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The original Captiva Fire Station on Chapin Lane, circa 1961

Captiva Island Fire District Grows From A Bucket Brigade To A Professional Fire/Rescue Force

submitted by David Rohn

The grand opening of a new fire station on Captiva, scheduled for Saturday, July 18, will serve as a very special anniversary present for the 60th anniversary of the creation of the Captiva Island Fire District, said Rich Dickerson, the island's fire chief.

Over that span of six decades, the Captiva Fire Department has transformed from little more than a volunteer bucket brigade to a squad of highly-trained professionals with sophisticated equipment who not only fight fires, but have Advanced Life Support training to deal with everything from cardiac arrests, drownings and trauma victims to tourists who get stung by jellyfish while swimming at the beach.

The origins of today's fire department actually go back even further to the late 1940s when the fledgling Captiva Civic Association and its CCA Woman's Auxiliary created the Captiva Volunteer Fire Department. By 1949, the CCA discussed buying firefighting equipment and recruiting 25 volunteer firefighters.

Within a year, the CCA had received the donation of a used fire truck, a recalculating pump and a new fire hose from island resident Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling. It also had recruited 22 volunteers.

In 1953, the CCA named John Wakefield as the first volunteer fire chief. Andy Rosse was his assistant chief. Joe Wightman was named maintenance engineer and was paid \$10 a month to keep the firefighting equipment in good working order.

CCA minutes for January 21, 1954 indicate that for a cost of \$384.16, a group of volunteers built a new fire station – consisting of a tin shed – across the street from where the department's new \$3.5 million fire station has emerged. All but five property owners on the island donated \$25 per parcel for firefighting services, and Chief Wakefield proclaimed Captiva's fire truck and equipment the best in all of Lee County.

New Fire District Created

The following year – 60 years ago – Florida's legislature approved legislation creating the Captiva Fire Control District. This elevated the island's fire department to an independent state taxing district and created an appointed fire commission, which would later become an elected commission. Captiva's Fire Control District also covered part of Sanibel north of Bowman's Beach until 1974, when Sanibel became incorporated as a city.

In 1960, the CCA built a new one engine fire station, which remains a part of the recently remodeled and expanded CCA building and Captiva Memorial Library on Chapin Lane. But with the subsequent construction of the Sanibel Causeway and the growth of what is now South Seas Island Resort in the 1970s, Captiva was becoming a major mecca for tourists and snowbirds. And its fire department quickly outgrew both

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The 25th Annual Sanibel-Captiva Independence Day Parade



Thousands of spectators lined Periwinkle Way on Saturday morning to celebrate the 4th of July and watch the 25th annual Sanibel-Captiva Independence Day Parade

photos by Jeff Lysiak



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What's Cooking at The House?

Next Summer Potluck July 22

Plan to socialize with islanders and visitors at the next Summer Potluck on Wednesday, July 22 beginning at 6 p.m. at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way.

This Community House potluck will feature nutritious summer salads featuring Nikki Rood, executive chef and co-owner of The Sanibel Sprout. She will offer simple ideas to enhance your salad presentations with nutritious ingredients, interesting dressings and quality produce. Chef Nikki will share her secrets of a healthy lifestyle and ways to incorporate cool salads into your hot July summer meals.

There is no cost to attend the potluck, but you must bring an appetizer, entrée or dessert (enough for six or more) and your favorite beverage. Reservations are requested for planning purposes.

You've asked for it and we heard you, but to keep it easy, the potluck will be BYOB, with water and iced tea supplied by the House. Although this is a free event, reservations will be greatly appreciated for planning purposes. Call your friends, then call 472-2155.

Watch for this ongoing *What's Cooking* column in the newspaper as we share happenings, recipes and activities.✧

American Legion Post 123

On Sunday, July 12, American Legion Post 123 will serve a BBQ ribs and chicken dinner from 1 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$12 to \$14.

On Sunday, July 19, the legion will host a Fish Fry all day long.

Nine-ball pool tournaments are played every Monday starting at 5 p.m.

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

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.

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.✧

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

The Sanibel Fire District will offer complimentary blood pressure screenings at the Sanibel Recreation Center on Monday, July 13 from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

High blood pressure increases the risk of stroke, heart attack, heart failure, kidney disease and even blindness in some cases. The Sanibel Fire District's complimentary screenings are offered as a first step in determining if further examination by a health care professional is necessary.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Daily, weekly, semi-annual and annual memberships are available. For more information, call 472-0345 or visit www.mysanibel.com.✧

Mobile Mammogram Returns

The City of Sanibel Recreation Center will host the Radiology Regional Center's Mobile Mammo Coach from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14.

The Mobile Mammo Coach is a state-of-the-art breast imaging clinic, providing full field digital mammography services. Most insurances are accepted and discounted self-pay pricing available.

According to estimates from the American Cancer Society, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. More importantly, with early detection, the survival rate for an early diagnosed breast cancer at five years is better than 97 percent. Mammography is one aspect of breast health, in addition to monthly self-exams and an annual physician exam.

For an appointment or if you have any questions relative to the test, call the Radiology Regional Center at 936-2316.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 472-0345 or visit www.mysanibel.com.✧



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Captiva Community Panel Meets July 14

The Captiva Community Panel will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 14 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Cone Rooms at Chadwicks Square, located at South Seas Island Resort. This meeting is open to all interested islanders and the public.

Among the agenda items:

- Discussion about mangrove protection (invited)
- Sewer Committee update (tentative)
- A Captiva Erosion Prevention District update
- A Captiva Fire District update
- A Hurricane Preparedness and Response Committee update
- Other business as necessary

Public participation is invited and encouraged. The next Captiva Community Panel meeting will tentatively be held on August 11. Information and background documents are available online at www.captivacommunitypanel.com.

No CEPD Meeting This Month

The Captiva Erosion Prevention District will hold its next monthly board meeting on Wednesday, August 12 at 1 p.m. in the Wakefield Room at Tween Waters Inn. Call 472-2472 or go to <http://mycepd.com> for further information.

Sea Turtle Nesting Restrictions In Effect

Between May 1 and October 31, Captiva beaches are regularly monitored for sea turtle nesting and hatching success and for individual property owner compliance with lighting restrictions. No light source should be directly visible from the beach. Unshielded interior lighting, even from a single beachfront condominium, is enough to disrupt the normal sea-finding behavior of sea turtle hatchlings. Monitors also look for beach furniture and other impediments left on the beach overnight. Homeowners must correct the violations and citations may be issued.

Examples of 2014 lighting violations and their remedies include:

- Unshielded white lights – Changing bulbs to amber LEDs, shielding the light fixture and turning off the lights during the nesting season
- Bright white light reflecting off exterior walls – Changing bulbs to amber LEDs and adjusting the fixtures to eliminate light reflected toward the beach
- Bright white lights on corner of roof shining on the beach – Changing bulbs to amber LEDs, shielding the fixture and directing the light away from the beach
- White uplights illuminating palm trees and landscaping on seaward side of house – Turning off lights during turtle nesting season

- White exterior and interior lights shining seaward – Changing bulbs to amber LEDs, shielding fixtures and closing the blinds
- Bright white ground lights illuminating sign at entrance drive– Changing bulbs to amber LEDs and reducing the wattage
- Bright white stair, hall and porch lights – Changing bulbs to amber LEDs and shielding the fixtures

If there is any doubt whether a light is an issue, simply turn it off and keep it off at night between May 1 and October 31. For more information about lighting restrictions during nesting season and approved lighting fixtures, visit www.leegov.com/gov/dept/dcd/EnvSciences/SeaTurtles/Pages/Lights.aspx.

Galloway Captiva Tri Returning In September

The popular Galloway Captiva Tri returns to the island on September 12 and 13, with the children's event held on the north end of South Seas Island Resort on Saturday morning and the adults racing Sunday morning. That means Captiva Drive will be closed to traffic (except for emergency vehicles) on Sunday, September 13 from approximately 6:45 to 8:45 a.m. (or as soon as the last bicyclist is off the road). Plan accordingly and plan to watch the racers if you're on the island that weekend.

2nd Annual Island Hopper Songwriter Fest

Award-winning, internationally recognized singer-songwriters will entertain at the Island Hopper Songwriter Fest this fall on Captiva Island, Fort Myers Beach and downtown Fort Myers. The 2nd annual Island Hopper Songwriter Fest begins September 17 to 20 on Captiva and wraps up September 25 to 27 on Fort Myers Beach. Downtown Fort Myers will feature mid-week performances September 21 to 24.

The free event takes place over 10 consecutive days and includes a range of star-studded performers. Songwriters who have penned top hits for such artists as Garth Brooks, Brad Paisley and Lee Ann Womack will perform at multiple venues, including Tween Water's Crow's Nest, Key Lime Bistro and Doc Ford's at South Seas Island Resort.

The event is presented by The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel; BMI, the largest music rights organization in the U.S.; along with partners iHeartMedia, and Cat Country 107.1. For details, visit www.islandhopperfest.com.

Captiva Holiday Village Begins Thanksgiving Weekend

Starting with a tree-lighting and fireworks, the island transforms into a Holiday Village with events every weekend through December. This themed, fun-filled holiday extravaganza is set against the backdrop of the shimmering Gulf of Mexico and breathtaking sunsets. Visitors during Captiva Holiday Village weekends can enjoy a Mullet Band parade, lighted boat parade, South Seas holiday strolls, a Junkanoo Parade, a carol sing at the Chapel by the Sea, sunset arias, a holiday golf cart parade and much more. Details are available online at www.captivaholidayvillage.com.

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Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

Friday, June 26 was the last official duty day for our outgoing Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club President July 2014-15, Bill Rahe. But before handing over the gavel to incoming President July 2015-16 Chris DeCosta, there was a review of sorts of some of the major highlights of Rahe's term in office. Under Bill's leadership, the club undertook the exploration of a new type of fundraiser for San-Cap Rotary with the club presenting the highly acclaimed theatrical production of *Unsinkable Women*, a one-woman show written and performed by award-winning New York actress Deborah Jean Templin. This type of fundraiser will not replace our primary Rotary Arts & Crafts Fair fundraiser, but will supplement giving specifically on the islands.

This year, the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Trust Foundation – giving arm of the Sanibel Captiva Rotary Club – has been able to distribute close to \$120,000 for global, national and local projects; some of our larger global projects were matched by Rotary International and included collaborative grants on water projects in Guatemala. Sanibel-Captiva Rotary is cur-



Chris DeCosta, left, and Bill Rahe at last month's gavel presentation

rently participating in micro-loans for coffee farming in Guatemala and micro-loans to a women's co-op in Ethiopia.

Rotary International and the Polio Plus campaign has brought huge progress toward the eradication of polio throughout the world and our club's dedication to funding for the Wheelchair Foundation and the distribution of wheelchairs in Haiti and Jamaica has distinguished ourselves among the Rotary Clubs in our Rotary District and with Rotary International. Local non-profit organizations on and just off island have received close to \$60,000, including the proceeds from *Unsinkable Women*. A list of these organizations will soon be posted online at sanibelrotary.org.

This has been a great Rotary year and we thank all Rotarians and the community for helping us with our fundraising efforts

and their support throughout the year.

Another remarkable achievement under Rahe's leadership has been the induction of 14 new members into the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club. To stress the quality of a couple of our new members, they were asked to present a brief informal oral biography at this meeting.

• Ty Symvoski, Tarpon Bay Explorers Nature Tours & Rentals. Ty and his family have had a connection to Sanibel since the 1920. Two of his family's residences are now part of the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village. Although he didn't grow up on the island, he visited often. After graduating from the University of Michigan he got his first job with the newly-formed City of Sanibel's planning department, staying on for the next 10 years. Ty bought his first house on Sanibel on Periwinkle Way for about \$1,000. He left Sanibel for adventure and travel, eventually landing a job in the planning department in Key West. The commonality of these two Paradise Islands is obvious: beaches, sand, sun, great lifestyle, tourism and a Rotary Club. Years went by and Ty found himself lured back to Sanibel... and back as an active member of the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club.

• Cindy DeCosta, director of The Children's Education Center of the Island. While attending St. Mary's College in Virginia, Cindy spent some time in Brazil. She laughs at herself because she thought she was "pretty good" at Spanish and that would come in handy when she studied in Brazil... but she quickly found out Brazilians spoke Portuguese. One thing

about Cindy, she has a good sense of humor and that comes in handy throughout life.

After graduating from St. Mary's, she found herself quickly immersed in child-care with four of her own. Cindy meshed the need to stay home with the desire to run her own at-home daycare business for a number of years. After moving to Florida, she found a teaching position at the Children's Education Center on the island. It wasn't long before the director of CECI wanted to retire and Cindy applied for the job. And the rest is history.

Speaking of history and still having Sanibel-Captiva membership in focus. Jim Reed, a fifty-one year Rotarian. First starting out in Muncie, Indiana and then transferring to Sanibel in 1991 just at the beginning of our club. He gave us some background on our scholarship program and how it was first funded by a pancake breakfast at The Community House. But soon that breakfast became the nucleus of the now Rotary Arts & Crafts Fair. The fair is the primary fundraiser for San-Cap Rotary and continues to fund all of our Rotary projects.

Now it was time for Bill Rahe to handle over the President's gavel to Chris DeCosta. It has been a great year for Rotary under Bill's leadership and Chris has some big shoes to fill. Thanks, Bill!

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.✱

Shred Documents Securely At The Community House July 18



Secure Shredding will visit The Community House on July 18

The Sanibel Community Association (SCA) will once again be hosting a drive to shred your unneeded documents and papers on Saturday, July 18 between 9 a.m. and noon at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way.

Summer is the perfect time to organize your home and office. It's also the perfect time to destroy the sensitive documents you no longer need. With identity theft a growing problem, you should securely dispose of unwanted financial and personal files so they don't end up in the wrong hands. But, if the thought of tediously hand-feeding piles of personal papers into your home shredder makes it tough to get motivated, then the perfect solution is to let someone else shred it for you safely and quickly.

Bring documents such as bank statements, credit cards receipts, old checks, income tax returns or anything that contains personal information, while watching the professionals at Secure Shredding, Inc. pulverize your papers into bits within mere minutes.

The event is open to the public. A small fee of \$5 for one or two boxes per car will

Sanibel Fire And Rescue District Achieves ISO Rating Of 3

The Sanibel Fire & Rescue District recently received notification that its Insurance Service Organization (ISO) rating has been reduced to a rating of 3 from a previous rating of 5. This is a good thing, as ratings are considered better the lower the number. The ISO rating is used by insurance companies across the country to evaluate the local fire department's capability and ability to reduce loss from fires. In evaluating the local fire loss capability, insurance companies can use this information for marketing, underwriting and helping establish fair premiums for homeowners and commercial fire insurance. In general, the price of fire insurance in a community with a good (low) rating is substantially lower than a community with a high rating. The rating schedule looks at three particular items in obtaining the score; emergency communications (911 dispatch), water supply (fire hydrants), and fire department. An overall score is assigned to each item, then added together to produce the overall score which is then translated into a raw score of 1 through 10; 1 being the best, 10 having little or no fire department. A copy of the report is available at Sanibel Fire Administration on Palm Ridge Road.

