts from Sanibel Fire Stations #1 and #2 are required to participate in the water-based rescue exercises every year.

"Every month, we perform a different special ops exercise," said Barrett. "The biggest thing with hazmat training is preparations, which are very important when you're working with hazardous materials."

On March 18, two teams of two firefighters took part in a simulation which mimicked a victim being knocked down by a 55-gallon drum of caustic acid, then being overcome and rendered unconscious by fumes. Using the IWA's bank of surveillance cameras - which provide visual coverage of their entire facility - firefighters were dispatched to the site, put on specially-designed hazmat suits and rescued the fallen "victim" - a rescue dummy hidden behind one of the IWA buildings.

"It's a fairly realistic scenario," added Barrett, overseeing the SFRD reaction, response and execution of the drill. "Somebody monitoring the surveillance cameras tells our team where to find the victim, then we go in and take him out."

After finding the fallen victim and carrying him via a stretcher to safety, both the hazmat team and victim were doused with water to simulate being decontaminated.

Several IWA workers assisting with the fire department's annual exercise were very impressed when watching how the search-and-rescue teams responded to the emergency.

"We train with them on a regular basis," explained Brandon Henke. "They're really on the ball."

"The Island Water Association has an excellent safety record," added Neil Erickson.✱



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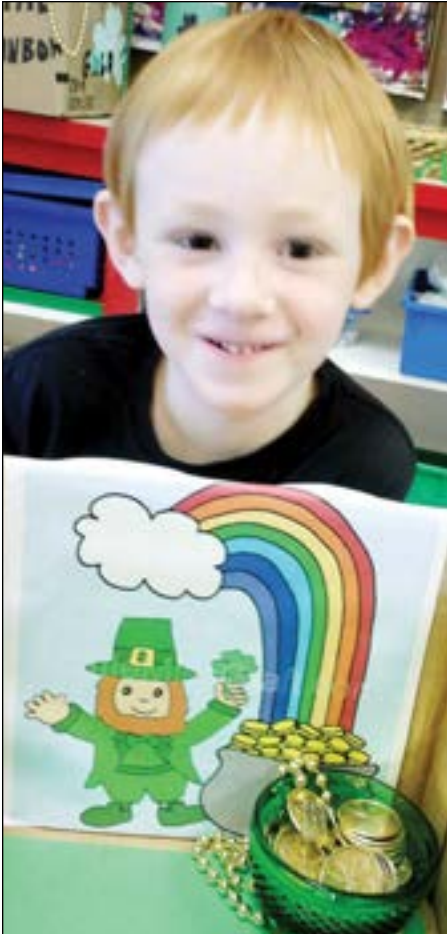
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St. Patrick's Day Celebration



Bode Lackenby's trap will make a jingle noise when the leprechaun tries to steal the gold necklace

The Children's Education Center of the Islands was visited by a tricky little leprechaun who made a mess of their VPK classroom. He sprung all the leprechaun traps the youngsters made, left footprints and glitter every-



Blake Krosnowski is very excited to catch the leprechaun with his trap



Enthusiasm is bubbling over from Dawson Liebetrau with his leprechaun trap

where, knocked over chairs, played with toys and didn't clean them up. However, he left gold coins and golden shells all over the playground. According to the school's teachers, it was definitely hard



Dylan Stevens will be very surprised if he doesn't catch the leprechaun with his fancy trap

to keep a straight face while seeing all the excitement and listening to the children try to figure out what happened.✱



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A new session of Tai Chi with Dr. Marc Rowe is offered at the Sanibel Recreation Center on Wednesdays. The beginners class will be held at 2 p.m. from March 25 through April 29. Cost for the six-week session is \$42 for members and \$55 for non-members. Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese form of "soft-style" martial art exercise that is based on slow, fluid movements. Dr. Rowe's instruction focuses on maintaining one's center of gravity while improving flexibility and muscle tone. Tai Chi is considered an excellent way to reduce stress and generate mental calmness and clarity. Participants are encouraged to wear loose fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. The recreation center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information call 472-0345 or visit www.mysanibel.com.✱



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Cash Martinson's very clever trap is sure to yield results



Nathan Ashley has a classic trap that he was sure would do the trick

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A Vision For HealthPark

of multiple disciplines to evaluate and minimize risk. Kat Epple, flautist and longtime friend of Bob Rauschenberg and the hosts, played flute music.

The expanded CT division, to be called the Center of Innovation, will be located in a 10,000+ square-foot space at HealthPark and is intended to be the major center for advanced cardiac care in Southwest Florida. To achieve the vision,

advocates for the center understand that financing must come from non-government sources such as research grants and philanthropy from private investors, corporations and foundations.

Our community has stepped up to challenges like this in the past. Everyone is invited to learn what part they might play in translating this vision to reality. Potential roles include philanthropic gifts and referring patents, clinicians and others interested in improving healthcare and surgical services.

For more information, contact Dr. Paul DiGiorgi, or Dr. Brian Hummel at 343-6341 .✱

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The Dunes Golf Club

One Best Ball Of Two Net



Vieve Moeckel, Pat Wentling, Mo Rains and Linda Mason

The ladies took advantage of temperatures in the low 80s and nice gulf breeze and made some fine scores. The highlight news of the day coming into the scorer's table was that five of the ladies had chip-ins on various holes. The Member & Member event for the day was 1 Best Ball of 2 Net. The winners were:

Flight 1		
1st	Ann Humphrey and Mardi Glenn	58
2nd	June Muench and Annie Wainwright	59
3rd	Gretha Christensen and Cathy Sleiter	61
Flight 2		
1st	Pat Wentling and Mo Rains	59*
2nd	Noel Barbee and Nancy McConnell	59*
3rd	Mary Donovan and Ann McCarthy	61*
Flight 3		
1st	Judy Yenkole and Roberta Rohl	57
2nd	Muriel DeRoberts and Joan Kelly	61
3rd	Willie Winkler and Terry Jewett	65



Retail manager
Espe Konfinos is celebrating 37 years working at The Dunes



Annie Wainwright, June Muench, Marlo Bamberger and Jodie Hawkins

* Scorecard Playoff

Chip-ins:	
Judy Yenkole	Hole #10
June Muench	Hole #10
Ann Humphrey	Hole #13
Cathy Sleiter	Hole #16
Margaret Dwyer	Hole #17.✪

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Sue Altum, Trudy Burkholder and Peggy Hogg



Lesley Simmons, Ann Levinsohn and Gay Nichols

The Dunes Golf Club Nifty Niners

Exciting league tournament play was in the air the past two Thursdays at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club on Sanibel. The challenge was the annual Nifty Niners Ladies 9-Hole Club Championship that involved two weeks of concentration and determination. After each of the morning rounds, the ladies were served a light lunch in the clubhouse by Chef Dave Paci. A lot of the conversations during the luncheon covered some great shots made by the ladies that finally determined the multiple flight champions. Winners:

Flight #1	
Lesley Simmons	65
Flight #2	
Gay Nichols	66
Trudy Burkholder	66✪



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Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

Terry Ricotta Captures Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League Singles Tournament

Terry Ricotta from the league champion Bunt's Ball Busters team came out of the loser's bracket to take first place honors in the league's annual year-end single game double elimination 8-ball tournament. Twenty-eight shooters competed for six hours on the two tables at American Legion Post 123 on Monday, March 23. Ricotta had defeated last year's champion, Kevin Pottorf, before being pushed to the loser's side by Dave Doane, a fellow competitor from Bunt's Ball Busters. Ricotta then beat Doane twice to win the tournament.

Dave Doane took second and Jimbo Gaubatz from the Fresh Legion Crew took third. John Reigert from Sandycappers was fourth. Jack Dalton from Sandycappers and Doc Lubinski from Fresh Legion Crew tied for fifth and sixth. Kevin Pottorf from Sandycappers and Pete Mindel from Sanibel Café tied for seventh and eighth.

The winners will be awarded cash prizes at the league's awards banquet set for Monday, March 30, 6 p.m., at American Legion Post 123. Team cash prizes and

awards to the year's top percentage shooter, the player with the most 4-0 matches, and most improved player will also be presented. A 3-Ball tournament will take place after the banquet and program.