In a concerted effort by all members of the Sanibel Fire & Rescue District

(SFRD), they were able to reduce our score by improving items that are included in the rating schedule. Fire Marshal Rick Tassoni, through his fire prevention initiatives, including timely inspections, accurate documentation and overall enthusiasm for his work, ensured a decrease in the rating of the Fire Prevention portion of the rating schedule. The Training division, under the direction of Captain Tim Barrett, was another area that through increased diversity in training was the beneficiary of decreased numbers related to the rating. There was also the effort by Assistant Chief Matt Scott working with the Lee County Fire Chiefs Association and Lee County Emergency Communications to ensure the proper resources respond to emergencies.

The entire staff at SFRD played a tremendous role in achieving this objective, the most important of those being the firefighters that serve this community on a daily basis and provide the services that allow SFRD to attain the ISO rating of 3. In a statement regarding the new rating, Chief Danny Duncan said, "Everything we do, every decision we make is about improving our department. We are constantly looking to improve service in the most effective way possible. Our commission is very active and forward thinking and allows our administration to do our job and manage and lead our personnel in a positive atmosphere. We have what I believe is the most capable and dedicated group of firefighters in the country. It's no surprise to me that time and time again our personnel handle whatever situation is handed them. This reduction in our ISO rating is the result of a total team effort including all 28 employees and our board of commissioners"✱✱

be collected. If you have more boxes, an additional donation is requested. All proceeds go to The Community House operating fund to help maintain the house so additional donations are always encouraged. You must remove all binder clips and larger paper clips. Regular staples and small paper clips don't need to be removed. If you are a business, please call ahead with the number of boxes so we can assure we have room for our residents.

For more information on this or other SCA-sponsored events, visit www.sanibel-communityhouse.net or call 472-2155.✱✱

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Captiva Community Panel Meets

Also, the 31st Annual Christmas Luminary Trail and Open House will be held on Captiva on Saturday, December 5. This event draws visitors from all over the world as they join local residents to celebrate the season with luminary candles and events. For more information, visit www.sanibel-captiva.org.✱✱

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Current crew and volunteer members of the Captiva Fire Control District, photographed in front of the new station on Captiva Drive

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Fire District Grows

the new fire house and its all-volunteer force.

By 1977, a lot next to The Bubble Room had been purchased for a new fire station. Following a heated dispute between the fire commissioners and volunteer Fire Chief Bill Hughes, the fire chief resigned. Fire commissioners turned to John Bates, who lived on Captiva but was at the time a paid firefighter for the Sanibel Fire Department.

"The commission asked me if I would take on as a volunteer – no pay – the Captiva Fire Department and planning for the new fire station," said Bates, who recalled that he was told if he took on the project, he would be remembered in six months when the commission started looking for a new chief who would be paid a salary. "I went out on a limb. I was still working for the Sanibel Fire Department, which didn't pay very well, so I had a second job managing a grocery store (now the Santiva Mart) for the Baileys. I had sleepless nights for the next six months."

When Bates took on the challenge, there was dissension over the new firehouse, an all-volunteer force and fire hydrants on the island that effectively had no water, since water mains on Captiva were only big enough to handle a flow of a few hundred gallons per minute, compared to 1,500 gallons a minute when the Island Water



Captiva firefighters battling a blaze aboard a boat near Timmy's Nook

Association expanded them in the 1980s.

In 1980, the new fire station – patterned closely after Sanibel's Station #2 – was completed, and Bates was named the island's first paid fire chief, a post he held for the next 26 years. By January 1981, he had hired and was training three other paid firefighters who, along with the chief, each covered one of the three shifts and a handful of volunteers. One of those professional firefighters on the newly combined professional/volunteer force was Paul Garvey, now executive director of the CCA.

"An important thing about the Captiva Fire Department back then was that before we had a resident deputy sheriff on the island, there was no other place except the fire department that provided safety or structure for the island," said Garvey. "Now, if someone fears their property is being intruded on or has an emergency, they call 911. That wasn't always true, and that's why the fire department was such an important place for the community for so many years."

Volunteers From All Walks Of Life

Garvey, a training instructor who trained volunteers, noted, "Back then, you had people from all walks of life – attorneys, doctors, engineers, people who worked at Timmy's Nook (a popular bar and restaurant where The Green Flash now stands) who were volunteers. It was an interesting group of people and a smart group. We trained them to do everything.

"There was a great sense of community in that respect. Everybody knew everybody," he added. "When you would bring the fire truck out of the station, people

would jump on the truck as you went down the road."

Reportedly the fire truck especially slowed down when it got near Timmy's Nook so any volunteers sitting at the bar could run out the door, jump on the truck and go fight a fire with a bottle of beer in hand. For safety reasons, jumping on a moving truck was abolished in the mid-1980s, and a pager system for summoning volunteers was instituted.

By the time Bates retired in 2006, the Captiva Fire Department had five paid fire fighters.

"We could all see that was probably the last round of volunteers we would get through training because they were doubling the number of hours required (for volunteers) and moving the training to Ocala," Bates said.

Today, there are only four volunteers – Mark Wells, Jack Cunningham, Ron Gibson and C.W. Kilgore – who assist the 11 professional firefighters and paramedics on the force.

Bob Brace, a fire commissioner, was one of the last of the volunteers. He said his training involved about 150 hours of learning about fire science, equipment and firefighting. He also took courses in basic first aid and CPR, and regularly trained on pulling hoses, attaching them to fire hydrants, learning how to attack a fire and safety in the field.

"Then, we all had to take a state test," Brace remarked. "Most of us were a little past our school years, and I was quite concerned about passing the test."

A few of the volunteer firefighters over the years were women. The late artist Stella Farwell was a volunteer firefighter and later a commissioner.

Unsolved Mystery

Everyone affiliated with the fire department has a most memorable fire.

For Bates, it was a blaze in the early 1980s that destroyed an elevated guest home located on the bay side of Captiva Drive shortly after rounding the curve coming onto the island. It was a fire that was called in at 2 a.m. by a Sanibel resident who looked across Blind Pass and saw a glow in the sky.

After the fire was put out, the remains of a dog and a human were found. Because of evidence, including that the fire was started with flammable liquids and the victim had breathed smoke and was conscious when he died, the fire was ruled an arson and murder.

But why the person was killed and who was responsible remains a mystery.

"That was the most traumatic one for me because it resulted in loss of life," Bates said.

The most difficult fire to put out, Bates noted, was a house built out over Roosevelt Channel that was owned by Karel Aster, who recently was honored by both the Czech Republic and the Philippines for his World War II heroism.

Bates recalled that there was a tropical storm that night, torrential rain, high tides, lightning and strong winds, the house was fully engulfed in flames and the property was flooded. A boat under Aster's house had exploded and fallen into the water, setting the house ablaze. Power lines were also down.

It was discovered one of the fire trucks – which couldn't get near the house because of flooding – was parked under a tree. Bates said half the tree fell down just moments after they decided "on a whim" to move the pumper to a safer location.

Furthermore, Aster's wife had gone to a different neighbor's house for safety than her husband thought, and there was concern about whether she had escaped the inferno.

"That was the trickiest one I remember," Bates said, "because we were fighting an electrical fire, a flood, a raging thunderstorm and lightning."

More Than Just Fighting Fires

The Insurance Services Office has established a rating system used by insurance companies to set fire insurances rates. The best rating is a 1 and the worst is a 10.

During Bates' tenure, the island's ISO rating dropped from a 9 to a 7 as paid fire fighters were hired and water mains were improved.

"We were able to compute that the cost of improving the fire district to residents was less than the savings the residents received on their insurance policies," Bates said.

Captiva's ISO rating under Bates' successor, Jay Halverson, who served from 2006 until 2011, and current chief, Rich Dickerson, who took the helm in 2011, is now down to a 4.

"We are trying to get it to a 3," said Dickerson, who proudly added that the Captiva's 4 rating was achieved ahead of its friendly rival, the Sanibel Fire Department.

A Hurricane Hits The Island

What almost everyone alive who has been involved with the Captiva Fire Department vividly remembers most is Hurricane Charley, which struck Captiva, on August 13, 2004.

Bates said there were pre-storm plans in place that called for leaving part of the equipment in place and putting part of it in a secure Island Water Association building on Sanibel if an evacuation was called for. But when information was received about midnight about a change in the hurricane's predicted path, it was decided to move some of the equipment to the IWA facility and move one of the pumpers to the mainland. Some of the staff went with the Sanibel Fire District to the Holiday Inn Bell Tower Command Post and others – including Wells – rode out the storm in a boat at the little Bayside Marina at South Seas.

"After Charley hit on Friday, we opened up the fire department," said Wells. "Once we got the generator running and the lights on, people just came out of the woodwork. The first thing we did was to start clearing Captiva Drive so we could get emergency vehicles up here."

He noted that they cleared the road as far as the S-curve south of Tween Waters, but so many trees were such a "tangled mess" south of there that they had to wait for U.S. Forest Service tree trimmers to come up from the south.

The entire road was cleared by Monday.

A Fire Station For The Next 50 Years

The possibility of another hurricane is one reason why Captiva's new fire station was built to withstand 170 mile-per-hour winds, has a huge generator and its site was slightly elevated in case the island is inundated. A large diesel fuel tank under the generator also can be used to refill the fire truck, instead of having to go to Sanibel for fuel.

Planning for the new fire station began in 2008, and ground was broken on April 10, 2014. The department received its certificate of occupancy on June 3 of this year.

"Why did we need the new building?" Dickerson rhetorically asked. "Number one was the lack of space which we have now corrected. Based on our experience during Hurricane Charley, where we had large numbers of people working continuously for the next three to six weeks, we had a hard time housing everyone. The new building has an upstairs that can be converted into an emergency operations center."

There are seven bedrooms upstairs and room for housing additional people, a full-sized kitchen, and three bays instead of two for housing the department's two fire engines, as well as an extra EMS unit. Its bays also are longer, capable of housing a larger fire ladder truck.

The new station has a large EMS support room with life-support equipment and supplies, a work room for doing general maintenance on firefighting equipment, a fitness facility with cardio and weight lifting equipment, and a separate decontamination room. Smaller touches include facilities to refill air tanks, which now have to be filled on Sanibel, and a downstairs laundry room with commercial-grade washing machines for washing clothes contaminated by smoke residue. Studies, Dickerson noted, have found that older and retired firemen have a higher than normal incidence of cancer, believed to be caused in part by contamination from smoke residue on their gear.

The new station also has a training room that Dickerson hopes to use to ramp up community training for CPR, blood pressure monitoring and other events. "Our goal was to build a building that will be here for the next 50 years," he added.

Furthermore, using a 75-25 matching grant from Florida, the department purchased a utility all-terrain vehicle for beach rescues. With another grant in 2010 from the West Coast Inland Navigation District, it was able to purchase a jet ski that serves as a personal water rescue craft with a rescue sled.

In 2011, the department sent two paramedics to school and hired additional ones with advanced certification.

Looking To The Future

While celebrating the past six decades as a fire control district, capped by the completion of a new fire station, Dickerson, his firefighters, volunteers and three commissioners – Bob Brace, Sherrill Sims and C.W. Kilgore – are now looking to the challenges of the future.

"There has been a big increase in visitors on the island the last two years," Dickerson noted.

The department's call volume last year was up 35 percent and up 50 percent in the peak tourism period. Traffic congestion on the island is increasing. Houses are getting bigger. Hurricanes remain a threat.

And while the days of a diverse group of local volunteer firefighters emerging from Timmy's Nook to jump aboard a fire truck with a beer bottle in hand are fading into nostalgic memories, the fire chief said he is certain that the main function of the fire district – to protect lives and property – remains as valid as it was 60 years ago when the Captiva Island Fire District was created.✱

Kids Free Educational Program

Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center is offering a program for children to learn about the estuary while camping inside the Learning Center, located in Naples.

Summer Slumber, an indoor camping adventure for children ages 11 to 14, will be held on Friday to Saturday, July

17 and 18, from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center, 300 Tower Road in Naples.

During this special program, campers will explore the estuarine environment through a number of activities including: trail exploration, plankton sampling, fish feeding, late night films and discussions about the latest in reserve research.

Register by calling 530-5972 or visit www.rookerybay.org/calendar for more details. The event is free and a list of items to bring will be provided upon registration.✱

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Executive Director To Serve On Committee

Dorrie Hipschman, executive director of The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum, has been appointed to serve on VISIT FLORIDA'S Cultural, Heritage, Rural and Nature (CHRN) Committee for a term effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The committee works in conjunction with VISIT FLORIDA to develop and promote expanding facets of nature-based tourism, culture heritage, as well as rural tourism that will increase the number of Florida visitors. CHRN also promotes extended stays for improved economic benefit and quality of life factors for all areas of the state. The VISIT FLORIDA committee is a volunteer position.

Hipschman has 20 years of experience directing non-profit organizations. She believes in creating a strong institution that is an integral part of its community. She has been successful in major gift fund raising, grant writing and strategic planning as well as leading capital campaigns and museum expansions. Prior to joining The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum, she directed the start-up project to build the Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention, and for 10 years led The Building for Kids, a children's museum in Appleton, Wisconsin. She has worked as an executive director and



Dorrie Hipschman

development director for a variety of museums across the United States. She holds a BA in American studies from Georgetown University and has additional MBA coursework at the University of Hawaii.✱

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Fish Caught



Don Feiner with a fine catch

Don Feiner of Sanibel caught a 38-inch, 20-pound snook on a fly rod on the Fourth of July.

Feiner thanks Norm Zeigler (of Norm Zeigler's Fly Shop) for creating the Sanibel Fly Fishing Club and writing his how-to book on catching snook on Sanibel's beaches. Special thanks as well to Feiner's fly fishing mentors: Chris Coile, Doug Greene, Joe Mahler, Rene Ramos and the Professor Pete Squibb.✱

Bass Management Is Evolving

Bass anglers may wonder why the Sunshine State supports some of the best bass fishing in the world. Florida's abundant lakes and rivers provide habitat necessary to produce good fisheries and the Florida largemouth bass possesses unique genetics that favors rapid growth to trophy size. Harvest management through fishing rules and regulations also play a role, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is currently considering sweeping changes to streamline bass regulations and make them more effective.

The history of Florida's bass regulations is quite interesting. The first freshwater fishing regulation in Florida passed in 1855, only 10 years after statehood and 58 years before the first game commission. The law prohibited use of haul seines to harvest largemouth bass.

In 1913, the first game commission – which existed only two years – set bag limits, instituted minimum size regulations for bass, closed spawning seasons to fishing and banned most fishing nets.

Those rules seemed intuitively to be positive, proactive conservation measures but black bass regulations have evolved over the last century as scientists learn more about the species, their habitat requirements, population dynamics and angling impacts. Prior to establishment of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC) in 1943 as a constitutional agency, counties or various interim state game commissions regulated bass fishing based on local opinion and traditional approaches of other states.

The GFC started hiring fisheries biologists in 1946, who determined that previous regulations had little impact in most Florida waters. They recommended liberalized regulations following the prevalent 'Maximum Sustained Yield' model.

In 1990, biologists and the outdoor media became concerned that Florida's bass fishery was not sustainable under increasing fishing pressure and environmental impacts. As a result, the GFC adopted an "Optimal Sustained Use" approach to frame new statewide regulations in 1992. While many biologists favored increased protection of quality-sized bass, they recommended minimum size limits as most anglers supported protection of smaller bass.

From 1992 until the present, biologists modeled, implemented and studied a variety of sophisticated regulations in specific water bodies or zones within the state. Evaluation of the results of these studies included field sampling and creel studies that determined not only how fish populations were affected but also the impact on fishing participation and success.