On Monday, April 6, the Sanibel league plays its annual match against the North Fort Myers Senior 8-Ball League. The march starts at 7 p.m. at American Legion Post 123. North Fort Myers leads the series 4-3.✪

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SCCF Tennis

match at 5 p.m. on April 11.

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Tournament proceeds benefit SCCF's general operating fund.

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Players can sign up online at <http://tennislink.usta.com/tournaments> and enter ID #150090015, or call The Dunes at 472-3522 for more information.✪

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Tuscany Isle	Bonita Springs	2000	7,600	\$3,850,000	\$3,050,000	153
Metes And Bounds	Captiva	1993	4,628	\$2,799,585	\$2,500,000	185
Ibis Cove At Bonita Bay	Bonita Springs	1998	5,014	\$1,895,000	\$1,800,000	5
Turtle Walk	Fort Myers Beach	2014	2,295	\$1,895,000	\$1,600,000	28
Crescent Beach	Fort Myers Beach	1939	928	\$989,000	\$975,000	242
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2010	2,972	\$899,900	\$874,900	9
Las Palmas	Bonita Springs	2004	2,488	\$869,000	\$850,000	452
Metes and Bounds	Sanibel	1979	2,091	\$849,000	\$849,000	0
Arezzo	Bonita Springs	2003	3,228	\$850,000	\$835,000	162
Siena	Miromar Lakes	2005	2,895	\$825,000	\$780,000	579

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SPORTS QUIZ

- 1. When was the last time before 2014 that the Kansas City Royals had a winning streak of at least 10 games?
- 2. Name the last College World Series game to go 15 innings before Virginia and Texas Christian did it in 2014.
- 3. Who was the first tight end to be named an NFL Offensive Player of the Month?
- 4. In 2014, Oakland’s Travis Bader set a Division I record for most career 3-point shots made (504). Who had held the mark?
- 5. Who was the last defenseman in the 20th century to score four goals in an NHL game?
- 6. In 2014, Austrian Mario Matt became the oldest alpine men’s skier (34) to win an Olympic gold medal. Who had been the oldest?
- 7. Who are the three male pro golfers to win three major titles by age 25?

ANSWERS

1. The Royals won 14 in a row in 1994. 2. Southern Cal and Florida State, in 1970. 3. New Orleans’ Jimmy Graham, by the NFC in 2013. 4. Duke’s J.J. Redick, with 457 made. 5. Edmonton’s Paul Coffey, in 1984. 6. Norway’s Kjetil Andre Aamodt, who was a younger 34 when he won the 2006 Olympic super giant slalom. 7. Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy.



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Red Sox Manager Has High Expectations For Retooled Squad

by Ed Frank



As Spring Training comes to an end and the regular season dawns in just 10 days, Boston Red Sox Manager John Farrell has "high expectations" that his revamped 2015 team is much improved from last year when the Red Sox finished last in the American League Eastern Division.

"Our players have a sense of redemption and a positive outlook," Farrell said.

It's been a rollercoaster ride for the Red Sox the last three seasons. Farrell took over in 2013 after Boston lost 93 games the year before to finish last. In his first year at the helm, the team won 97 games and streaked to a World Championship.

Then last year it plummeted to last again with a 71-91 record.

Boston General Manager Ben Cherington restocked the 2015 team with nine new players, committing more than \$200 million in the off-season that included the signings of veteran sluggers Hanley Ramirez and Pablo Sandoval.

He (Cherington) is always working to improve our roster and our owners have the ability to acquire such players," Farrell said.

"The expectation here is to win every year and that certainly reflects upon this year. I feel very good about our roster," he added. "We've had the normal bumps and bruises during Spring Training, but that's to be expected."

In an interview with the *Island Sun* and *The River Weekly News*, a range of baseball subjects were discussed including the new rules to shorten the time that games are played.

"Speeding up the game is an appeal to younger baseball fans to capture their interest. It's the society we live in," Farrell explained.

He sees no problem with the time limits placed on pitchers warming up between innings, but the new rule requiring hitters to keep one foot in the batter's box between pitches "is a work in progress."

Many players, including Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz, have voiced strong opposition to the new rule.

"Batters always want to slow down pitchers," Farrell said. He looks for some adjustment to the rule in April when the regular season begins.

He pointed out that changes already have been made to the instant replay chal-

lenge that began last season. This year, managers can call for a review from the dugout, no longer being required to come onto the field.

Major League Baseball has long been concerned about the declining number of African-Americans in professional baseball.

Farrell said the number has dropped to eight percent in the Majors, even less for pitchers.

"The rewards take longer in baseball. That's not true in football and basketball," he said.

Conversely, the number of players from the Caribbean countries has skyrocketed where basketball and football are not options.

Major League Baseball instituted the RBI Program, Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities, aimed at attracting inner-city youth to the game. The Red Sox have several programs in the Boston area linked to RBI.

Finally, we discussed the issue of player fatigue, a problem that has been highlighted in several national publications.

"Player fatigue is a real issue and we have done intensive studies and developed hard core data on sleep, diet and travel," Farrell said.

The Red Sox have installed a sleep room in Fenway Park where, for example, a player can take a 20-minute nap after a workout.

He said team travel times have been adjusted to lower the body effect on players traveling through three time zones such as from Boston to California.

Farrell recalls vividly his return to the Red Sox two years ago (he previously has been their pitching coach) when he managed his team to a world title in his first year after a last-place finish the year before under Manager Bobby Valentine, who was fired.

"We had nine new players that year and nine new players this year," he said. He hopes to repeat in 2015 what he accomplished in 2013 – a World Series championship.✪



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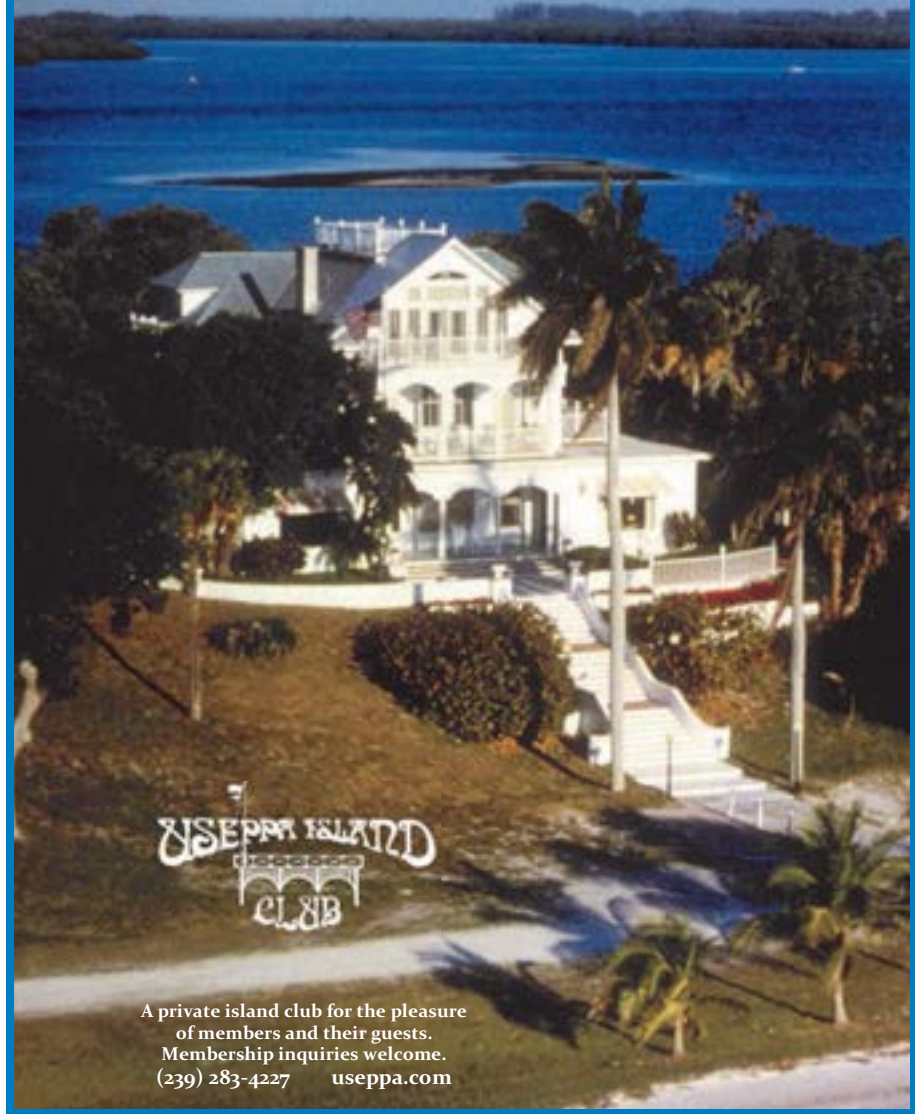
Friday, March 27 – Pittsburgh Pirates, 1:05 p.m.
Saturday, March 28 – Baltimore Orioles, 1:05 p.m.
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Thursday, April 2 – Boston Red Sox, 7:05 p.m.
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Thursday, March 26 – Minnesota Twins, 1:05 p.m.
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Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

Q: I visited my sister over the holidays in another state. I noticed so much stuff in her condo that I think she might be a hoarder. How can I know this for sure?