The FWC, which succeeded the GFC in 1999, has been a leader in researching better ways to manage harvest not only with hands-on experimentation but also by monitoring successes and failures of bass regulations in other states and carefully evaluating the causes. Integrating social science with biological research allows the FWC to develop regulations that are justified biologically while accommodating angler opinions, attitudes and behaviors.

Consequently, FWC Commissioners favorably reviewed draft black bass management rules on June 25 at a public meeting in Sarasota. Staff will continue to discuss the draft rules with the public and the Commission will consider the rules for final approval

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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 for Wednesday, August 12 is *Mystic River* by Dennis Lehane.

Bring your lunch and watch the movie at 12:30 p.m., followed by a discussion on the book and movie at 2:30 p.m.

Friday Collage Classes with Bea Pappas – July 24 and 31, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Pappas will be teaching an easy approach to collage, both figurative and abstract. Collage can be worked from torn magazines, found papers like book pages or handmade papers. Collage artists: bring a pint of fluid matte premium, scissors, papers, magazines and substrates (substrates can be watercolor paper, canvas, canvas board or mat board). Members are \$15, non-members are \$20. Call the center to sign up.

Sunset Social on the Causeway – Tuesday, July 28, 6:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening relaxing and watching the sunset with friends. Meet on the causeway. Bring a dish to share and your beach chair. Contact the center if you are interested in participating and for directions to the viewing area (weather permitting).

Leisure Luncher's – Monday, July 13. Shopping at Miromar Outlets and lunch at Ford's Garage. Over 140 designer and brand name stores to choose from at Miromar Outlets which was voted Best Shopping Mall and Best Factory Outlet Mall in Southwest Florida. Coupons are available on their website. Carpooling encouraged. Sign up at the center is required.

Games

Bridge – Monday and Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes will be awarded.

Mahjongg – Thursday at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

Tuesday Kayaking – July 21 (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 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.

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Fish Caught



Anthony Colachicco holds up a 34-inch snook

Anthony Colachicco, visiting from Delray Beach, Florida, caught a 34-inch snook on a Spoolek lure while fishing the waters of Redfish Pass last week.✱

Annual Coastal Clean Up

The annual Coastal Clean Up Project will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, September 19. All islanders, visitors and volunteers are invited to come out and help keep our beaches clean.

Dee Century with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation will "reserve" a location for participants, but organizers need to get a list of volunteer information as soon as possible.

If you would like to participate in the Coastal Clean Up (i.e. individuals,

teams, offices, etc.), send an e-mail to Bill@SanibelRealtors.com or Joan@SanibelRealtors.com.✱

Sanibel Plan Now Available Online

The City of Sanibel's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, also known as the Sanibel Plan, is now available electronically in its entirety on the City of Sanibel's webpage at www.mysanibel.com.

The original Sanibel Plan was adopted in 1976. The plan was amended and extensively revised in 1985, 1989, 1997 and 2007. In 2007, the American Planning Association recognized the Sanibel Plan with the National Planning Landmark Award.

In 2013, the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) for the Sanibel Plan was completed and adopted. This report concluded that the plan is consistent with all state requirements including changes made to state statutes contained in the Community Planning Act of 2011. In 2013, the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Division of Community Development, issued a finding that the Sanibel Plan, as adopted by City of Sanibel Ordinance 12-010, is in compliance with Section 163.3184(4) of Florida Statutes.

Questions regarding the Sanibel Plan should be directed to City of Sanibel Planning Director James Jordan at jimmy.jordan@mysanibel.com or 472-4136.✱

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Bass Management

In February 2016. Once approved, new rules will go into effect on July 1, 2016. The intent is to simplify rules: allow anglers to keep smaller, more abundant largemouth bass and increase abundance

of larger bass statewide by changing length limits for black bass species and eliminating many specific rules for different water bodies.

Anglers are practicing catch-and-release at record levels. While reduced harvest of large bass is beneficial, culling bass under 16 inches may improve some fisheries by reducing competition among bass so individuals grow faster and larger. The proposal would allow additional harvest of younger, small healthy bass that are very abundant and steadily replaced by nature, by the relatively few anglers who consistently harvest bass. Meanwhile, anglers who are targeting larger bass for the experience and who often release them should soon see more bass longer than 16 inches, as those fish will be recycled more than ever before.

"We believe this innovative proposal will streamline bass management," said Commissioner Aliese "Liesa" Priddy after the staff presentation at the Sarasota meeting. "We want to make it as easy as possible for Florida anglers, as well as those from out of state, to enjoy bass fishing in Florida, the Fishing Capital of the World."

In Florida, black bass species include largemouth, spotted, shoal, Suwannee and Choctaw bass. The largemouth bass is found statewide and is known worldwide for reaching trophy size, whereas the other four species are smaller and, within Florida, are found only in the panhandle area (see MyFWC.com/Fishing for details).

Specifically, the proposal would eliminate the three zones that currently regulate bass harvest along with 42 special regulations for largemouth bass. This simplification in the rules was one of the key features sought after by anglers and resource managers.

Under the proposal, anglers could still keep up to five black bass (all species combined) of any size, but only one bass 16 inches or longer in total length could be

kept per angler per day. For Suwannee, shoal, Choctaw and spotted basses, the current 12-inch minimum size limit would be maintained, although there would be no minimum length limit on largemouth bass. In addition, the proposed changes include a catch-and-release-only zone for shoal bass in the Chipola River.

The current bass tournament permit program would continue to allow anglers participating in permitted tournaments temporary possession of five bass of any size. This program has been in place for over 20 years and allows delayed-release bass tournaments to take place, and requires proper care, handling and release of all bass caught during the tournament.

Gene Gilliland, national conservation director at B.A.S.S., said in written comments about the proposal: "FWC's Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management staff has done an outstanding job collecting data that supports this recommendation. Statewide regulations that are simple for the public to understand are more likely to be accepted and followed."

"This new approach is very innovative, and I anticipate that many states will follow suit," said Dr. Michael Allen, professor of freshwater fisheries ecology with the University of Florida.

The commissioners approved the draft to move forward and will take formal action in February 2016 at which time the rule could be approved for implementation on July 1, 2016. They complimented Champeau and his team of biologists, represented by Allen Martin and Bill Pouders at the meeting, and thanked them for leading the way in incorporating a mix of science-informed decision making with a common sense approach to refining management practices that deliver what the public wants from their bass fisheries.

Details of the proposed rule changes and public input can still be provided via two surveys at MyFWC.com/BassSurvey.✱



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Optimists Stage 36th Road Rally



At the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club's 36th annual Road Rally are, from left, Randy Carson, Richard McCurry, Judie Zimomra, Stan and Dani Howard photos by Jeff Lysiak



Sanibel City Manager Judie Zimomra waves the flag to signal the start of the Road Rally



Optimist Club member Dani Howard, left, gives instructions to Chelle Walton of the Martini Mamas Road Rally team



Road Rally participants line up at the start of the scavenger hunt route, the parking lot of The Timbers

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The program is geared toward teenaged
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Participants must be at least 13 years of
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For additional information, visit www.
fishofsancap.org.*

CECI Begins Harvesting New Memorial Garden



From left, Ernesto Del Valle, Charlee Armstrong, Angelina Roa, Liam Wunder, Landon Markosky and Hazel DeCosta proudly display their beans that the students grew in their garden

The Children's Education Center of
the Islands have begun to harvest a
bumper crop of long beans out of
their Ryckman Memorial Garden. This
special garden was created in the memory
of Martha Ryckman, the preschool's first
director in 1975 when the school was
located at Bailey Tract in the old Bailey's
General Store. She oversaw the move of
the preschool to its current location on
Casa Ybel Road and was the director until
1983.

The Ryckman Memorial Garden was
made possible by memorial gifts to the
preschool when she passed away in July
2013. The garden is tended and planted
by the preschool students, with all the
plants chosen by the children. It has
become a focal point for their lessons
which encompasses science, nature, math
and art as well as reading. In the past, the students experienced lessons of a plant
dying and learned about seasons and planting times. Now they are able to celebrate
with a lesson on summer planing and nutrition as many of the students didn't even
wait for lunch time to munch on their delicious beans.

The Children's Education Center of the Islands is a non-profit preschool offering
full- and part-time classes for children ages 2 to 5. The preschool is currently accept-
ing applications for the 2015-16 school year beginning on August 24 as well as their
Summer Camp, which goes until August 7. Scholarships are also available on a limited
basis. For more information, call the school at 472-4538.*



Bode Lackenby and Majdal Pacheco were the first to notice the long beans on the bean teepees

OBITUARY



WILLIAM F. BLACK

Bill Black, loving husband of Nancy
(Boomer) Black for over 35 years,
passed away peacefully at the age
of 82 with Nancy at his side on June
19, 2015 at Hope Hospice House
HealthPark. Bill succumbed to cancer
after fighting a courageous battle for over
15 months.

Born in Ethridge, Tennessee on May
31, 1933 to William and Mary (Suratt)
Black, Bill left Tennessee to join the
U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.
After serving as a cook and a medic,
Bill moved to Michigan after being dis-
charged from service. When he retired

from Quad Precision Tool in Rochester
Hills, Michigan as a precision machinist,
he and Nancy moved to their beloved
Sanibel Island. Together, they had owned
a condo on the island for 17 years prior
to making the permanent move, and
once on Sanibel, Bill immersed himself
in the island life. He worked part time
at Sandalfoot Condominiums and was
a guest favorite for over seven years. In
2004, Bill oversaw renovations to the
condominiums after Hurricane Charley
hit the island.

Bill was a very humble man with a
great smile who always referred to him-
self as a "listener." He was unbelievably
knowledgeable with plumbing, electrical
and mechanical, and could fix and repair
anything, often using the machinist back-
ground to make parts. Bill loved to ride
his 2001 Harley all around the islands
and he kept his 1977 Corvette in perfect
condition.

Bill is survived by his sons, Charles
and Gary Black, and step daughter and
son Terrell Tucker and John Pitcock of
Michigan, grandchildren Stephen (Erica)
Ledington, Carrie (John) Savoie, Duane
Black, Julie (Stephen) Bytz, Angela and
Kenneth Black, Sara, Jessica, Edward
Tucker, KaSandra (Jason) Keith, and
Susan (Kyle) Hoose as well as 12 great
grandchildren. He is predeceased by
daughter Teresa Black and grandson
Robert Ledington.

A celebration of life is planned for
November 6 at 11 a.m. in the historic
chapel at Sanibel Community Church.

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The H2O Youth Ministry team will embark on a missions trip to New York this summer

Youth Ministry Goes From One Island To Another

From July 18 to 25, Sanibel Community Church's H2O Youth Ministry is sending a group to Staten Island, New York. This year's team consists of 34 people; middle school students as well as chaperones and leaders. They will be taking part in the Vacation Bible School with New Hope Community Church. Along with VBS, the students will have the chance to evangelize door to door in the surrounding neighborhoods nearby.

New Hope Community Church is excited to have H2O join them in their summer program called Urban Hope. The program will run for six weeks, with SCC's H2O assisting with the first week.

Many scholarships were made available to our H2O students through the community support of their main annual fundraiser called Starry, Starry Night, which is held every spring at the church.*



Loggerhead hatchling from a daytime hatch
photo by Judith Jones



Snowy plover chick
photo by Hugh McLaughlin

SCCF Nesting Statistics

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) reported the following sea turtle nesting statistics as of July 3:

Sanibel East: 91 nests, 240 false crawls

Sanibel West: 280 nests, 661 false crawls

Captiva: 97 nests, 178 false crawls
Total: 468 nests, 1079 false crawls
Please observe "Lights Out For Sea Turtles."

Note: There are coyotes on Sanibel and SCCF is screening as many nests as possible to discourage coyote depredation.

SCCF staff and volunteers also monitor snowy plover nesting on Sanibel. As of July 3, the nest total for snowy plovers is 15:

- Two nests are active
- 10 nests have hatched 28 chicks. Six nests have fledged seven chicks; one nest has one chick and one nest has fledged a chick (included in fledgling count) and still has one chick. All the chicks are gone from three nests.

- Two nests have been depredated
 - One nest is gone, fate unknown
 - One nest was washed out
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If you have questions, or would like to know more about nesting stats on Sanibel, contact seaturtle@sccf.org or call SCCF at 472-2329.*



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CROW Visits Continental Women's Club

by Di Saggau

Members of the Continental Women's Club of Greater Fort Myers enjoyed hearing from Rachel Rainbolt, Education Coordinator for the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW), located on Sanibel. She talked about how they care for some 3,500 animals a year in their wild life hospital. While 20 to 25 percent of the animals they receive do not survive, they manage to save a lot of critters who have been hit by cars or met other mishaps. Rainbolt brought along an American Kestrel falcon named Lola. She is also called a sparrow hawk because of her small size. Lola had an injured wing and will stay with CROW for her lifetime because she is unable to forage for herself. It was a fascinating program.

Coming up on Thursday, August 6, the program will feature a fashion show by Chico's. Members are encouraged to bring guests to join the fun in seeing the latest fashions.

Continental Women's Club meets on the first Thursday of every month. Membership is open to women living in the area who are interested in both social and philanthropic endeavors. Yearly membership is \$20 and provides members with interesting programs throughout the year.

The meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. The cost of lunch is \$19 and reservations are necessary. Meetings are held at Colonial Country Club, located at 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers. If you enjoy meeting with active women who enjoy raising money



Gina Wheeler with Rachel Rainbolt and Lola the falcon

to award scholarships to young women, provide food and clothing for those in need as well as taking part in numerous social events, think about becoming a member. Activities include bridge, bunco, book club, lunch bunch and dining out groups. Various trips are also offered for members. For more information, call Margie Connor at 561-8973.✴

CROW Calendar Of Events

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) has specialty programs available for residents and visitors. Meet the staff and learn what it takes to rescue, rehabilitate and release wildlife in Southwest Florida.

For reservations, contact Rachel Rainbolt at rrainbolt@crowclinic.org or 472-3644 ext. 229 to register. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed weekends. CROW is located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Friday, July 10 and Monday, July 13, 11 a.m., \$5 included with admission – Wild About Rehabilitation, presented by CROW staff.

After a patient stabilizes in the hospital, CROW's rehabilitation staff provides them with a combination of balanced diet, husbandry and physical therapy. This supportive care is necessary to ensure success during the final step in the rehabilitation process. Ask the staff how they work their magic.

Tuesday, July 14, 11 a.m., \$5 included with admission – Patient Profiles: Sea Turtles, presented by CROW staff.

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

Wednesday, July 15, 11 a.m., \$5 included with admission – CROW Case of the Week, presented by a CROW student.

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.

Thursday, July 16, 11 a.m., \$5 included with admission – Patient Profiles: Gopher Tortoises, presented by a CROW volunteer.

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." CROW's presenter will explain why they are admitted and how the medical staff treats this species.

Friday, July 17, 11 a.m., \$5 included with admission – Why Animals Come to CROW, presented by a CROW volunteer.

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. This presentation uses past case studies, rescues and releases to teach you about safe interactions with wildlife in the community.

Friday, July 17, 2 p.m., \$20 per person, registration required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff.

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.✴

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An Inside Look At Wildlife Recovery

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In 2014, CROW's wildlife hospital cared for 3,410 sick, injured or orphaned animals. Of the 200 different species, 57 percent were birds, with 37 percent mammals and six percent reptiles.

CROW is not permitted to display its patients to the public, so this hour-long presentation offers the next best thing: numerous candid snapshots of current and past patients, with commentary by Claudia Burns, a veteran clinic volunteer.

The next CROW Picture Show will be held on Friday, July 17 at 11 a.m. in CROW's Visitor Education Center at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road, across from The Sanibel School. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for teens, free for members and children 12 or under. The entry fee



Baby burrowing owl

photo courtesy of CROW

also includes access to the Visitor Education Center, which exhibits CROW's efforts to save wildlife through care, education and collaboration.

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New Merritt Pump Station Delivers First Gallons Of Water For Restoration

Rising out of the flat Everglades landscape in southwest Florida, a massive new pump station has begun sending the first gallons of water to help restore 55,000 acres in the Picayune Strand. Restoration of this area is a joint effort between the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

"Sending water into an area that was left dry and unnatural by long-gone development is another sign of our restoration progress," said SFWMD Executive Director Blake Guillory. "Work in the Picayune Strand has been an ongoing partnership that is producing visible results."

The Merritt Pump Station, officially designated as S-488, is the first of three pump stations to be completed for restoring Picayune wetlands and wildlife habitat and also to improve the health of downstream estuaries in the Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge.

The pump station, located in Collier County's Big Cypress Basin, was completed by the Army Corps of Engineers in September. It can pump 810 cubic feet of water per second to provide both flood control for communities north of Picayune and sheetflow south needed for environmental restoration.



Restoration efforts will include a new refuge for manatees

photo courtesy of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission



The new Merritt Pump Station began delivering water in June

Work to allow this sheetflow of water to move south across a broad expanse of the landscape was completed in 2006, when numerous culverts were constructed under U.S. 41 to allow water movement.

"The Picayune Strand Restoration Project continues to serve as an example of what can be accomplished when we work together," said Col. Alan Dodd, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District Commander. "In October, the Corps and our partners at the South Florida Water Management District celebrated the completion of the Merritt Pump Station. Now, we are seeing restoration in action."

Additionally, work to plug 10 miles of the Merritt Canal was completed this month, spreading water across the landscape, rehydrating the area south of Interstate 75 and north of U.S. 41, between the Belle Meade area and the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park.

Scientists expect to see beneficial changes in local vegetation and wildlife habitat begin to emerge as early as this year.

Manatee Protection

Approximately 300 manatees currently use the Port of the Islands Basin as a warm water refuge during the colder months of the year. Scientists believe this refuge was created by freshwater discharged from the current canal system in Picayune Strand.

Unfortunately, restoration efforts that will enhance wildlife habitat in the region will reduce freshwater flow into this specific area. In April, the SFWMD approved a contract to construct a new manatee refuge that is compatible with restoration efforts. Work will include creation of three deep pools, 100 feet in diameter and about 20 feet deep.

Construction of the refuge began on June 25 with clearing of the site, and work is scheduled to be complete in April 2016.

Picayune Strand Background And Restoration Goals

Southern Golden Gate Estates was originally designed and marketed as the largest suburban development in the country in the late 1960's. The developer dredged 48 miles of canals, built approximately 270 miles of shell-rock roads and sold thousands of lots before going bankrupt.

Florida and its federal partners set out to restore the region to a more natural state. The objective is to restore and enhance wetlands in Picayune Strand and adjacent public lands by reducing over-drainage, and to improve the water quality of coastal estuaries by moderating the large salinity fluctuations caused by point discharge of freshwater from the Faka Union Canal.

Authorized by Congress in 2007, the Picayune Strand Restoration Project became the first Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan project to begin construction.

Restoration will help connect publically owned and protected lands in the area, including:

- Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve – 75,000 acres
- Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge – 26,000 acres
- Collier-Seminole State Park – 6,500 acres
- Big Cypress National Preserve – 730,000 acres
- Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge – 35,000 acres

Completed Restoration Work

To date, the Picayune Strand Restoration Project has reached several milestones, including:

- Prairie Canal Plugging and Road Removal (SFWMD): This included backfilling and plugging seven miles of the Prairie Canal using fill from spoil along the canal and removing 65 miles of roads to restore the natural historical grade.
- Tamiami Trail Culvert Construction (SFWMD): Work included installation of nine culverts under the Tamiami Trail to help restore overland flows in the Picayune Strand.
- Merritt Pump Station and Road Removal (USACE): Pump Station construction started in February 2010 and was completed in September 2014. Work included plugging 10 miles of the Merritt Canal.✱

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Shell Of The Week

Florida
Prickly Cockle

by José H. Leal,
PhD, The Bailey-
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Science Director &
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The Florida
prickly cockle,

*Trachycardium
egmontianum*
(Shuttleworth,

1856), is one of the most commonly found bivalves along the shores of Southwest Florida. Its common name originates from the spiny projections distributed along radial (oriented from the "beak" to the edge) ribs. As other species of cockles do, Florida prickly cockles use their foot as a "pole vault" or lever to propel themselves away from threatening predators such as apple and lace murexes. Almost pure white shells, known as "albinistic" by collectors, are not uncommon. The albinistic Florida prickly cockle shell depicted in the middle and right images was collected



The Florida prickly cockle. From left: normal shell color; albinistic shell; and posterior view of albinistic shell showing the ligament (brown structure on top).

all photos by José H. Leal

by yours truly under the Blind Pass bridge on Sanibel in March 2010. Learn more about the Florida prickly cockle at <http://shellmuseum.org/shells/southwest-florida-shells/trachycardium-egmontianum>.

Shell Museum Events

Daily Island Inn Morning Beach Walks (advance booking required): 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 for adults and \$7 for

children; parking at Island Inn is free for beach walk participants. Space is limited; book online at shellmuseum.org/events or call 395-2233 to make a reservation. All beach walk participants receive half-off museum admission. (Current Island Inn guests: Please book through the Inn).

Daily Tank Talks, 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Gain great insights into the fascinating world of mollusks.

Monday at 1:30 p.m.: Carolyn's Collection* – A fun and entertaining

look at gem-quality shells. (*Please check shellmuseum.org to note any schedule changes)

Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.: What Is A Mollusk? Learn about the shell makers in this hands-on presentation.

Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.: Midday Tank Talk with a marine biologist.

Thursday at 1:30 p.m.: Shell ID Clinic – Bring in your mystery finds for identification from an expert.

Friday at 1:30 p.m.: Arts & Crafts – continued on page 31

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Mangrove Snapper Time



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Catch-and-release snook fishing continues to be great action for anglers looking to just bend a rod, but with many of my anglers wanting fillets to take home

at the end of a charter, one species that is both tasty and plentiful this time of year is the mangrove snapper. This species can not only be targeted offshore but also anywhere from the passes right through bay. During our summer months, we catch some of the largest ones of the year for the bay.

Mangrove snapper have good eyesight so the lighter and less terminal tackle you can get away with, the more bites you get. My go-to rig for shallow water inshore snapper is a free lined shiner on



A catch-and-release snook triple header

a 4-foot piece of 20# fluorocarbon leader with a light wire 1/0 J or circle hook. When in the pass or deeper water, use just enough weight – either a jig head or a small sliding sinker – to get the bait close to the bottom. When mangrove or dock fishing, I like to go really light using

a 2000 series spinning reel and light spinning rod. On this light tackle, these fish put on a great fight.

The bite on these snapper is a little different than most of our fish; they often hit a bait a few times really hard before swimming off with it. When chummed up, they will explode on a bait right on the surface. With a generous five per person daily limit and a 10-inch minimum size on mangrove snapper, with the right bait and rig, dinner does not come much easier this time of year. To target the bigger mangrove snapper, nothing beats a small to medium size shiner and having extra to live chum never hurts either.

If you plan on taking your snapper home for dinner, one slick trick is to bleed them out before icing them down.

Keep them alive in your livewell until you're ready to call it a day, then remove them making a small cut from side to side across the throat with a sharp knife before dropping them back into the livewell. After a few minutes, they will swim until all of the blood pumps out of them, leaving the meat snowy white. Next right before heading to the fillet table, take a bucket or cooler with half ice and half saltwater. You're basically making a brine to drop them into. Clean your boat or give them at least 10 minutes or longer before filleting or scaling. This not only firms up the meat but makes cleaning them a breeze. When handled like this, the meat is totally blood free and milder tasting.

Snapper are far from one of our most glamorous gamefish species to catch but are definitely one of my favorite fish to eat. Not only do I grill the fillets but I also like to scale, gut and remove the gills before cooking them whole. When cooked whole – either grilled, fried, steamed or baked – it really keeps the meat moist and gives you the opportunity to pick every last little bit of flavorful meat from the bones. When dredged in rice flour and deep fried whole, the crispy fins and little bits of cheek meat are the best parts.

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

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'Ding' Darling Studies Sanibel's Endemic Rice Rat



Sanibel Island rice rat during tagging

Sanibel Island is home to a sub-species of rice rat found nowhere else in the world: the Sanibel Island rice rat (*Oryzomys palustris sanibeli*). Because of habitat loss and fragmentation, predation by feral house cats, and competition from the nonnative black rat (*Rattus rattus*), the state of Florida has designated the Sanibel Island rice rat (SIRR) as a state threatened species.



The Sanibel rice rat team met on June 30 to discuss strategy and compare notes, from left, Daniel Filho, UF intern; Robert McCleery, UF assistant professor of wildlife ecology and conservation; Wesley Boone, UF PhD student; Toby Clark, SCCF field technician; Bill Thomas, FWS Region 4 Exotic Species Strike Team leader; Jeremy Conrad, refuge wildlife biologist; Joyce Palmer, deputy refuge manager; and Alyssa Jordan, FWC biologist.

The species' rarity has led the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge to partner with Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) for a special study being conducted by the University of Florida (UF) Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation in Gainesville, Florida., and funded by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

Support for the study comes also from the refuge/U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) and the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), who jointly provide on-site housing for two full-time UF researchers.

"This study is important to the refuge because we have caught very few Sanibel rice rats during our survey and monitoring efforts, and we don't know much about this subspecies that is exclusive to

Sanibel," said Deputy Refuge Manager Joyce Palmer. "We are indebted to the various agencies that support this study at a time when federal budget cuts have severely slashed our staff – from 20 in 2011 to 12 today. We are fortunate to have partners who are able to help us achieve our research needs."

Native to the island, the elusive Sanibel Island rice rat, one of four known rice rat subspecies in Florida, plays an important role in the ecosystem – from eating seeds and snails to providing food for predators such as hawks and bobcats.

The refuge has been monitoring the threatened population of rice rats through small mammal surveys conducted each spring and fall in the refuge's cordgrass marshes at the Bailey Tract, at the Botanical Site, and along Sanibel-Captiva Road near the American Legion. Staff

and interns use live traps, general body size metrics and tagging methods to obtain data on the SIRR population location, population size and habitat requirements.

Biologists safely release the rats after taking measurements and attaching small numbered tags to their ears to identify individuals that might be recaptured, which to date has never occurred. Little is known about their population numbers on the island.

The team from UF includes field researchers Wesley Boone, a PhD student, and exchange student intern Daniel Filho from Brazil; plus assistant professor Robert McCleery. Their study will be conducted during wet and dry seasons over a three-year period. They started in mid-June for this summer and will continue

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Gray Fox



by Patricia Molloy

One of the most beautiful and intelligent creatures on the planet is the fox. These shy animals are found throughout North America, with the exception of the Rockies, the Great Plains and eastern central America. There are four species of foxes: the red, the gray, the arctic and the kit, of which the gray fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*) is the largest. Both the red fox and the gray fox are found in Florida and are listed as protected by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Gray foxes are crepuscular animals meaning that they are active at twilight. While they often forage for nuts and berries during the day, these solitary omnivores hunt primarily at night. Weighing seven to 13 pounds in adulthood, the size of a small dog, the gray fox is the only member of the dog family that climbs trees.

Last week, an injured gray fox was rescued in LaBelle and delivered to CROW. "He was found in a golf cart shed at a golf course, in the corner, hunkered down," Dr. Brittany explained. "They trapped him and put him in a box, but we think they held him in the box a little too long, because by the time he got here, he was in shock. His heart rate was 350 and had no pulse quality. His gums were white."

Once the fox's condition was stabilized and he was resting comfortably, a thorough exam was conducted. The male pup, patient #15-1961, was determined to be approximately 16 weeks old, based on his teeth. He had lacerations on his front right leg, a small scab on the hind right leg, a puncture wound and soft tissue swelling.

After receiving stitches and a penicillin injection, the youngster was moved to an outdoor enclosure.

"He's doing well. He was chewing on his stitches and licking them, just being like a dog. It's kind of tough keeping (the bandage) on him, so we've got some elastic on the bottom and top, and even with that, he was trying to tear it which caused some abrasions around the top part of the bandage," said Dr. Brittany.

When treating domesticated canines, veterinarians often utilize the Elizabethan collar – better known as the Cone of Shame – to prevent animals from chewing on stitches. Evidently, this is not an option for the shy, wild fox. "He would not appreciate (that)!" Dr. Brittany exclaimed emphatically, but with a good-natured laugh.

Before the young fox can be released back into the wild, Dr. Heather Barron, hospital director, must be confident that he has the necessary skills to survive on his own. Thanks to a tight-knit group of wildlife rehabilitation facilities in Florida, Dr. Heather has developed relationships with a large number of wildlife veterinarians who are willing to share their knowledge and experiences.

"We are researching success rates with 'soft release' techniques with this species and it looks like this (patient) may be a good candidate. We don't get foxes here that often to be able to say how likely they are to survive if

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The patient watches eagerly as its breakfast is delivered. Since gray foxes have a lot of rusty-colored fur – and are often confused with the red fox as a result – they are commonly referred to as "red-sided gray."



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Calahan McManamon

Calahan McManamon, 11, visiting from Chicago, caught and released a 28-inch snook while on a Sea Reed Charter last week.✪

Fish Caught



John Kelley

John Kelley of Fort Myers caught a 28-inch snook on Sanibel's Lighthouse Beach last week using a Yozuri crystal minnow. "After weeks of rough surf and no snook, the surf has finally calmed down," said Kelley.✪

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Plant Smart

Mahoe



Mahoe's large flowers resemble those of the popular ornamental hibiscus shrub



Mahoe's round or heart-shaped leaves span up to eight inches across

by Gerri Reaves

Over the last few decades, mahoe's (*Talipariti tiliaceum* or *Hibiscus tiliaceus*) native status was a topic of debate. After all, who would want to believe that this fast-growing, salt-tolerant evergreen with year-round flowers is an invading pest?

Alas, today plant experts generally agree that mahoe is naturalized. Native to tropical Asia, in fact, it was reported to be in coastal hammocks in the Florida Keys as early as 1913.

The term naturalized refers to an imported plant that persists in the wild without human cultivation. That ability to survive independently is a trait shared

by many imported landscape plants, and such species can threaten natural ecosystems.

Mahoe, also called sea hibiscus, became a popular landscape tree in South Florida during the 1960s and 1970s. Salt-tolerance made it a popular ornamental, especially in coastal areas.

Now mahoe is currently listed as a category II invasive by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council.

The council defines a category II invasive as having "the potential to be invasive and to disrupt native plant communities by displacing native species," as opposed to a category I invasive, which is "known" to be invasive.

Mahoe threatens native mangroves, in particular. Via water-born seed capsules,

the invader establishes thick stands at the upland edges of mangroves and subsequently shades them out.

Plants can be single- or multi-trunked, usually reaching 20 to 30 feet high and spreading as wide as they are tall.