A: Was there any discussion about all of her stuff? Usually hoarders defend themselves and justify why they have all they do. Here are some signs to tell if someone is a hoarder:

- 1. Bought the item because it was on sale.
- 2. Knows where everything is within the mess of stuff.
- 3. The fact that the hoarder feels they will need it, wear it someday.
- 4. If they tell you not to touch anything.
- 5. They tell you they are not a hoarder.

If you noticed any of these sayings or behaviors, there is reason to believe your sister is a hoarder.

Hoarders need counseling to help them to admit the problem and then to get treatment on how to stop this obsessive compulsive behavior.

Constance Clancy-Fisher, EdD is

a licensed mental health therapist, hypnotherapist, author and holistic stress management instructor. She can be reached at constanceclancyfisher@gmail.com.✱

FSW Launches Athletics Website

Although competition doesn't begin until the fall with baseball and softball, Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) fans can visit the new athletics website to get the latest news and developments. The website is www.fswbucs.com.

"This website will be the place for all Buccaneers fans to visit for schedules, coach and player profiles and more," said Carl McAloose, athletic director. "Visitors can also learn more about our facilities, the City of Palms Stadium and the Suncoast Credit Union Arena. There is also a fan zone for everyone to follow us on social media."

The Buccaneers will begin with fall 2015 exhibition competition in baseball and softball at the City of Palms Stadium, the former spring training facility for the Boston Red Sox. The Suncoast Credit Union Arena, set to begin construction this summer, will be the home for the Buccaneers men's and women's basketball teams and the women's volleyball team. The arena will also be a place for recreational and community events. The arena is expected to open in the fall 2016.✱



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United Way Campaign Goal Exceeded Again



Buddy Kubesh, United Way campaign chair, and Rob Wilson, United Way board chair, unveiling the thermometer showing \$9 million raised

The United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades has concluded the 2013-2014 campaign and exceeded the goal of \$8,890,994.

Buddy Kubesh, campaign chair, and Publix Super Markets announced that local residents and companies contributed a record amount, \$9,038,833 to the campaign which is an increase over the amount raised last year.

At the goal announcement, Kubesh said, "I have an amazing announcement to make. Not only has our United Way made goal, we have exceeded the campaign goal for the 22nd consecutive year by raising over \$9 million. Our wonderful community has done it again.

"Thank you to every individual and company who gave to the United Way Campaign. You realized that in our community many friends and neighbors are struggling. Because of your generosity, hungry families will receive food, abused children and adults can find safety and shelter, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's patients can receive support, and babies and toddlers can get a healthy start in life. You gave so others could have a better life. I am enormously proud to call Southwest Florida home, where people really care about each other.

"Making our campaign goal means that the 80 United Way Partner Agencies and 200 programs that United Way supports will receive their full allocation of funding. Yes, our economy has improved, but there are still many families, children and elderly that continue to struggle. Exceeding goal means that United Way Partner Agencies and programs will be able to better serve more people in our community."

Kubesh said, "All money raised by our United Way stays in this community, and our United Way keeps administrative and fundraising cost extremely low, returning over 91 percent of what is raised to the local agencies and programs.

"Again, a sincere thank you to all of the individuals, companies, communities and partner agencies for your generous contributions. You proved again what a great caring community this is."

The top local contributing companies and the top communities are as follows:

Top United Way Company Contributors

1. Publix, \$1,622,858
2. Bonita Bay Group, \$422,151
3. Chico's FAS, \$400,000
4. LCEC, \$204,095
5. Lee County School District, \$200,000
6. Lee Memorial Health System, \$160,366
7. Enterprise Holdings, \$151,764
8. BB&T Oswald Trippe & Company, \$114,785
9. FineMark National Bank & Trust, \$113,573

Top United Way Community Contributors

1. Bonita Bay, \$792,269
2. Sanibel and Captiva \$346,137
3. Mediterra, \$291,301
4. Brooks, \$252,815
5. Pelican Landing, \$234,044
6. Fiddlesticks, \$207,029

After hearing the United Way goal announced, Carol Conway, CEO of Child



LCEC employee band, the Killa Watts, playing for the crowd of about 200 people at Six Bends Harley Davidson

Care of Southwest Florida said, "Our local United Way rocks! Not only do they come through every year by raising critical funds to support our area's human service needs, they do it with joy, enthusiasm and compassion. We are better and stronger in every way as a result of our affiliation with the United Way. We are proud to be a part of this growing and special network. Quite simply, they make life better for all of us."

Al Brislain, president and CEO of Harry Chapin Food Bank said, "We are proud partners of United Way, and we were delighted to hear United Way surpassed the 2015 goal for Lee County. Without United Way's support, the Harry Chapin Food Bank would not be able to feed thousands of our neighbors in need each and every month. On behalf of the people we serve, thank you to United Way and to all the donors that made this year's campaign a great success."

"Surpassing this campaign goal and raising over \$9 million shows how much people in our community care about each other. That is why our community is such a special place," said Cliff Smith, president of United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee.

All money raised in the United Way Campaign stays in the local community to help support the local human service network. United Way partner agencies and initiatives like Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, Children's Advocacy Center, Harry Chapin Food Bank, ACT, LARC, and United Way 211 serve a diverse range of needs in our community such as nurturing children and youth, strengthening families, and meeting critical needs such as helping the elderly and disabled live independently, and empowering communities by bringing health and human services to neighborhoods.

In addition to raising funds for human service organizations in the community, the United Way promotes partnerships and collaborations among agencies and initiatives, helping them to work together focusing on issues and solutions that continue to improve lives.

The United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee has raised and distributed over \$137 million since it was established in 1957. For more information, call United Way at 433-2000 or visit www.unitedwaylee.org.

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The Importance Of A Pre-Need Guardian Document



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

“Howard” was the son of his father, “Jeffrey,” who had been diagnosed with early stage Alzheimer’s disease. Jeffrey had been widowed several years earlier, but was seeing a woman who Howard believed to be a gold digger. Howard was sitting in a chair in my conference room. His father wasn’t present.

“I don’t want to appear that I’m just here in an effort to protect my inheritance,” Howard began, “but I’m really worried. I hear that she’s asked Dad to transfer the home to her along with a lot of his investment accounts. She’s promised to take care of

Dad for the rest of his life if he does this. I tried to warn him but he isn’t thinking rationally. He voluntarily resigned as trustee of his own trust some time ago, and I’m acting as a trustee. So if I’m in that position, can Dad still make these transfers?”

“I believe that he can,” I answered. “Although he’s not the trustee of the trust any longer, he retains the right to amend and revoke it. He can theoretically pull the money out of the trust and gift it to her. As far as the house, there’s no reason that he can’t sign a deed transferring it to her as well.”

“But he’s incompetent!” Howard said. “That’s why we took him off the trust – we have a diagnosis from the doctor that effectively removed Dad from remaining as his own trustee.”

“For purposes of the trust instrument, he is incompetent,” I said, “Except legally he has never been declared incompetent by a court of law. So his signature still means something.”