The round or heart-shaped leaves are up to eight inches across with long leaf stems and pointed tips

Five-petaled, funnel-shaped flowers resemble those of the popular hibiscus shrub. They are yellow during the day but turn red by evening.

A prominent column bearing the stamens and pistil arises from the maroon center.

One species of similar appearance, *Hibiscus pernambaricus*, lacks the maroon center. Some experts theorize that it is native to some South Florida counties.

Mahoe does best in full sun with plenty of water. However, its category II status proves that gardeners don't need advice on cultivating it.

While its sale is not prohibited in Florida, experts advise against planting it in the landscape.

If you already have this tree in your yard, consider replacing it with native vegetation. At least control its spreading to other areas.

Local native-plant expert Dick



Fast-growing mahoe can be single- or multi-trunked

photos by Gerri Reaves

Workman points out that removal provides an opportunity to endear oneself to woodworking and fiber-arts organizations, for the wood and bark can be used to make anything from hand tools to clothing, fishing nets to rope.

Mahoe's flowers and young leaves are edible.

Sources: regionalconservation.org, floridata.com, se-eppc.org/wildland-weeds, and *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell.

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Teens Take On Survival Camp Challenge

submitted by Leah Biery

Last week was hot, buggy and sometimes very rainy, but our first-ever Have Paddleboard, Will Survive camp was still deemed “the best Sanibel Sea School experience in history” by more than one camper.

Eight teenagers and two counselors spent the week exploring Sanibel’s ecosystems by paddleboard and practicing first aid and survival skills along the way. We mapped the canals, competed in an epic scavenger hunt, and camped out on Picnic Island with only paddleboards, sheets and U.S. Military Meals Ready-to-Eat.

Campers supplemented their rations with fresh pen shells gathered from San Carlos Bay, which camper Kristen Dunavant described as “not that bad.” The group endured a heavy storm under a shared tarp and slept atop their boards in a mostly unsuccessful attempt to stay dry. “I’m not sure how it’s possible to feel freezing cold during June in Southwest Florida, but we were shivering all night,” said counselor Nicole Ogden. The whole group survived the experience, paddled back to shore after a detour to Tarpon Bay, and enjoyed coffee and donuts on the causeway.



Metin Basturk finds shelter from the sun on Picnic Island



Campers prepare for their overnight journey to Picnic Island

Campers also had the option to paddle to Fort Myers Beach on Friday for a celebratory lunch at Doc Ford’s. Congratulations to the five who braved the long journey successfully: Aneta Szmekova, Jacob Lemmon, Kristen Dunavant, Luke Kalhorn, and Salem Clemens. We are so impressed by your determination and endurance!

A big thank you to Sanibel Service Station, Doc Ford’s Fort Myers Beach, Island Condo Maintenance, Tim Barrett of Sanibel Fire and Rescue, Kialoa Paddles, and BIC Paddleboards for their support. Sanibel Sea School is a 501(c)3 nonprofit whose mission is to improve the ocean’s future, one person at a time. For more information, visit www.sanibelseaschool.org.

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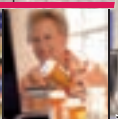
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Chris Kalhorn with his snook

Chris Kalhorn, visiting from Rockville, Maryland, caught a 32-inch snook off the beach on July 3 while using thread fin herring. The Kalhorns were staying at Sanibel Surfside.*

Eco-Friendly Mosquito Control

submitted by Melinda Myers

Don't let mosquitoes keep you from enjoying your garden and outdoor parties. Look for environmentally sound ways to manage these pests in your garden and landscape.

Start by eliminating standing water in the yard. Buckets, old tires and clogged gutters and downspouts that hold water make the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Drain water that collects in these as well as kids' toys, tarps and pool covers. Store these items in the garage or turn them over to keep them from becoming a mosquito breeding ground. Even small containers hold enough water for hundreds to thousands of mosquitoes to breed.

Change the water in birdbaths at least once a week. Consider installing a small pump to keep water moving to prevent mosquito breeding. Or use an organic mosquito control like Mosquito Dunks and Bits (SummitResponsibleSolutions.com) in rain barrels and water features. The Mosquito Bits quickly knock down the mosquito larval population, while the Mosquito Dunks provide 30 days of control. They are both certified organic and safe for pets, fish, wildlife and children.

Wear light colored, loose fitting clothing. These pests are less attracted to the lighter colors and can't readily reach your skin through loose clothing. And be sure to cover as much of your skin as possible with long sleeves and pants.

Add a few birdhouses to the landscape to bring in the birds. You'll enjoy their beauty and benefit from their diet of insects, including many garden pests and mosquitoes.

Keep the garden weeded. Mosquitoes rest in shrubs, trees and weeds during the day. Removing weeds and managing neglected garden spaces will make your landscape less inviting to these pests.

Consider using a personal repellent

to protect you against disease-carrying mosquitoes. For those looking to avoid DEET, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has also approved products with the active ingredient picaridin (found in Skin So Soft products), IR3535, and the synthetic oil of lemon and eucalyptus. Avoid products that contain both sunscreen and insect repellents as you need to apply the sunscreen more often than the repellent.

Add a bit more protection while sitting or eating outdoors. Use a fan to create a gentle breeze that keeps the weak flying mosquitoes away from you and your guests. Some gardeners even take a small fan into the garden while weeding.

Then, add a bit of ambience to your next party by lighting a few citronella candles for your evening events. Citronella oil and the scented candles do have some mosquito repelling properties. Scatter lots of candles throughout your entertainment space. Position the candles within a few feet of your guests. This can provide some short term relief from these pests for you and your guests.

Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author and columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books. Visit www.melindamyers.com for more gardening tips and videos.*

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Rice Rat

through August 2015.

The \$89,000 study will lead to an additional estimated \$351,000 restoration component that will be research-driven, said Alyssa Jordan, FWC biologist. Matching funding from the refuge and DDWS will pay for signage and possibly an observation tower at Bailey Tract on Tarpon Bay Road.

The research conducted by UF will expand upon the refuge's monitoring program by including additional habitat types and trapping on all conservation lands on Sanibel, including SCCF and city lands.

"We will be trapping in the freshwater marshes, but also mangrove and transitional zones," said McCleery. "Other rice rats elsewhere are found in various habitats. More intensive monitoring will tie in with the restoration to help us make recommendations."

After a week of trapping in late June, the researchers have so far come up empty-handed. The last rice rats trapped in the refuge were in 2014.

At that time, biology intern Hanna Joergens reported: "This spring, (we) captured two SIRR individuals at the Legion Curve site on refuge property. Rat #193, a male captured March 11, weighed 80 grams and measured 11.5 cm from nose to tail tip. These are good average measurements for the SIRR, which is a smaller sized subspecies of the rice rat family. Rat #187, another male captured April 17, was much larger with a weight of 150 grams and a length of 14 cm. Both males had the distinct coloration of a Sanibel rice rat with tan back and white undersides, and the tails featured the unique half-brown, half-white skin coloration."

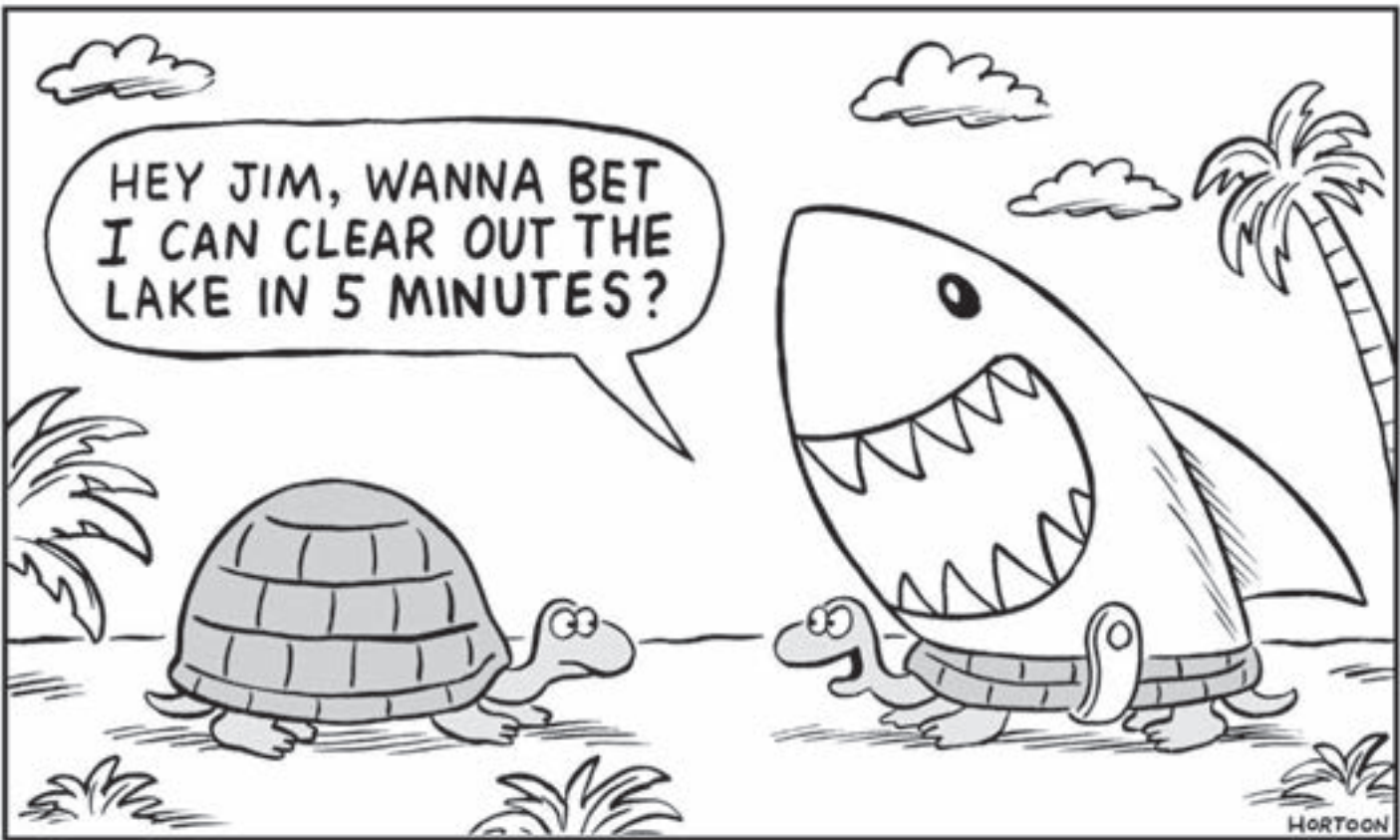
Rice rat habitat restoration efforts would eliminate some of the hardwood and brush growth from the marshes and ultimately restore water flow, said Jordan.

"The crisis of our generation is human-caused extinction of species," said McCleery. "We have the refuge here on Sanibel, it would be a shame to lose a species on conservation lands."

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge's mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research and public education through charitable donations and refuge nature shop proceeds.

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HORTOONS



Restoration Project Clears Another Hurdle

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has authorized the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) to continue the next phase of the Southern Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW) Restoration Project. When completed, the project will provide significant benefits to the ecosystem including restoring wetlands and the natural sheetflow of water, improving regional flood protection drainage, increasing water storage and aquifer recharge capability, and reducing the amount of nutrient-rich stormwater reaching the Imperial River and Estero Bay.

"This project exemplifies the commitment of the state of Florida to protecting and restoring the larger south Florida ecosystem," said DEP Deputy Secretary for Ecosystem Restoration Drew Bartlett. "The department will continue to work closely with our partners to ensure that restoration continues."

The authorization issued today is for Phase II of the Southern CREW Restoration Project which encompasses 4,150 acres of multiple native plant communities, including hydric pine flatwoods, strand swamps, wet prairies and marshes that have been fragmented by past construction of ditches and roads. These alterations have resulted in restriction of historic sheetflow, artificial water impoundments and flooding, increased pollutant loading to the Imperial River, an Outstanding Florida Water, and disruption

of natural wetland functions.

"The project will restore the southwest corner of the larger CREW project," said SFWMD Governing Boardmember Rick Barber. "The restoration in this particular location creates a vital buffer area between the CREW project and the eastern urban boundary."

Phase II of the project consists of ditch backfilling, ditch plugging, road degradation and the construction of low water crossings to allow for the re-establishment of hydrologic conditions similar to those present prior to development attempts of the area in the 1960s. The project is expected to restore approximately 437 acres of wetlands. The project's enhancements are anticipated to encourage the growth and sustainability of native wet-

land plant species, providing both food and habitat for wildlife.

The Southern CREW Restoration Project is located in Lee County between the Kehl Canal, which is located adja-

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Diane Olsson

ing the weekly paint-outs. Many artists new to Florida soon learn they must modify their paint palette and change to "Florida colors" because the light and hue here often appear more vibrant than in northern states. Outdoor paint-outs are always a favorite among the participating artists, members and guests alike. Other meeting places include Bowman's Beach, Blind Pass,



Marcy Calkins

Lighthouse Beach and the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Tourists enjoy observing the artists create extraordinary interpretations of local scenes. Seasonally each Thursday morning, the artists meet at a different island location to paint and then gather for lunch and a critique. The variety of individual styles fascinates everyone at these encouraging critiques. Many of the scenic paintings are shown in local galleries throughout the year and are favored by viewers who wish to purchase a "little of the islands to take back north."

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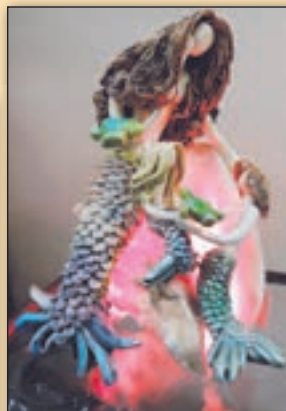
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2 pinches pepper

2 eggs, lightly beaten

3 cups cornmeal

2 tablespoons olive oil

Place the zucchini flowers in cold water to open and make the preparation easier. In a large mixing bowl, place the

rice, all the chopped and grated ingredients, half of the olive oil and lemon juice, and a pinch of salt and pepper. Mix well. With a small spoon, take small amounts of the stuffing and fill the zucchini flowers. Fold over the flower ends to seal the stuffing inside.

Heat a sauté pan over medium-high heat. Carefully dip the stuffed flowers into the egg mixture, then roll them in the cornmeal. Repeat this process with half of the stuffed flowers at a time.

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Shells Found



Ethan, Mary, Ella and Yuan Lian

Mary and Juan Lian and their children, Ethan, 6, and Ella, 5, of Tampa, Florida found a true tulip and two alphabet cones on the beach while vacationing at Sanibel Arms. ✱

Shell Found



Erin Daley

Erin Daley from Knightdale, North Carolina found a junonia in the lighthouse area while staying in Fort Myers. Erin said she found it under a piece of driftwood. ✱

Shell Found



Evan Kulesza

Evan Kulesza, 8, visiting from Citrus Heights, California, found a junonia on the beach at Blind Pass while staying at Sundial Resort. Evan said, "I found it in the shallow water, half buried in sand." ✱

Art League Show

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they offer to both residents and visitors including computers and Internet access. All card holders can take advantage of downloading eBooks. Also open to residents and visitors are the Summer Reading Program for youngsters and the Book Discussion Group for adults. For additional information, call 472-2483 or log on to www.sanlib.org.
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Campers Explore Captiva With Kayaks, Paddleboards



Dawn Bailey, right, an eco-guide for Adventure Sea Kayak & SUP, teaches the basics of how to use a stand-up paddleboard to summer campers from the Sanibel Recreation Center

photos by Jeff Lysiak

by Jeff Lysiak

Last week, a group of fourth and fifth graders enrolled in the Sanibel Recreation Center’s Summer Day Camp spent their fourth Tuesday morning exploring the waters of Captiva by using two alternative methods of transportation: kayaks and stand-up paddleboards.