“Can’t we just challenge any transfer that he makes based upon the fact that he has Alzheimer’s?” Howard asked.

“You can, but then you’re trying to get something back that he’s already transferred. That could be very difficult, time consuming and expensive. And, if he happens to marry this woman, she may have legal rights to his home and to a portion of all of his other assets without him making any transfers at all. Spouses have all sorts of rights under most state laws, including Florida’s.”

“So how do we prevent this from happening?” Howard said, exasperated at the thought.

“You need to have him declared incompetent in a guardianship court – before he makes any transfers or marries this woman. This would be an adversarial process, and the judge is going to be reluctant to adjudicate your father incompetent, as it takes away most of his legal rights to act on behalf of himself. He couldn’t sign a marriage license, for example, if he was adjudicated incompetent. He couldn’t sign a transfer form for any of his accounts. But you should know that the court will appoint an independent attorney to represent him in this action.”

“Sounds rough,” Howard said.

“Yes, it’s serious,” I replied. “But you should know that your father did sign, as a part of his estate planning package, a pre-need guardian document that names you as his guardian. This is good news. Suppose, for example, that this woman tried to become your father’s guardian. He already signed a document while he was competent that appoints you as the person he has confidence in to serve in this role.”

“What if Dad didn’t have that paper?”

“Well, almost anyone who claims to be interested in your father and his affairs could try to become his guardian. Then a judge must decide who really has his best interests at heart. Your father’s signature on a pre-need guardian document should carry a lot of weight with the court.”

This case (names and facts have been changed to protect confidentiality) illustrates the importance of deciding, ahead of time, who should act as your guardian in the event that it becomes necessary to adjudicate you incompetent to protect you from yourself. Once that decision has been made, it is vital to sign a pre-need guardian document.

You might suspect that having a revocable trust or a durable power of attorney will avoid the guardianship process, and in most cases you would be right. It’s not usual for someone to want to transfer away their assets once they have ceded the authority of their day-to-day financial lives to someone else. Unfortunately, there are predators out there who view elderly people with wealth as “easy prey.” When this occurs, an adjudication of incompetency might be the only means to prevent a financial disaster from happening.

This is just another question that you may want to ask of your estate planning attorney.

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From page 4B

Eileen Fisher Raises Funds

Theiss expressed gratitude to the Rotary Club for its partnership with the three organizations by saying, “It’s always good to see many organizations working together to help each other and to support worthy causes. Bringing together an art organization, HTAP and the historical

museum reflects the history of giving and cultural appreciation on Sanibel.”

HTAP was founded on Sanibel in 2006 and currently maintains a local office and offices at the United Way Building on Concourse Drive in the Iona area. In addition to its youth programs, it also provides trainings to hospitals, libraries, hotels, law enforcement and service organizations. For more information, contact HTAP at info@humantraffickingawareness.org.

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"Island residents and businesses have embraced and supported In The Garden for five years and we are showing our appreciation by giving back to charities that are the backbone of our island community," said Robert Walsh, president of R.S. Walsh Landscaping and owner of In The Garden.

The garden center will also be offering weekly anniversary specials throughout the month and customers can sign up for the center's rewards program to earn five percent toward future purchases.

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Lisa and Bob Walsh

landscape design and outdoor living ideas. Experienced staff assist customers in choosing the right plants for our unique climate and how to maintain them. In The Garden also features an Asian-inspired statuary and a gift shop with beautiful and fun accents to complement the beauty of the islands we call home.

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Doctor and Dietitian

Sitting Too Much?



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

Most of us spend a good part of our day sitting down. It's a difficult position to avoid. We sit at our desk at work, at meetings, at restaurants, while driving, then for hours in front of the television. The average person sits between seven and 15 hours a day. Excess sitting, though, has been linked to a host of health conditions such as obesity, high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, cancer and depression.

Unfortunately, the time you spend at the gym or outside exercising doesn't seem to counteract the accumulative ill effects of prolonged sitting. It's similar to having a bad night's sleep... no amount of exercise can reverse that.

How does sitting too much link to health problems?

The complete picture is still unknown. But we do know that muscles burn less fat and blood flows more sluggishly when sitting for prolonged periods, increasing the risk of heart disease, high blood pressure and other problems. Upon standing, these same muscular and cellular systems are activated by carrying your own bodyweight. Our bodies are designed to move and be active.

We don't want to sit our life away, so what do we do?

Don't stress. Remember, sitting for a few minutes to decompress is actually good for you. Value those times. Then make a plan to stand when you can.

- Get up every 30 minutes.
- Use a standing desk at work.
- Stand/walk around during TV commercials.
- Walk during lunch breaks, water or coffee refills.
- Incorporate standing and walking meetings.
- Reduce sitting, little by little, each week.

As you get used to sitting less, moving becomes more natural. Staying out of your chair is a step to a healthier lifestyle.

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

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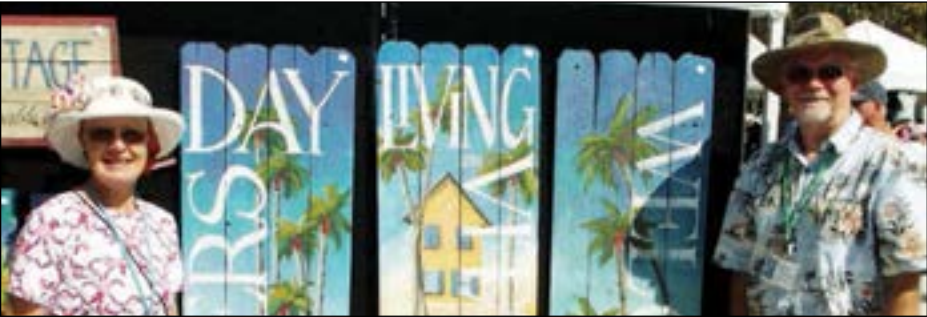
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Kathleen and Robert Brown from Apopka, Florida with their decorative signs

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Superior Interiors

What Does 'Custom' Decorating Mean



by Jeanie Tinch

I am often asked what I mean when I use the expression "custom decorating." Here are some of the benefits of going custom.

"Furnishings play a vital role in setting the mood and atmo-

sphere for everyday living... a woman's home is an extension of herself," said Bob Mackie, the designer of glamorous gowns for the likes of Cher and Tina Turner, who has turned his talents to the home. Custom furnishings help express the homeowner's personality. For a husband and wife, custom will blend their tastes, it will bring the wishes of each into a room that both can enjoy.

Each sofa and loveseat you order is upholstered in your personal choice of fabric, the finish of every table and chair has been specified by you, and your draperies are designed to coordinate with the style and colors of the room, and fabricated to fit the size of the windows.

Custom does not mean starting from scratch. It may mean "working around

people's furnishings, supplying them with what they want," writes Carol Donayre Bugg, who is vice president of design for Decorating Den Interiors, North America's largest home furnishings and interior design franchise company.

The extra touches you get from a custom treatment are endless. Detailing, such as banding, cording, trims and coordinating colors and fabrics, makes custom treatments truly individual and reflective of your style and taste. Designing the perfect window treatment for your home says a lot about you and your lifestyle. Perhaps nothing adds more drama and pizzazz to your home's overall design plan than custom designed window treatments.

Custom bedding is another example. In addition to coordinating with what you already have, or what you are changing in the room's décor, it will fit your bed the way you want it to fit. You won't have to settle for only what you can find online or in a catalog.

Let's not forget color, the canvas of your room. Color is like beauty, it's all in the eye of the beholder. There are no bad colors, just bad decisions about using them. A designer can help with those choices.

In the end, custom should be affordable. The goal is to provide beauty, comfort and good design within a realistic budget.

Most of all, it should fit those who use the space. Legendary decorator William Pahlmann, of Lord & Taylor's, said, "Good decoration is a design for the living, not for looking. It is the service of

human needs."

Jeanie Tinch is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at jeanie@coindceden.com.✱

Duplicate Bridge

On Thursday, March 17, there were 10 duplicate bridge tables in play at The Community House. The winners were:

North/South

1. Susan Freund and Nancy Traylor
2. Karen and Geoffrey Moss
3. Gini Gersack and Ann Lindberg
4. Sue Danford and Linda Drasin

East/West

1. Lois and Doug Townsend
2. Marlyn and James Stewart
3. Ana and Robert Finks
4. Mary and Dick Butler

On Thursday, March 19, there were six tables in play at The Community House. The winners were:

1. Clara and Terry Terrana
2. Caroline Oldenburg and Michael Celestre
3. Susan Willoughby and John McDermott
4. Susan Greenberg and Debby Flint

There are two ACBL-sanctioned games per week, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m., at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. The games run from January 1 until the end of April.

For more information, contact Susan Willoughby at 281-3258. ✱

Kiwanis Club Scholarship Applications

The Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club is accepting scholarship applications for the 2015-2016 school year.

Scholarships of \$3,000 per year, over a period of four years, will be awarded. Additionally, several one-year scholarships in varying amounts are available.

Eligible applicants must be Sanibel-Captiva residents, employed full time on the islands or a family member of such (of any age) attending a college or vocational school.

The club collects the applications and an independent committee makes the selection.

Applications must be submitted by March 27. They can be obtained by contacting any of the following: Tami Treuheit at 579-0660 or reception@sanibelinsurance.com; Bill Traum at 561-2900 or billtraum@me.com; or Chris Heidrick at 579-0660 or chris@sanibelinsurance.com.✱

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Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce answer your questions and give advice about aging concerns from a two-generational perspective. A mother and daughter team, Lizzie is a retired RN and health educator, and Pryce is a licensed psychotherapist in private practice who specializes in the care of elders and people with chronic illnesses.

Dear Mom & Me,

I am in my late 60s, widowed for five years and living in the same house for the last 45 years.

I thought I was managing well, but I started to have severe allergy problems and my doctor suggested I have the house inspected for molds.

I contacted a local man who frequently does home inspections. He told me I had a terrible problem. My house was full of termites and mold in addition to many other structural problems. He estimated that to correct my problems, it would cost

me \$40,000. I was inconsolable.

A friend suggested I contact the best company with the highest credentials. After their inspection, they told me that I have no termites, no structural damage but a bad case of mold and it would cost \$3,000 to repair. They also told me that the house inspector was just taking advantage of an elderly widow. I had the problem corrected and my sniffing and headaches are almost all gone. Just passing my experiences on.

Louise

Dear Louise,

There is little doubt that the elderly can be victims of fast-talking thugs. The economy being what it is will encourage more criminal activity and people who will do anything to get extra cash for their own use. Many times it is far more economical, in the long run, to contact the most qualified and then go from there to decide the best plan of action.

Lizzie

Dear Louise,

There are many people offering honest work and, unfortunately, just as many people looking for ways to take advantage of others. Individuals of all sizes, age and education can be hoodwinked, thus the adage, "Let the buyer beware." Keeping informed, trusting your intuition, and pursuing multiple options are your best strategies.

I am glad that your sniffles are gone, and thank you for sharing your experiences so that others may stay informed.

Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce's email address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.✱

Eden Energy Medicine

Energies Of Love; Experience Teaches



by Karen L. Semmelman, Certified EEM, JD, AAML

We now know the four sensory types of the Energies of Love and how each impacts our interaction with those closest to us. As you gain awareness of each type, it will be much easier to accept, communicate and be loving. So let's recap the four types and review a tip for the best way to communicate, remembering that as you communicate in a way that is innate and deeply understood by your partner, child or friend, the bonds will grow stronger since the person feels soooooo appreciated.

Visual (Motto: You are wrong). Tip for communication: Look partner straight in the eyes, keeping a distance so he/she can keep perspective. Don't be afraid to hold your view, since if you

back off, partner will know he/she is "right."

Tonal (Motto: I need you to hear me or I'm angry at you for making me feel...). Tip for communication: Listen to what is being said. Show you have heard it, perhaps by asking "Do you Mean?" Help partner check assumptions so he/she may learn to understand there may be reading between the lines occurring.

Kinesthetic (Motto: I don't want you to feel wrong). Tip for communication: Avoid pressure and allow extra time to address issues since the kinesthetic needs time to process, given the default is to desire to address your need.

Digital (Motto: I am right). Tip for communication: Accept there will not be an emotional response, but only a rationally logical one. Remain calm, cool and collected since frustration or passionate pleas are illogical and a turn off to the digital style.

To learn more, see *Energies of Love*, Penguin 2014.

Have fun with your energy. Next week's topic is Business Presentation; Enhance Ability to Focus.

If you have a question, email Karen Semmelman at SemmEnergyCenter@gmail.com. Learn more at www.semmelmanenergy.com. EEM does not diagnose or cure illness, but working with subtle energies of the body has been shown to help many conditions.✱

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Valerie Tutor

The Sanibel-Captiva Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will present one of its own members, Valerie Tutor, as the featured speaker at the April 14 monthly meeting. Tutor is a realtor with John R. Wood Properties. Her presentation, The 3 C's of Success in the Workplace, will focus on skills that nourish and sustain successful team relationships in the workplace. The meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at the Sundial Resort and Spa, 1451 Middle Gulf Drive. Creative thinking, communicating with team members and the willingness to contribute will be highlighted in activities that will provide lots of learning (and laughter) in an informal, fun atmosphere. With the help of everyone who attends, this session will provide for a motivational, high involvement evening that will

inspire members to bring enthusiasm and energy into their own work – or personal – relationships. Tutor holds a MS in industrial/organizational psychology with a specialization in human relations in the workplace and consumer psychology. She uses that education now as a realtor, working with clients and other real estate professionals to help people make the right decisions to achieve their real estate goals. A native Floridian, Tutor formerly owned a small Florida-based consulting business for almost 20 years, providing leadership and management consulting and training, team coaching skills, public information services, partnering, EEO compliance and office administration services to government and private industry in Florida. Tutor continues to be in demand as a public speaker and business coach throughout the state. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting and dinner will be at 6 p.m. The meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. Guests are welcome. If you are interested in attending, contact membership chair Carol Schapiro at 850-9495 or cchap00@yahoo.com. The cost for the dinner meeting is \$22, payable by check, cash or credit card.✱✱

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by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist:

What makes one person depressed and another happy? Certain conditions are commonly associated with depression such as hypothyroidism, Crohn's disease

or colitis, migraines, diabetes, chronic infections and cancer. Lifestyles such as drinking alcohol and smoking are correlated and the biggest secret of all is drug mugging! In my book *Drug Muggers*, I describe how drugs "mug" you of vital nutrients which you need to produce "happy" brain chemicals termed neurotransmitters. Today, I'll teach you what popular drugs lead to depression just by the mere fact they mug you of vitamins. No amount of Zoloft replenishes the nutrient steal.

There are three primary neurotransmitters in your brain, serotonin, noradrenaline and dopamine. Serotonin is involved in emotion and mood control. Did you know that 95 percent of your serotonin is in your gastrointestinal tract,

not your brain? Noradrenaline, also known as "norepinephrine," is involved in your "fight or flight" response. Dopamine is part of your inborn reward system which allows you to feel passion and pleasure. These three neurotransmitters are made in the body every second and they depend on adequate levels of B vitamins which you can get from eating right and keeping your gut healthy:

Thiamine or B1 – The journal *Neurology*, showed a thiamine deficiency contributes to a decrease in serotonin which can lead to depression and anxiety, as well as weight gain. Drug muggers include antivirals, oral contraceptives and hormone replacement, raw oysters, antacids and antibiotics.

Niacin or B3 – Tryptophan is metabolized in your brain into 5-HTP (5-Hydroxytryptophan) and goes on to form serotonin and dopamine. You need niacin for this biochemical reaction to occur. Acid blockers, antacids, cholestyramine and loop diuretics are drug muggers. Just so you know, serotonin is broken down at night to form melatonin, which makes you sleepy.

Pantothenic acid – This B vitamin makes for healthy adrenal glands; it's often low in people with hypoglycemia. Speaking of blood sugar, use your computer to tune in to a free online event www.DiabetesSummit.net where I am giving a free one-hour interview along with 40 other experts. Blood sugar abnormalities cause mood swings. You need this B vitamin to make noradrenaline as well as your memory molecule

acetylcholine. Deficiencies in vitamin B-5 are tied to decreased alertness, fatigue, memory problems and depression. Acid blockers, cholestyramine and antibiotics are drug muggers.