On June 30, two dozen campers – under the guidance of counselors Sarah Christopher and Dakota Phillips – visited Adventure Sea Kayak & SUP on Captiva, located behind Tween Waters Inn. Thanks to a partnership between the Sanibel recreation center and the eco-tour operator, youngsters have an opportunity to get out onto the water and explore the natural beauty of the island’s back bays and mangrove forests.

“Our staff gives a very good overview of some of Florida’s beautiful wildlife, the flora and fauna they’ll see and some of the history of the area,” said Adventure Sea Kayak & SUP owner Brian Houston. “And it’s not the distance that they get to travel, but the quality of the fun they’re having out there on the water.”

Led by stand-up paddleboard eco-guide Dawn Bailey and kayak instructor/nature guide Corey Delannor, the first group of campers received a quick lesson in equipment safety. While Bailey explained why it was important never to step onto a paddleboard while it was still on land, Delannor demonstrated the proper method for paddling a kayak.

“Kids are gonna fall off their paddleboards,” explained Houston. “We educate them how to get back on. It’s important that they know the safety before they have the



Summer camp participants learn how to maneuver a kayak with a paddle with help from Corey Delannor



Camp counselor Dakota Phillips, right, asks campers who wants to take a turn with the kayaks

fun.” During their eco-tour, campers paddled their way towards Roosevelt Channel, where they planned to visit Lloyd’s Lagoon in Buck Key. Each group spent approximately an hour out on the water before they returned to the Tween Waters Inn grounds, where they traded places with other campers who spent the first hour swimming in the pool.

Adventure Sea Kayak & SUP tours and rentals offers a variety of on-the-water experiences for all ages, from kayak tours and stand-up paddleboard lessons to yoga and twilight tours. For additional information, visit www.CaptivaAdventures.com or call 822-3337.

In addition to kayaking and paddleboarding, campers participate in activities such as swimming, arts and crafts, archery and athletics as well as a variety of games. Special



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Campers get ready to head out onto the waters of Captiva with their kayaks

guests, along with an enhanced field trip itinerary, will also be a part of the action. The camp operates Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through August 21.

Weekly camper fees vary from \$89.25 (members) and \$115.50 (non-members) for early bird registrants to \$107.25 (members) and \$138.75 (non-members); call 472-0345 for registration dates and fees. Financial assistance is also available to qualifying families.

As part of the registration fee, breakfast and lunch will be provided daily as well as an all-inclusive weekly field trip itinerary. Campers should bring a swimsuit, towel and sunscreen daily.

For more information, call the Sanibel Recreation Center at 472-0345.✧

Discount Movie Tickets For Rec Center Members

The Island Cinema of Sanibel, at 535 Tarpon Bay Road, is offering Sanibel Recreation Center Member Movie Rates, movie tickets at a discounted rate, for all City of Sanibel Recreation Center members.

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These feature films are offered through a partnership between the City of Sanibel Recreation Center and Island Cinema.

Check the City of Sanibel's website, www.mysanibel.com, for movie dates.

Due to limited capacity in the theater, recreation center members wishing to utilize this discount are strongly urged to purchase their tickets at the cinema, 535 Tarpon Bay Road, in advance. For more information, call 472-0435.✧

Humane Society Celebrates Freedom

The Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS) will be celebrating Freedom and the Gift of Independence for July with an adoption special for senior pets. The shelter has five cats and four dogs that are eight years or older that are looking for forever homes. For the month of July, all seniors will have a reduced adoption price of \$25.

Older pets have many "knowns" from the start. Size, grooming requirements, and personality traits are a few of the factors that you will know. "Many times, senior pets at the shelter are overlooked, but they have many great qualities for adoption," said Executive Director

Jennifer Galloway.

"Senior pets will settle in quickly and many times they are already trained and their teeth-ing years are behind them.

They enjoy the easy life for the most part and don't require the constant monitoring that puppies do. They are our best adoptions because they are very loving and devoted."

Also as part of the shelter promotion, the Barkin Boutique store will have a Christmas in July sale with pet related items discounted up to 80 percent off retail. The promotion will be throughout the month of July for anyone that visits the boutique.

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. The 501(c)3 mission is to rescue, provide safe refuge and compassionate care, and find forever homes for abandoned and neglected animals in the area. GCHS only takes in owner surrendered and transfers from other shelters and rescue groups with a high success rate of adoptions. Their veterinary clinic is open to the public and offers a full array of affordable services six days a week. For more information, call 332-0364 or visit www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org.✧



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The Sanibel Public Library's Mini Parade Float contest entries

Library Programs Keep Kids Excited About Reading

Local children are reading for others in the Sanibel Public Library's annual Summer Reading Program. For the summer reading program, Youth Librarian Barbara Dunkle helped children set reading goals. Whether the kids reach the goals or not books are earned to build their home library. The Sanibel Public Library Foundation matches each book earned so the child also earns a book for Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. Last summer, island readers earned 1,301 books for the library at the Children's Hospital. This year's goal is 1,500 books.

Weekly children's program continue through the summer, with special presenters on Tuesday afternoons at 3 p.m. These programs are for kids of all ages, with no additional charge to participate. Call 472-2483 ext. 201 for more information.

The library welcomes Jacki Manna, a funny ventriloquist, magician, storyteller and elementary school teacher, on July 14. Manna has performed at Walt Disney World, on the world's largest cruise ships, camps, schools, churches and libraries.

The theme for the July 21 afternoon program is Design! Build! Create! John Storms brings his World of Reptiles presentation to the library on July 28.

On Tuesday evenings after the library is closed, there is VIP After Hours for kids entering sixth grade and older, where middle and high schoolers can enjoy

crafts, snacks and games. Bring a drum to Beatnik Night on July 14. On the night of July 21, the library will be over-run with the "undead" on Zombie Night. Glam Smash Book Night is July 28.

Other weekly youth programs include 10 a.m. Mondays, Toddler Time for 12 months to two-year-old toddlers, and on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m., Small Wonders is a lap-sit program for babies and their caregivers featuring songs, rhymes and fingerplays.

Kids in kindergarten and older are invited to the Thursday morning craft program. Each Thursday at 11 a.m. in July, kids can make and finish a craft which can be taken home. Registration is necessary for this free program so Ms. Barb has enough supplies for everyone. Come in or call to register by the Wednesday before the program.



Ventriloquist Jacki Manna with "The Librarian"

The Sanibel Public Library Foundation, along with the Joan Hunt Cory Children's Fund, underwrites the summer reading program. The Joan Hunt Cory children's fund was established in 2008 to honor longtime library volunteer and supporter Joan Hunt Cory, who was also a 20-year Sanibel resident.

For more information about the Sanibel Public Library, call 472-2483 or visit www.sanlib.org.*



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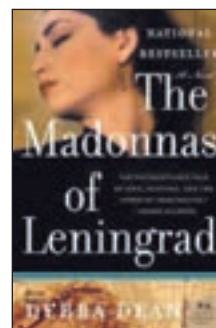
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Library Book Discussion Group To Meet

Readers are invited to come to the Sanibel Public Library to talk about Debra Dean's book, *The Madonnas of Leningrad*, the focus of the Wednesday, July 22 book discussion. The meeting is free and open to the public. The discussion begins at 2 p.m. in the library's Meeting Room 4, located on the ground floor.



The Madonnas of Leningrad is the fictional story of Marina, an elderly Russian woman now living in America. Bit by bit, the ravages of age are eroding Marina's grip on the everyday. Marina cannot hold on to fresh memories – the details of her grown children's lives, the approaching wedding of her grandchild – yet her distant past is miraculously preserved in her mind. Images of her youth in war-torn Leningrad carry her back to the terrible fall of 1941, when she was a tour guide at the Hermitage Museum and the German Army's approach signaled

the beginning of what would be a long, torturous siege on the city. As the people braved starvation, bitter cold and a relentless German onslaught, Marina joined other staff members in removing the museum's masterpieces for safe keeping. As bombs pounded Leningrad, Marina built a personal Hermitage in her mind – a refuge that would stay buried deep within her, until she needed it once more.

The Madonnas of Leningrad was a *New York Times* Editors' Choice, a #1 Booksense Pick, a Booklist Top Ten Novel and an American Library Association Notable Book of the Year.

While it is preferable to come to the discussion having previously read the book, all are welcome. Copies of book club books are located in the library near the reference desk.

The book for the August 26 review is Wally Lamb's *We Are Water*. The group will read Kathleen Grissom's *The Kitchen House* in September. For more information, call 472-2483, or go to www.sanlib.org.*

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Island Inn Joins Team Of Silver Sponsors For 10K

The historic Island Inn has joined the team of Silver Sponsors for the 10K Race 4 FISH, an annual race around Sanibel Island that supports the community non-profit organization. FISH of Sanibel-Captiva, Inc. has been an organization helping its neighbors for more than three decades.

"The Island Inn is honored to support the FISH 10K," said Steve Hatfield, operations director at the Island Inn. "It is a wonderful charity that gives great support to people who live on our beautiful island."

"The Island inn has a long and eventful Sanibel history closely intertwined with many of the families who live here. We are very proud of the inn's involvement in the community," said Chris Davison, general manager. "But it is not just a tradition with us – it is a daily commitment for the Island Inn to preserve our community's way of life and help our neighbors thrive."

Throughout its history, FISH has been dedicated to making a social investment in the island communities of Sanibel and Captiva. In 2013, the organization assisted 1,634 individuals in 1,217 households through emergency financial assistance, various Helping Hands programs, youth scholarships and food pantry. Its team of volunteers provided more than 6,000 hours of service last year, and has become an integral part of the organization's mission of neighbors helping neighbors.

"For the past 30 years, the FISH team has worked to impact positively the lives of our island neighbors," said Maggie

Feiner, executive director of FISH. "Island Inn's support of FISH and its commitment to helping those in need is greatly appreciated."

The 6th annual 10K Race 4 FISH starts and finishes at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way. The race is set to begin at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 17, and runners can register with the Fort Myers Track Club or by downloading a registration form, available at www.fishofsanibel.com.

Additional sponsorships are available and anyone interested in becoming a race sponsor should contact FISH at 472-5200.✱

SPORTS QUIZ

1. In 2014, Jhonny Peralta set a record for most home runs by a St. Louis Cardinals shortstop (21). Who had held the mark?
2. Which player had the most RBIs during the decade of the 1970s?
3. Who holds the record for most touchdown passes in an Orange Bowl game?
4. Name the last Orlando Magic rookie to score 35 points in a game before Victor Oladipo did it in 2014?
5. In 2015, Nicklas Backstrom became the Washington Capitals' all-time leader in assists (427). Who had been No. 1?
6. Who holds the record for most medals in the Winter Olympics?
7. Name the last PGA golfer before Jimmy Walker (2014-15) to win back-to-back Sony Opens?

ANSWERS

1. Edgar Renteria had 16 home runs for St. Louis in 2000. 2. Cincinnati's Johnny Bench, with 1,013 RBIs. 3. West Virginia's Geno Smith, with six TD passes in 2012. 4. Shaquille O'Neal, in 1992. 5. Michael Pivonka, with 418 assists. Current teammate Alex Ovechkin is now second on the team with 420. 6. Ole Einar Bjørndalen of Norway has won 13 medals in the biathlon. 7. Ernie Els, in 2003-04.

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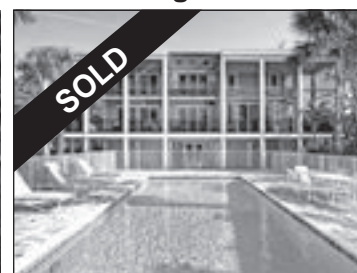
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A game that has lasted many generations, parachute play, was enjoyed by everyone big and small



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The campers made a larger than life flag out of their hand prints for the 4th of July

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Color Continuity
Is A Must

by Marcia Feeney

Many decorators recommend color continuity throughout a house. However, this doesn't mean using the same color scheme in

every room – how boring would that be! It does, however, mean a smooth color transition from one room to the next.

One connecting color will serve to accomplish this. It could be a soft sage green shade, or robin's egg blue, or buttercup yellow... any color actually. The key is to use your connecting color in varying degrees of intensity from room to room. Sometimes your main color in one room would then be better used as an accent color in an adjoining room. It might be carpeting in one room, walls in another, an occasional chair in a third, an element in the drapery fabric in a fourth.

It's also extremely important to add

one unexpected and fun splash color into your basic color scheme. Did you know that when we walk into any room, our eyes crave visual movement? And by adding a splash color – something unexpected into your overall color scheme – you instantly add visual interest into your design plan.

Think about a basic color scheme of buttercup yellow, sage greens and warm whites. Most would find this a calming color palette, and can easily visualize carrying varying degrees of intensity of these colors from room to room. But just think about the awesome impact a splash color could add. How about introducing a

warm coral shade into this color scheme? By cleverly using this color in accent or accessory pieces, and then moving these colored accents strategically around your room, you've immediately created a much more pleasing design plan, full of impact and visual interest.

And if you love to rearrange your furniture, just think of the possibilities color continuity from room to room affords. All of your furniture pieces as well as your accessories can be easily interchangeable color-wise from room to room.

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

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Former FGCU Pitcher Chris Sale Just Misses Setting All-Time Baseball Record



by Ed Frank

If you turn back the calendar five years, there was a 21-year-old pitcher at Florida Gulf Coast University who had posted an 11-0 record with a 2.01 ERA in that 2010 college baseball season.

His name was Chris Sale, and few would have guessed that five years later he would become only the second pitcher in baseball history to record 10 or more strikeouts in eight straight games. He shares the record with former Red Sox Pedro Martinez, who will enter baseball's Hall of Fame this month.

But that accomplishment is just another page in the All-Star record book of this talented left-hander who has become one of the very top pitchers in the Major Leagues. And remember, he is just five seasons removed from Fort Myers' Florida Gulf Coast University.

Sale was drafted by the Chicago White Sox in the 2010 Major League Draft with the 13th overall selection, inking a \$1.65 million signing bonus. He spent less than three months in the minors before being called up by the White Sox – one of only five players in baseball history to reach the majors the same year he was drafted.

The White Sox assigned the Lakeland, Florida native to the bullpen that first year as well as the 2011 season, making 21 appearances his rookie year and 58 in 2011. He was converted to a starter in 2012, and has been an All-Star four consecutive years, including this year.

The six-foot, six-inch southpaw with the blazing fastball (93 to 98 mph), slider and changeup, signed a five-year, \$32.5 million contract in 2013, with options that could keep him as a White Sox until 2020.

Sale's attempt to break that eight-game, 10 strikeout record was a beauty Monday night when he dueled with Toronto's Mark Buehrle, another left-hander, who prior to signing with the Miami Marlins in 2012 and then with Toronto, had been one of the best players ever to wear a White Sox uniform.

Buehrle anchored the White Sox 2005 World Series championship as well as owner of a 2007 no-hitter and a perfect game in 2009 against Tampa Bay.

What a matchup: Sale against Buehrle with history in the making! Sale came out the winner with a complete-game 4-2 victory, racking up six strikeouts – just four shy of setting a new record of nine consecutive games with 10 or more strikeouts.