Pyridoxine or B6 – Pyridoxine is found primarily in beans, legumes, meat, eggs, fish and bread but you can't eat enough to make adequate levels of serotonin and dopamine. By improving the production and function of serotonin and dopamine, you can reduce the severity of certain types of seizures, neuropathic pain and Parkinson's disease. Drug muggers are corticosteroids, oral contraceptives (estrogens), loop diuretics and antibiotics.

Folate or B9 – This is folate not "folic acid" by the way. Up to 70 percent of depressed people have a genetic "personality" such that they have what's called an "MTHFR" polymorphism or what we call a SNP (pronounced "snip"). This situation compromises your body's ability to turn folate from your foods into L-methylfolate which you need to make neurotransmitters, especially your passion hormone dopamine. Drug muggers include metformin, fluoxetine, warfarin, oral contraceptives and high doses of niacin.

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



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An unexpected problem should be handled as quickly as possible so that it doesn't cause too much of a delay. Someone who knows what you're facing could provide needed advice.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An unsettling situation seems to be taking forever to be resolved. Fortunately, your Bovine aptitude for patience is strong this week, so you'll be more than able to wait it out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Taking a stand against an uncalled-for situation involving a friend or co-worker isn't easy, but somehow you'll rise to the challenge and do it. Rely on advice from someone you trust.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) There are still some questions on all sides that need to be dealt with in order to allow hurt feelings to heal. Get your workplace tasks done early so that you can devote more time to loved ones.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Consider a new spring makeover that will show all you Leos and Leonas in your best light. A new hairdo and some fashionable new clothes can help put a fresh glow on your image.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Some stormy, emotional weather can blow up in the workplace when an irate co-worker has strong words for you. But if you believe right is on your side, you'll be able to ride it out.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Creating more balance in your life is especially important now so that you're not distracted when you get into projects that will make demands on both your physical and mental energies.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) As much as you enjoy being right when

others are not, show your generous side by offering to use what you know to everyone's benefit. This way, you gain admirers and avoid resentment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good week for the Archer to aim at healing relationships. Whether it's at home, at work or among your friends, get everyone to set things straight and make a fresh start.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although you like things done your way, this is a good time to listen to ideas from others. You might even find yourself agreeing with one or more of their suggestions.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Aspects favor positive action to reclaim your ideas from someone who might want the glory without doing any of the work. Expect to find many people rallying to support you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might feel uneasy about taking that step forward at work or in your private life. But who knows better than you that while treading water keeps you afloat, it doesn't get you anywhere.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of creating positive attitudes and making people feel good about themselves.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On April 2, 1863, responding to acute food shortages, hundreds of women riot in Richmond, Virginia, breaking windows and looting stores, before Confederate President Jefferson Davis threw his pocket change at them from the top of a wagon. Davis ordered the crowd to disperse or he would order the militia to fire on them.

- On April 3, 1882, one of America's most famous criminals, Jesse James, is shot to death by fellow gang member Bob Ford. Detective magazines had glamorized the James gang, turning them into Robin

Hoods. In reality, Jesse James was a ruthless killer who stole only for himself.

- On March 31, 1931, Knute Rockne, the legendary Notre Dame football coach, is killed in a plane crash. He was 43. From 1918 to 1930, Rockne compiled a record of 105 wins, 12 losses and 5 ties, and won six national championships.

- On April 1, 1948, Soviet troops begin stopping U.S. and British military trains traveling through the Russian sector to and from Berlin. In June, the Soviets began a full-scale blockade of the U.S.-British-French sectors. Thus began the Berlin Blockade, when U.S. aircraft began dropping supplies into Berlin.

- On April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King Jr. is shot to death at a hotel in Memphis, Tennessee. A single shot fired by James Earl Ray from more than 200 feet away struck King in the neck. The death of America's leading civil-rights advocate sparked a wave of rioting in black communities around the country.

- On April 5, 1976, Howard Hughes, one of the richest men to emerge from the American West, dies while flying from Acapulco to Houston for medical treatment. Hughes' bizarre behavior grew worse in his final years, as he became obsessed with privacy and sometimes worked for days at a stretch in a black-curtained room without sleeping.

- On March 30, 1980, a floating apartment platform for oil workers in the North Sea 235 miles east of Scotland collapses, killing 123 people. No one was expecting that a large wave would collapse and capsize the platform.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was Nobel Peace Prize-winning philosopher Albert Schweitzer who made the following sage observation: "The great secret of success is to go through life as a man who never gets used up. That is

possible for him who never argues and strives with men and facts, but in all experience relies upon himself, and looks for the ultimate cause of things in himself."

- In the United Kingdom it is illegal to deface paper money, but it's perfectly legal to burn it.

- Gene Cernan was the 12th -- and last -- human to walk on the moon, in December 1972. While he was there, he scratched his daughter's initials onto the lunar surface. Those initials, "TDC," are likely to remain there for tens of thousands of years.

- According to the folklore of Wales, fairies prefer traveling on the backs of corgis to any other mode of transport.

- You may be surprised to learn that most Greek and Roman statuary and architecture weren't originally the pristine white we see today. Archaeologists have found evidence that these structures and sculptures were brightly painted in ancient times; the paint has just worn off in the intervening centuries.

- Most muppeteers are right-handed and use their dominant hand to operate their puppets' heads; therefore, most muppets are left-handed.

- If you have kids between the ages of 9 and 11, you might be interested to learn that nearly half of respondents in a survey believe that is the appropriate age for kids to begin helping vacuum the house.

- The White House's first display of fireworks to celebrate Independence Day occurred in 1797 and was hosted by President John Adams.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"There are some experiences in life which should not be demanded twice from any man, and one of them is listening to the Brahms Requiem." -- George Bernard Shaw

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TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 35B

		6		1				5
9			2		4	8		
	5				6		1	
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	8		3		9			2
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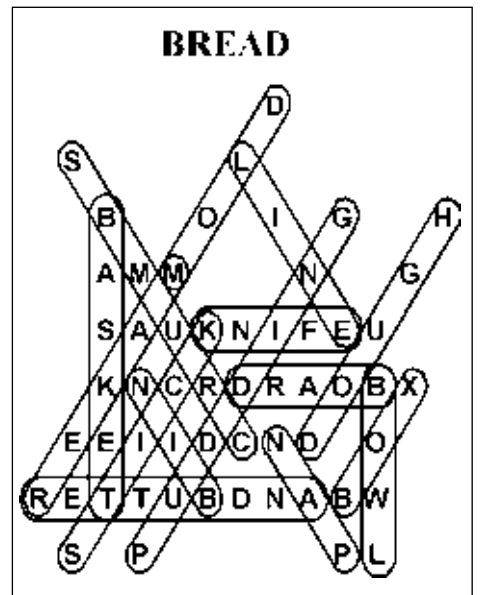
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Hourly, Daily, Weekly
and Monthly.
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LOST AND FOUND

LOST**MAN'S TURQUOISE SILVER RING**

In the area of Ding Darling,
Blind Pass or Buttonwood.

If found call
513-526-2671

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CAUTION

**GARAGE •
MOVING • YARD
SALES**

**MULTIPLE HOUSE
GARAGE SALE!**

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 8:00 am
750 / 758 SAND DOLLAR DRIVE
(EAST END off of Lindgren)
Furniture, lamps, mirrors,
artwork, bedding,
household items,
clothes... and more!

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YARD SALE

Tools, Books, Furniture,
Cookware, Rugs, Artwork,
Fishing Gear, Boat Gear.
Saturday 3/28 and Sunday 3/29.
497 Lake Murex Circle.

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GARAGE SALE

Carmen's downsizing garage sale
Saturday 3/28/15
from 10 am to 4pm at
9446 Beverly Lane - Gumbo Limbo.
Every thing goes, Dining Room,
Kitchen, Living Room, Office, ETC

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GIGANTIC GARAGE SALE

March 28 & 29 open at 9:00-2:00
450 Leather Fern Place - Turn LEFT at the
Leather Fern sign off Casa Ybel!
SIGNS IN YARD!
Downsizing... 3 storage buildings
of items over 20 years!
China, Glassware, Household items,
Furniture, Clothing - name brand size med-
female-suites, blouses, slacks and
Large - male; suites, pants, shirts.
Large new bird cage.
Many items... Must sale!
NO EARLY SALES!

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GARAGE SALE

FRIDAY APRIL 3
8 AM - 1 PM
GUMBO LIMBO
9409 MOONLIGHT DRIVE
ARTWORKS, ANTIQUES,
HOUSEWARES,
GARDEN FURNITURE
AND TOOLS, RUGS
AND MORE.

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Pets Of The Week

Hi, I'm Louise and I was found with my BFF Thelma. No, we weren't on a road trip in my '66 T-Bird convertible like in that famous movie we were named after. We were found hanging out the park. We would rather be hanging out with you. Both of us are easy, breezy, happy-go-lucky gals. Please help us find a happy ending to our story. My adoption fee is \$75 (take a shot and make a basket and you will get \$20 off your adoption fee during Animal Services' March Madness adoption promotion).

They call me Bucco and I'm a dapper little fellow as you can see from my bow tie. I could be the perfect guy for you too. I'm the good looking silent type but I'm also romantic. I'll show you lots of affection if you take me home. My adoption fee is \$50 (take a shot and make a basket and you will get \$20 off your adoption fee during Animal Services' March Madness promotion).

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at www.LeeLostPets.com. When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

The shelter is open for adoptions from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Science Diet pet food.

The adoption package is valued at \$500.✱



Louise ID# 613755



Bucco ID# 613725

PAWS Of Sanibel

Cat Found

Felix The Cat was picked up at Periwinkle Place near the Fresh Produce store late in the day March 22.

He is a male, friendly and sweet. PAWS volunteers are calling him Felix The Cat. "If we don't locate an owner, this sweet boy will be up for adoption," said Diane Barr, volunteer.

He has no chip or collar. His combo test was negative and he will be given a rabies shot.

If he belongs to you, or you're interested in adopting him, contact Pam at PAWS, 472-4823.✱



Felix The Cat

PAWS Of Sanibel

Donation Fees Paid For Cat Family

PAWS is still accepting and processing applications for Momma and her five kittens. "We've had several donations come in to help pay their expenses. I've also had many calls from folks asking how they can help in



Kittens in sink



Momma

other ways, including a call from a local couple and business operators here on Sanibel, HomeWatch Property Service. They have offered to pay the PAWS donation fee of \$50 for each of these kittens," said Diane Barr, spokeswoman for PAWS.

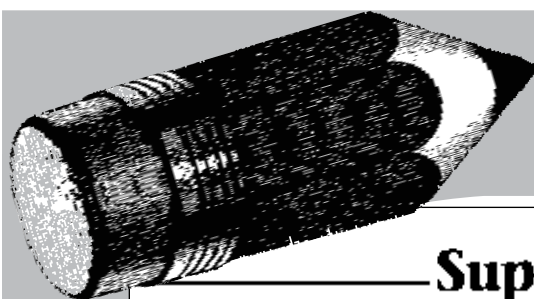
"Wow, how nice is that. We really appreciate the outpouring of support and offers of assistance. If you'd like to come see the little darlings and their fabulous Momma, call Pam at PAWS, 472-4823," added Barr.✱

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CALLING CARD 239-395-1213

Emergency	911
Sanibel Police	472-3111
Lee County Sheriff's Office	477-1200
On Call Captiva Deputy	477-1000
Fire Department - Sanibel	472-5525
Fire Department - Captiva	472-9494
Florida Marine Patrol	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
Poison Control	1-800-282-3171
Chamber of Commerce	472-1080
City of Sanibel	472-4135
Administrative Office	472-3700
Building Department	472-4555
Community Housing and Resources	472-1189
Planning Department	472-4136
Library - Sanibel	472-2483
Library - Captiva	239-533-4890
Post Office - Sanibel	472-1573
Post Office - Sanibel (toll free)	800-275-8777
Post Office - Captiva	472-1674
Sanibel Community Association	472-2155
Center 4 Life - Senior Center	472-5743
ARTS	
Arcade Theater	332-4488
Art League Of Fort Myers	275-3970
BIG ARTS - Barrier Island Group for the Arts	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	278-4422
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers	288-2535
Gulf Coast Symphony	472-6197
Lee County Alliance for the Arts	939-2787
Naples Philharmonic	597-1111
The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater	472-6862
Sanibel Music Festival	336-7999
Sanibel-Captiva Art League	472-4258
SW Florida Symphony	418-0996
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS	
ABWA - American Business Women's Assoc.	565-7872 or 433-7798
American Legion Post 123	472-9979
Angel Flight SE	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Audubon Society	472-3744
Sanibel Bike Club	sanibelbicycleclub.org
Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva	274-5900
CROW - Clinic For The Rehabilitation of Wildlife	472-3644
FISH of Sanibel - Friends in Service Here	472-0404
Sanibel Island Fishing Club	472-8994
Horticultural Society of the Islands	472-6940
Horticulture and Tea Society of Sanibel and Captiva	472-8334
Kiwanis Club	677-7299
League of Women Voters	sanibelLWV@gmail.com
Lions Club, Tom Rothman	395-3248
Master Gardeners of the Islands	472-6940
Newcomers	472-9332
Notre Dame Club of Southwest Florida	768-0417
Optimist Club	472-0836
PAWS	472-4823
Rotary Club	472-7257 or 472-0141
Sanibel Beautification Inc.	470-2866
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society	472-6940
Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron	www.usps.org/localusps/sancap
Sanibel-Captiva Republican Caucus	395-1202
Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club	395-1770
Sanibel Youth Soccer	www.sanibelsoccer.org
MOAA - Military Officers Assc. of America, Alex MacKenzie	395-9232
United Way of Lee County	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline 24 hour	211 or 433-3900
Zonta Club	728-1971
ISLAND ATTRACTIONS	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum	395-2233
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge	472-1100
Sanibel Historical Museum & Village	472-4648
SCCF Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation	472-2329

To be listed in calling card email your information to:
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BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

answers on page 35B

Super Crossword

**SOUL
RESCUER**

ACROSS

- 1 Sop up
7 Liquor
14 Spins
20 "Amen to that!"
21 Actress Higgins
22 Abate
23 Start of a riddle
25 Batter's miss
26 Do wrong
27 Pol with a six-yr. post
28 Mo. to Michel
29 Riddle, part 2
31 Pinchpenny
33 Sue
35 Steak order
36 Riddle, part 3
42 Food holder
46 Goddess with a cow's head
47 McCartney of fashion
48 Kailua Bay locale
50 Scam
51 Agree (with)
54 "Yee—!"
55 Paintball need
57 Circus clown
59 Riddle, part 4

- 63 Big-top star
64 DiFranco of folk rock
65 More spiteful
66 "We need assistance!"
69 Used a daggerlike weapon on
73 B followers
74 Wife of Mark Antony
78 Consented to
79 "Nick and 's Infinite Playlist" (2008 film)
83 Riddle, part 5
89 Wasp variety
90 Suffering
91 Capote to his buddies
92 With 77-Down, does thorough research on
94 Freezer trayful
95 TV's Spelling
97 Camera lens settings
100 Exec's bonnet
101 On a fire city ("Hey!")
103 Riddle, part 6
107 Starist Shankar
109 Org. for teachers
110 Coin toss call

- 111 End of the riddle
115 Lucy of "Kill Bill Vol. 1"
118 League college
119 Toward a boat's back
122 Makes glad
123 Riddle's answer
127 Declare under oath
128 Source of ticonderoga
129 More prying
130 Sports team foldowns
131 Hed — (many Republicans)
132 Modus operandi

DOWN

- 1 "Ever speak ..."
2 Atom sticker
3 Movie draw
4 Meal leftover
5 Putin's and
6 Command
7 "Law & Order: —"
8 Hard part
9 — European languages

- 10 Another name for vitamin A
11 Suffix with fool or owl
12 Fearsome lly
13 "Don't — didn't warn you!"
14 Inventor Nikola
15 Radiator roses may lead to them
16 Haiti's land
17 Harness part
18 He's a twin
19 Spurt out
24 "No — to blame!"
30 "— little kindness"
31 Capital of Oman
32 Alternative to a 401(k) or a 403(b)
34 Erythron
36 (not my error)
37 "Time the essence"
38 Flake part
39 Inert element
40 Pipe problem
41 Ringing sound
43 — acid (vinegar flavor)
44 Added (up)
45 Not broken

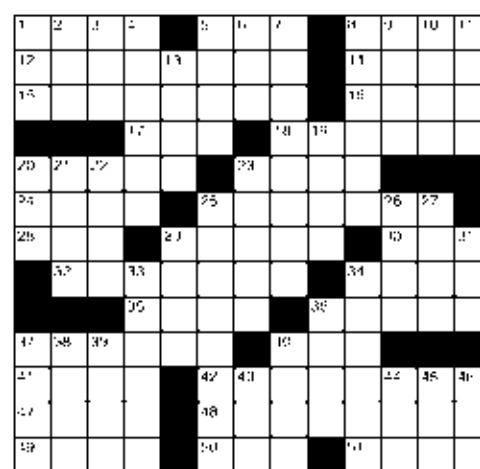
- 49 Zeus' sister and wife
52 Stage actress Hagen
53 Pirate's quail
56 Syllabus segment
58 Gym floor covering
60 Pull a different sack
61 Mortgage-issuing inst.
62 Ewok's forest moon
66 "El Cid" co-star Loren
67 Five — shadow
68 Person eyeballing
70 Pirate chant starter
71 Artist Georgia
72 Ultimately reach
75 Author Hand
76 From Hangai
77 See 92-Across
80 Lightning —
81 Heady drink
82 "We need assistance!"
84 Small branch
85 Encng for major

- 86 Yankees slugger, to fans
87 It's often preheated
88 Nonflowering plant
93 Sun setting
96 Sorta, say
98 Most musty
99 Fishbait pest
102 Spears bombastically
104 Recite ritually, as a spell
105 Large solas
106 Air Force pilot, in slang
108 Three-piece pieces
111 Ringing sound
112 Choir range
113 Slum vermin
114 "Pretty pretty pocs"
116 Notion, to Jean-Luc
117 "Deutschland — alles!"
119 Landed (on)
120 Cut and run
121 Time in office
124 By the agency of
125 Football field units: Abbr.
126 Letter for Superman

King Crossword

ACROSS

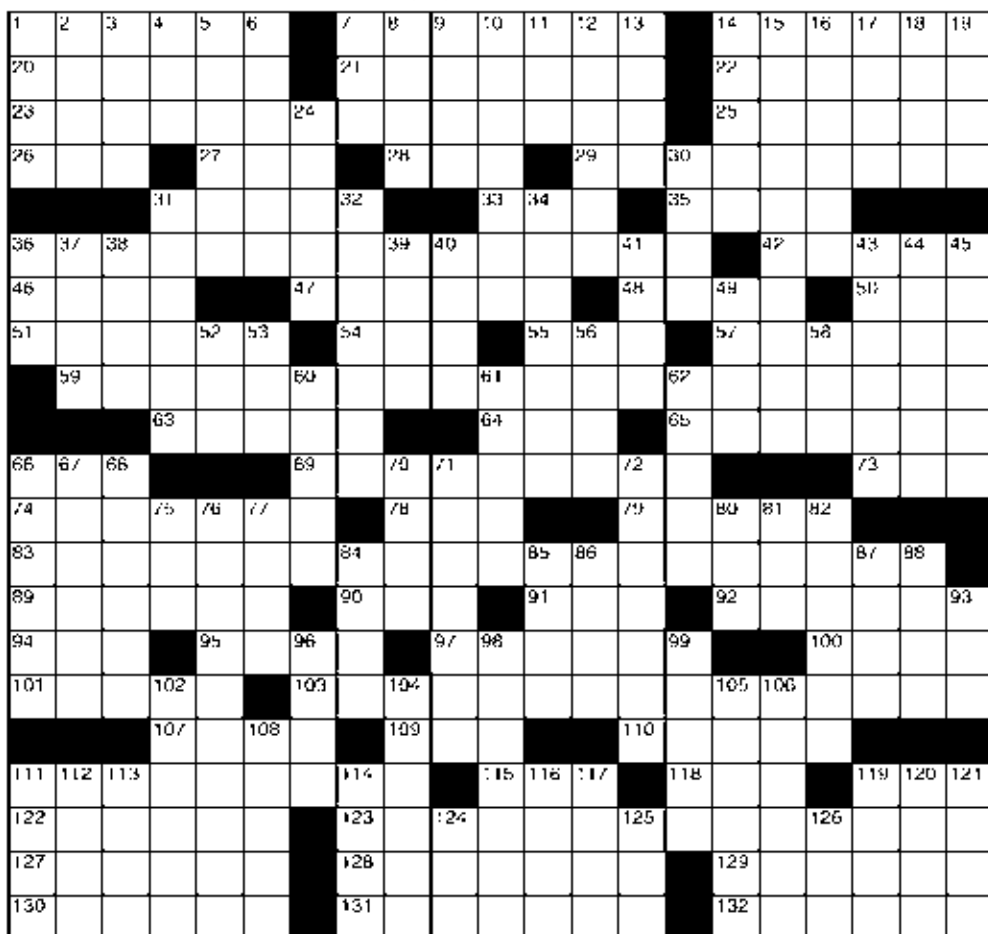
- 1 At the summit of
5 Two-timer
8 Feathered missile
12 Playwright Hansberry
14 Heverber ate
15 Skilled at painting
16 Neighbor hood
17 That woman
18 Look for typos, maybe
20 Mixed metal
23 — moss
24 Harness strap
25 Radmouthed big time
28 Distant
29 Give a leg up
30 Deteriorate
32 Tire
34 Taj Mahal city
35 Pay attention
36 Weapon since 1952
37 Go back
40 Festive
41 Sandwich cookie
42 Related to "the sum of"



- the parts"
47 Active one
48 Eternally, to a poet
49 Catch sight of
50 Scooted
51 Penn or Combs
8 Inadequate supply
9 Farm measure
10 Comical Caroline
11 Frog's cousin
13 Wan
19 Right on the map?
20 "Bow-wow"
21 Fall faler
22 Old Italian money
23 Boastful, perhaps
25 As one brother
26 Therefore
27 College
29 Co"n stand
31 Bill
33 Speculation
34 Bottomless pit's
36 Tresses
37 Look the bus
38 Cupid's alias
39 Second in command, often
40 Singer Campbell
43 Eggs
44 Sock part
45 A Gershwin brother
46 100 yrs.

DOWN

- 1 carte
2 Craggy peak
3 Tab e scrap
4 Penitent ary
5 Give as an example
6 Blackbird
7 Lesson



MAGIC MAZE • BREAD —

X U Q M I E A W T P L I E B X
U Q N J G D Z W T Q N K H D A
X U R P M J G D D A X V S Q N
K S I F D A L X V T Q O M J H
F C B A Y O W I U G R P H N L
J H A M M R E N N I W G F D B
Z X S A U K N I F E U V T R Q
O M K N C R D R A O B X K I H
F E E I I D C N D D O B Z Y W
R E T U B D N A B W V T R Q
O S N P L K I H F P L D C A Z

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

And butter	Bowl	Knife	Pan
Basket	Box	Line	Pudding
Bin	Crumbs	Maker	Stick
Board	Dough	Mold	

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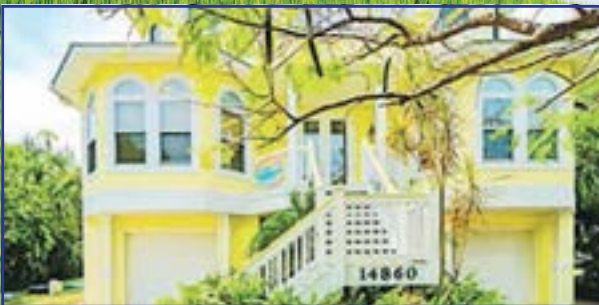
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1520 ANGEL DRIVE \$1,398,000
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