Martinez set his record of eight straight double-digit strikeouts in 1999, an amazing

Cy Young Award-winning season in which he had actually had a seven-game streak of 10 or more strikeouts early in the season.

Now an analyst for the MLB Network, Martinez was cheering for Sale to break his record. For now, however, he will share that coveted record with Sale.

But stay tuned: Sale is just 26 years old and has plenty of years ahead of him to reach that magic mark of 10 or more strikeouts in nine consecutive games.

Sano Lights It Up In Major League Debut

The long-awaited Major League debut of Minnesota's Miquel Sano resulted in seven hits (7 for 17) and a .412 batting average in his first five games.

Sano, who batted .330 in 56 games with the Fort Myers Miracle two seasons ago, missed an entire year of action due to Tommy John surgery. But he shook off the rust early this season playing for the Twins Double A Chattanooga, and was called up last week to bolster the weak-hitting Twins offense.

His booming bat could be just what the surprising Twins need to stay in playoff contention this year.

Miracle Home At Hammond Stadium This Weekend

The Fort Myers Miracle baseball team began the week with a three-game winning streak after sweeping the St. Lucie Mets last weekend.

Through Monday of this week, the Miracle's second-half season record was 8-4, good for a second-place standing in the Florida State League South Division.

The Miracle is home this weekend at Hammond Stadium hosting the Clearwater Threshers Friday through Monday.✪

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Gray Fox

they haven't learned (survival skills) in captivity, with no parents to show them what to do."

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Join your island friends and neighbors on Friday, July 24 for the next Dog Daze Of Summer celebration with the Fort Myers Miracle at Hammond Stadium. Game time versus the Tampa Yankees is at 7:05 p.m.

Bring your dog to the game for a night of baseball and visit with vendors on the concourse with doggie treats to celebrate the Dog Daze Of Summer. Dogs get in free while tickets are only \$9.75 for adults or children. Tickets are for general admission seats in the grandstand. Purchase your tickets at the Sanibel Recreation Center by Wednesday, July 22.

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The Dangers Of Real Estate In A Self-Directed IRA



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

“I was reading this blog,” Stacey (not her real name) recently asked me, “and I got the idea to buy rental property and own it in a self-directed IRA. Do you think it’s a good idea?”

Two weeks ago, I wrote about the four levels of information from the lowest form to its highest – *data*, *information*, *knowledge* and *wisdom*. The Internet is chock full of advice that I would classify as *information*, but the advice isn’t enough to include the *knowledge* or *wisdom* that is typically required for successful outcomes.

The blog post about holding rental property in an IRA is a classic example – just enough *information* to make it dangerous. So it was time to impart some knowledge and wisdom to complete the advice Stacey was about to act upon.

“Remind me how old you are Stacey,” I asked.

“I’m 65,” she replied.

“In about five years,” I began, “you are going to have to start taking required minimum distributions from your IRA.”

“Okay,” Stacey said.

“The way that those required minimum distributions work is that you have to take the balance of all of your IRAs as of December 31st and divide that balance by a divisor found on a Uniform Life Table issued by the IRS corresponding to your age that next year.”

“So?” Stacey asked.

“In order to determine the balance of your IRAs when you own real estate inside of them, you will need to pay for an appraisal and you will have to re-appraise them every year as the value will change. This is quite different than traditional IRAs that own stocks, bonds and mutual funds since those have a readily determined market value every day.”

“That could get quite expensive,” Stacey realized.

“It can. Especially when you consider that to truly value rental property, you need two appraisals, the first being the appraised value of the land and building, and the second appraisal would value the net income flow associated with the rent.”

“Not good,” Stacey said.

“It doesn’t end there,” I continued. “If all of your IRA accounts together had sufficient liquid assets – cash, stocks and mutual funds, for example, in order to satisfy the required minimum distribution, then you’re okay for that year. But if there isn’t sufficient liquidity, then you would have to deed out a portion of the real estate to yourself in order to satisfy the required minimum distribution. Failure to distribute the minimum correct amount results in a 50 percent excise tax on the deficiency!”

“That could be a real problem,” Stacey said.

“Also, the value of the distribution to you is taxed as ordinary income. This is true even though you haven’t sold the property yet. The fair market value of the portion of the property distributed as a required minimum distribution could therefore be taxed at the highest marginal income tax rate – 39 percent – whereas if you held that same rental property outside of an IRA, no amounts are realized until you sell the property and then the top capital gains tax rate is only 20 percent.”

“You’ve convinced me not to do this,” Stacey said.

“Not to pile it on – but there’s an additional issue if you borrow money to purchase the property. If the rental property is owned in a self-directed IRA and you are making mortgage payments, those payments are counted as additional contributions to the IRA, which may fall outside of the permissible contribution limits.”

“Wow. So why would anyone suggest this strategy?”

“The strategy could work for someone who has quite a few years left before they must begin taking their required minimum distributions, and they can purchase the property for cash, and intend to sell the property before they have to use the property itself to satisfy any required minimum distributions. In that case it would appear that they would avoid all of the income tax associated with the gain.” I said.

“Seems like a very limited strategy,” Stacey concluded.

And that it is. While owning rental property – or any real estate for that matter – inside of an IRA could work out under the right circumstances, the strategy isn’t for everyone. This is the danger when one reads about any legal, tax or financial strategy on the Internet or in any periodical.

Remember that it’s just *information* you are reading – it isn’t laden with all of the *knowledge* or *wisdom* that you would get by asking someone actually trained in the field.

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Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club members gathered to accept a \$1,500 check from Sanibel Captiva Community Bank. From left is Richard McCurry, John F. Jones, Marit Hansen Mouchou and Randy Carson with bank representatives Marilyn Kane and Tony Gropp and club members Susan Barnes, Dani Howard, Club President Stan Howard and Mark O'Brien.

Sanibel Captiva Community Bank Supports San-Cap Optimist Club

Sanibel Captiva Community Bank recently contributed \$1,500 to the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club. Chartered in 1997, the club is one of 2,500 worldwide that shares the mission of providing hope and positive vision to bring out the best in kids. Each club is autonomous and run by community members.

The Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club organizes several fundraisers each year, including the Jingle Bell 5K Beach Walk in December, the Fourth of July Road Rally and the Sanibel Uncorked Winter Wine Festival in February. To learn more, visit www.sancapoptimist.org.

“We are proud to back the Optimist Club,” said bank President and CEO Craig Albert. “This group is one that helps make the islands what they are. The club members’ enthusiasm, commitment to the community and devotion to children’s causes certainly merit our support.”

Sanibel Captiva Community Bank is the only bank chartered on Sanibel Island, where it has two locations. The bank also has two locations in Fort Myers. To learn more, visit www.sancapbank.com.✧

Children’s Hospital Welcomes Doctor

Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida is pleased to announce that Jessica Kovarik, M.D. recently joined the professional staff of Lee Physician Group – Pediatric Ophthalmology.

Dr. Kovarik earned her medical degree from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine in Miami. She completed a transitional internship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, UPMC Mercy Hospital; an ophthalmology residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, UPMC Eye and Ear Institute; and a pediatric ophthalmology fellowship at Indiana University Medical Center, Riley Hospital for



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Jessica Kovarik, M.D.

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSP

Dear Shelley, My daughter will be going to a new middle school this August. I want to be active in her new school since I did not have that opportunity previously due to my work schedule. I am concerned about how to get involved without being overbearing or being seen as a helicopter parent. What are your suggestions?

Emily B., Estero

Emily, Parent involvement at your child's school is one of the most important things you can do to help your child be successful. Sometimes it is difficult to make that connection with the school given a busy work schedule or if your own school experience was not a good one, however, this is an extremely important relationship that is worth developing. According to research reported by the National Association of School Psychologists, when families are involved in education, there are very positive benefits for students, teachers and families. Students display better attitudes toward school and learning, higher achievement and test scores, improved behavior,

increased homework completion, greater participation in academic activities, and improved school attendance.

At home, parents can make sure that they:

- Monitor homework completion – Talk with your children about their assignments, understand what they are studying and review their progress
- Participate in leisure reading with your children at all ages – It's fun to read the same books as your children and then discuss them
- Communicate often with your children about academic and behavioral expectations, and give them constructive praise and support

Here are a few ways for parents to be active at school:

- Participate at school as volunteers and committee members
- Participate in school functions, athletics and other extracurricular activities
- Regular communication with the teacher(s) about your child's progress
- Participation in adult educational opportunities offered by the school
- Active involvement in school decisions as presented by the school or Board of Education

Many teachers have special activities designed for parent volunteers. Make sure to ask your child's teachers what would be helpful. Very often, the school's parent association will have projects and committees where you can volunteer. While it may be easier to join a parent group or volunteer when your child is in elementary school, it is equally important to stay

involved while your child is in the higher grades. Volunteering with other parents during the high school years can help parents stay connected to each other in an informal parent network, which is always helpful.

These are just a few suggestions on how to become and stay involved in your child's educational journey. There are many more ways to be involved; the key factor is that you are involved.

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.✧

FGCU Among Greenest Universities

Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) has been recognized as one of America's Greenest Universities by BestColleges.com, a website that collects and posts information about colleges and universities for prospective students.

Editors ranked FGCU No. 26 in their 2015 list after reviewing more than 240 schools nationwide rated by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). Their list of 39 "greenest" colleges and universities was generated using AASHE's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) database, which recognized FGCU with a Gold Rating in 2014; STARS scores are based on sustainability efforts in academics, campus engagement, operations, planning and administration.

"Sustainability and environmental stewardship are not simply terms students learn in the classroom at FGCU," said President Wilson G. Bradshaw. "They are core components of the university's mission and figure prominently in research initiatives such as our Emergent Technologies Institute, as well as our campus design and operations."

BestColleges.com stated that FGCU and other schools on the list had "gone above the baseline" in sustainability efforts. It also spotlighted FGCU's preserved and restored lands, solar energy field, civic engagement emphasis and buildings certified for sustainable design, construction and operation.

The campus community consistently rallies around the university's sustainability initiatives, which are key to helping prepare students to lead the "green economy," said Katie Leone, Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability Coordinator. "FGCU functions as a living-learning laboratory, where operational practices are integrated into the curricular experience, creating sustainability service and research opportunities. Students

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Florida's Newest School Choice Program To Grow

A new customized scholarship program for students with significant special needs will nearly triple in size this year, and applications are now available.

The Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts (PLSA) program, created in 2014 to serve students with one of eight different disabilities, will also expand to include 3- and 4-year-olds, students with muscular dystrophy and students with any diagnosis along the autism spectrum disorder.

To keep up with rising demand, the legislature increased the PLSA fund from \$18.4 million to \$53.4 million, enough to award scholarship accounts for more than 5,000 students.

"We are eager to begin a new year helping Florida meet the needs of these students with unique abilities," said Step Up For Students president Doug Tuthill.

Eligible students must be 3- to 22-years-old and in grades PreK to 12. Students must be diagnosed with one of the following disabilities: autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, Spina bifida, Williams syndrome, an intellectual disability, muscular dystrophy, or diagnosed as "high risk" due to developmental delays.

The PLSA program was signed into law last June and served nearly 1,700

children with special needs during the 2014-15 school year. Step Up managed the accounts of 1,579 students, valued at more than \$15 million.

The PLSA gives parents control over an education expense account that can be used to pay for tuition, fees, textbooks, curriculum, school supplies, electronic devices, tutoring and therapies. Unspent money rolls over from year-to-year and can even be saved for higher education. Scholarship accounts vary by district and severity of disability, but average about \$10,000.

Scholarship students must enroll in a private school, or be home schooled, although parents are allowed to contract services with public schools including dual enrollment courses with institutions of higher education.

Free PLSA applications for the 2015-16 school are still available. For more information, visit www.stepupforstudents.org.✧



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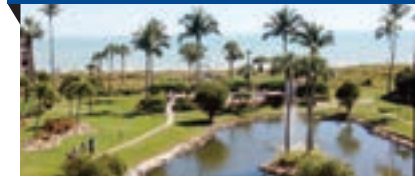
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From left, CROW's Nanette Scoville, Bank of the Islands' Willy Ocasio and WLOI winner Moni Arnowitz

Bank Gives \$1,300 For Animal Welfare

Bank of the Islands recently made its latest non-profit donations through its We Love Our Islands program. The winner choosing the beneficiary organizations was longtime islander Monika Arnowitz. She was spotted with a We Love Our Islands

decal on her car. That won Arnowitz the right to select which local non-profit group would receive a charitable contribution from Bank of the Islands. She chose to split the bank's \$1300 donation between two island non-profits with animal welfare missions. CROW will receive \$1,000 and PAWS of Sanibel will receive \$300. This CROW gift is in addition to the volunteer time and presenting sponsorship support Bank of the Islands provides for CROW's Taste of the Islands. These new CROW and PAWS gifts mark a total



From left, PAWS volunteer Diane Barr, Bank of the Islands' Willy Ocasio and WLOI winner Moni Arnowitz

of \$63,600 that the bank has contributed to island organizations to date through the We Love Our Islands program. "CROW provides rescue and veterinary care for wildlife, and PAWS focuses on pets in need," said Bank of the Islands Sanibel-Captiva office manager Willy Ocasio. "That's a great combination of animal welfare support for our pet-friendly bank. What a great way to show how much we appreciate being your island bank."✱✱

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graduate understanding how economic systems are supported by social and ecological resources, and they are empowered to ensure the continual health of our planet and society through their professional and personal decisions."✱✱

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The Harrell, Tolp and Albright team

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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 was shocked and appalled to read in the newspaper that a single woman with no job, no husband and living in a tiny house with her parents and her six older living children could have in-vitro fertilization and deliver eight more babies. There is little doubt that the taxpayers will have to pick up the bill for the next 20 years plus. What is this country coming to?

Agnes

Dear Agnes,

This seems to me to be medical technology gone amuck, and an extreme violation of medical ethics.

I was always under the impression that

children needed a married mother and father. The father supported his children and made it possible for the mother to give care. That mindset, I guess, has long gone to extinction.

I cannot imagine any ethical physician allowing such a procedure to go to term. Apparently, money was his motive and I wonder if he also committed to their support for the next 20 years.

Lizzie

Dear Agnes,

Well, the reality show pushes me over the edge. Unfortunately, I bet you millions will watch it like a bad train wreck, so awful but they cannot turn away.

There are many facts we do not know; maybe the mother lied to her physicians about her circumstances. Many of us do lie to our doctors. Maybe the physician told the mother the pregnancy needed to be reduced but she refused. There is a term for patients not following medical advice: AMA. If a patient refuses a procedure and makes an informed decision, a physician cannot force a patient to have a procedure. I think there is a criminal statute that covers that. I am sure the details will be fodder for the electronic and print media for months to come.

Just a small but important point: the mother of the 14 children lives with her parents. She came from an intact family with a married mother and father. So maybe the marriage certificate is not what is important as much as the quality of parenting in an intact family or single parent family that is the critical factor.

Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce's email address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.✱

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Realtor Joins Firm

Susan Gordon recently joined RE/MAX of the Islands. Gordon is a Sanibel and Captiva Island Specialist (SCIS) and a Certified International Property Specialist (CIPS).✱



Susan E. Gordon

Eden Energy Medicine

Feeling Disconnected? Meet The 4th Thump



by Karen L. Semmelman, Certified EEM, JD, AAML (03-12)

Those in the Eden Energy community have been waiting for this announcement for years. What's the hoopla? A way

to ground each morning with ease. As a refresher, there are three other thumps (K 27s, Thymus Thump and Spleen Thump) that are part of the Daily Energy Routine, the keystone of EEM. The 5-Minute Routine develops a strong energetic core, leaving one feeling invigorated. One exercise in the 5-Minute Routine is now called The Four Thumps. Engaging the body's energies by thumping at four different locations gets energies moving forward, boosts and restores energetic balances, increases strength and vitality, and strengthens the immune system by stimulating the energy in the thymus gland (directly linked to your immune system and the production of T-cells), the spleen meridian (metabolizes everything that goes through your body), the Kidney 27 acupressure point (the end point on your Kidney Meridian) and now the Grounding Thump.

This latest thump activates the stomach meridian, which channel begins on the face and flows down to the feet, off the second toe and into the Earth so the energies of the body are literally connecting to the Earth's energies. As electromagnetic beings, we need to be connected to the Earth to function and thrive. If we are not grounded, one might experience excessive worry, feel generally weak or disconnected from self and others.

The 4th Thump should be done as the first or second of the four thumps. By beginning as the first thump, it may be easier to remember, since the

thumps then move from the face down the body. Since the stomach meridian's energy is also associated with the emotion of worry, it is beneficial to start the day with tapping on the face and thus getting a fresh new perspective on the day, leaving worries and distress to drain from the body right into the Earth.

Let's begin. While tapping, make sure you breathe in through the nose and out through the mouth. Stand nice and tall. Place your right hand on the right cheek bone directly under the pupil of the eye and the left hand on the left cheek bone. Now, tap vigorously for 15 to 20 seconds or until you feel an energetic shift – perhaps a yawn, deep breath, sigh or just sense release.

Given this new thump, we will revisit the other three thumps over the next several weeks.

Have fun with your energy! Next week's topic is Thump To Jump: Tap K 27s.

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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by Constance Clancy

Q: I was in a relationship for several years that ended two months ago. I know I had to go through the grieving, but I am feeling like I am ready to start dating again. Have I

given it enough time?

A: While it is natural to feel a loss after a breakup, if you feel you have healed and you are ready to date again, it might be good to test the waters initially rather than delving into another relationship and think about what you would like in someone.

If you are thinking about others and what it would be like to be with them without thinking about your ex, that is an indication you may be ready to move on. If not, then perhaps it is best to take more time for healing. You will know when you are ready especially if you spend some time with others and you find you are enjoying yourself and your heart is open then the next chapter will appear.

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How To Make Natural Mosquito Repellant



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers:

It's that time of year again – buzz, swat, slap – it's mosquito season. Chances are you live in an area that has a thriving population of mosquitoes or other nuisance insect bit-

ers. These pesky, irritating insects can pose a health concern. The bites can cause itchy allergic reactions and some of them spread disease like West Nile virus, malaria, Lyme or a newly discovered virus called Chikungunya, recognized by the CDC.

Mosquitoes infected with a virus can transmit the virus to humans and lead to problems with swelling and inflammation of the brain. The new virus Chikungunya causes fever, joint pain and swelling, headache, muscle pain or rash. Even with the innumerable number of mosquitoes on this planet, it is unlikely that you will be bit by a mosquito and end up with a serious, life threatening infection, but these pests can certainly make an outdoor activity unpleasant with the uncom-

fortable bites.

Prevention is worth a pound of cure. Traditional mosquito repellant sprays contain two popular insecticides, DEET or pircardin. Did you know that DEET is a toxin to the nervous system and especially dangerous to infants? It should only be used a short period of time, and I have used it personally during tick season when I could have had a major exposure. But it begs the question: Isn't anything safer if you just want to go to the lake or the park?

A recent study compared DEET and picaridin against four popular essential oils and it was published in the *Journal of Vector Ecology* in December 2014. They tested citronella, catnip, vetiver and hairy basil (yes "hairy," not holy basil). Of those, vetiver provided the strongest repellant effect against the insects. The popular synthetic insecticide picaridin had the least effect of all against all the mosquito species tested.

In another study with the malaria carrying mosquito, the best repellent activity occurred with hairy basil, lemongrass, and citronella. Other helpful natural repellants include emu oil, lily turf or monkey grass, sweet wormwood oil or artemesia annua, and ginger essential oil. Findings from these studies really lend support to the idea of using natural essential oils before smothering yourself with synthetic chemicals.

Make your own spray bottle of mosquito repellant by adding the following essential oils to 8 to 10 ounces of water (adjust oils based upon scent if you want):

- 8 drops vetiver
- 6 drops lavender
- 4 drops lemon
- 2 drop ginger
- 3 drops wormwood oil

Combine these oils together in the water and spray area or arms/legs. Do not spray into face.

Here's another yummy, easy idea. When barbecuing, include fresh rosemary or sage herb in your recipe; if you don't want it on your food, place it on top of foil on the grill so the smoke (and aroma) act like a repellent.

Wear light long sleeve clothing where possible. Make sure you have enough B complex on board, there is anecdotal evidence to suggest that B deficient people are more attractive to mosquitoes.

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) A perplexing situation needs to be dealt with in order to avoid problems later on. Rely on both your own sense of what's right and the advice of someone you trust to help work it out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Let your sharp Taurean business insight guide you when considering a "dream deal." Without all the facts, it could turn into a nightmare. Remember: Investigate before investing.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Sharing so much of your time and your gifts with others is what you do so well, and this week, don't be surprised if others want to share with you. Enjoy the experience. You've earned it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A difficult personal situation seems to defy efforts to resolve it. Perhaps you're too close to it. Take some time to reassess what went wrong, and then see where things can be set right.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Leonine pride could be piqued a bit when someone else appears to be standing in your light. Be patient and resist the urge to growl at the interloper. You'll soon be the "mane" attraction again.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A professional situation benefits from your clear assessment of the circumstances involved. On the personal side, that new relationship looks as if it will continue to grow.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) More good news about a loved one helps reassure others who could not share your more-optimistic view before. Continue to help everyone in need of your comforting

presence.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Creating new friendships could turn out to be the unexpected but welcome result of reconnecting with old friends. The weekend is a good time for fun and games. Enjoy!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The more you learn about what you plan to do, the more likely you are to consider making some changes in your plans. This is good; don't resist it. Instead, go with it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A career change is still in your aspect, but a potential workplace change could be what you've been looking for. See what develops before making any drastic moves.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your energy levels are high this week, which should help you get all your workday tasks done and still leave you with enough breath to handle some domestic challenges.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An unexpected fluke could cause problems with your travel plans. If so, use the time to troll for other available options, and you might be pleasantly surprised at what turns up.

BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy the company of lots of people, but you also can treasure the moments shared with just one special person.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On July 16, 1863, the draft riots enter their fourth day in New York City in response to the Enrollment Act, which allowed wealthier citizens to pay \$300 to avoid military duty. More than 1,000 people died in the violence, which was only

contained by the arrival of Union troops from the battlefield at Gettysburg.

- On July 19, 1879, Doc Holliday kills a man for shooting up his saloon. Despite his reputation as a deadly gunslinger, Doc Holliday engaged in just eight shootouts and killed only two men. The second was at the O.K. Corral in 1881.

- On July 17, 1944, an ammunition ship explodes while being loaded in Port Chicago, California, killing 332 people. Poor procedures and lack of training led to the disaster. The blasts were felt as far away as Nevada.

- On July 15, 1971, President Richard Nixon stuns the nation by announcing that he will visit communist China. Since the Communists came to power in China in 1949, Nixon had been one of its most vociferous critics.

- On July 13, 1985, in London, Prince Charles and Princess Diana officially open Live Aid, a worldwide rock concert to raise money for the relief of famine-stricken Africans. The 16-hour concert was globally linked by satellite to more than a billion viewers in 110 countries.

- On July 14, 1995, the MP3 file compression format is born, allowing music files small enough to be stored in bulk.

- On July 18, 1999, New York Yankee David Cone pitches the 16th perfect game in major-league history with a no-hit, no-walk victory over the Montreal Expos. Cone needed only 88 pitches, 68 of them strikes, to set down 27 Expos in a row.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was Italian novelist and philosopher Umberto Eco who made the following sage observation: "Fear prophets and those prepared to die for the truth, for as a rule they make many others die with them, often

before them, and at times instead of them."

- Iconic American rock band the Grateful Dead were originally known as the Warlocks.

- It takes an average of 45 seconds in a microwave to make a Twinkie explode.

- Dedicated experts at the University of Connecticut Alcohol Center conducted a study in which it was determined that light beer is more likely to cause a hangover than dark beer is. Evidently, lighter beers tend to be more highly carbonated, which causes the alcohol to go through the system faster.

- It's been reported that the Department of Defense has contracted a private lab to come up with a smell that's so bad, it can be used to control unruly crowds.

- The 1942 film "Casablanca" is consistently considered to be one of the best movies ever made. However, executives at Warner Brothers didn't expect much from the film and gave the producers an extremely small budget. In fact, they were so strapped for cash that the plane used in the movie's iconic final scene was no more than a cardboard cutout.

- The original American Express card was not green, but purple. The now almost-ubiquitous green wasn't introduced until 1969.

- Those who study such things say that if you have bad breath, you're more likely to be bitten by a bat.

- In the 1970s, there was an epidemic of teenagers sniffing airplane glue to get high. In order to discourage this practice, the glue manufacturers began adding an intense oil of mustard to the formula.

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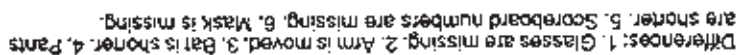
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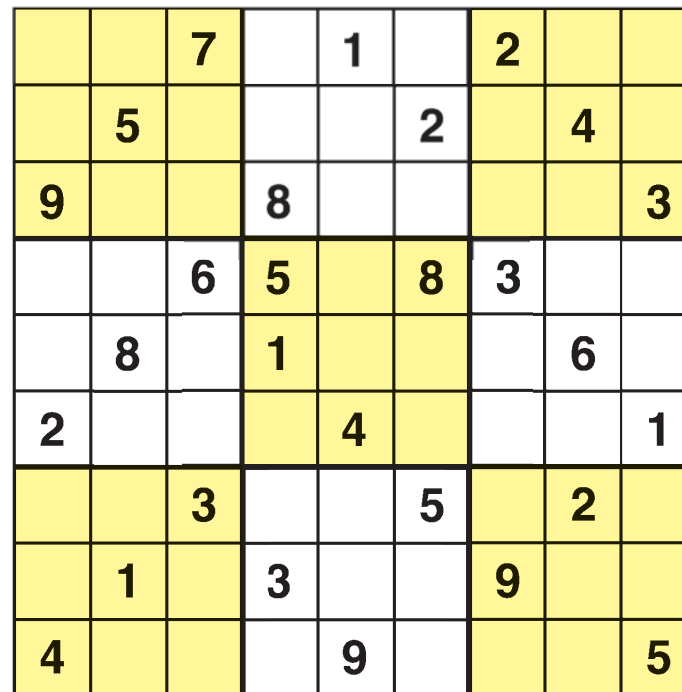
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TODAY'S WORD

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (the same number cannot appear more than once in a row, column or 3x3 box.) There is no guessing and no math involved, just logic.

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Cape Hickory	Bonita Springs	2014	4,122	\$2,755,000	\$2,376,000	391
Shell Harbor	Sanibel	2000	4,138	\$2,400,000	\$2,350,000	7
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Bend Of Whiskey Creek	Fort Myers	2005	3,068	\$1,150,000	\$1,050,000	67
Avieto	Bonita Springs	2005	4,206	\$1,100,000	\$1,000,000	241
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Intracoastal Harbour	Fort Myers	1994	2,730	\$898,000	\$875,000	86

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NOW HERE'S A TIP

- Use a carabiner clip to hold the handles of grocery bags together. They will roll about less in the trunk and are easier to carry into the house when you get home.
- “Many people keep some pet food outdoors. If you have problems with ants in your pet’s food if feeding outside, you will like this trick: Place the bowl of food into a

larger pan filled with water. The ants can’t cross it, and it has the added bonus of being another source of water for the animals. Be sure to change it frequently.” -- P.Y. in Alabama

- “We unexpectedly had friends visit with their granddaughter. Since it was unplanned, and we aren’t used to little kids, we were unprepared. My quick-thinking husband split open a garbage bag to use as a protective

liner on the bed in case of an accident.” -- D.D. in Oregon

- Witch hazel is an old remedy for bruises and bumps. You can find it in the first-aid aisle by the peroxide and rubbing alcohol. Simply moisten a folded paper towel, and park it right on the bump (never near the eyes or mouth). It prevents bruising and can lessen swelling in some cases.
- Need to cross out a note so nobody can

read it? Take this tip to the scratch pad: Instead of scribbling over something to be crossed out, write random letters over your words until the whole thing is illegible.

- “File this under you CAN teach an old dog new tricks: While watching videos on a cellphone with my daughter, I found out that a pair of folded sunglasses makes a fantastic stand.” -- C.E. in Maine

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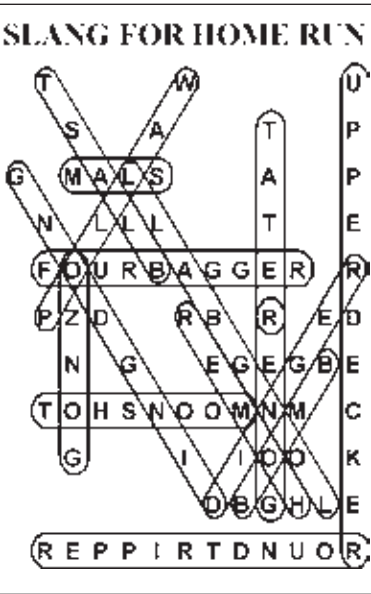
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HELP WANTED

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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*NS 11/1 NC TFN

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell
Museum needs Education and Great Hall
volunteers. No experience necessary, will
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(239) 395-2233 ext 11.
*NS 7/11 NC TFN

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IMMEDIATELY**

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for travel, on-duty insurance, as well
as annual health screening.
Please call the Dr. Piper Center
at (239) 332-5346
ask for Jonah or Lourdes.
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HELP WANTED

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY TEACHER 0-K

Sunday School Nursery Teacher 0-K wanted at Sanibel Church wanted to start immediately. This is a year round paid part-time position for Sunday mornings only. Background check and references required. Mainstream theology required. Previous childcare/teaching experience preferred. For details call 239-472-0497

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LOST CAT

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LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

The Crow's Nest Beach Bar & Grille at Tween Waters Inn has live entertainment with Bad Banditos on Friday and Saturday. Doc Carter plays on Sunday. Taylor Stokes plays on Tuesday and Wednesday. Crab shows are on Mondays and Thursdays.

The Jacaranda has live entertainment on Friday and Saturday with Megaforce Band, playing Caribbean and top 40s. Renata plays funk, jazz and contemporary on Monday. On Tuesday, it's Sir Mitch, playing classic rock, R&B and dance. Wednesday is Barbara Dexter, playing contemporary, oldies and current hits. 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 has island style live entertainment on Mondays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Traditions on the Beach at Island Inn has live music Friday and Saturday with Joe McCormick and Marvella Marzan, playing classic R&B, jazz and pop. Woody Brubaker performs jazz and pop on Wednesday. Joe McCormick and Marvella Marzan play on Thursday.

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

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.★

Cycling Safety Notes

Ride to the right

Warn to pass

Wear a helmet

Use lights at night

Always be courteous



SANIBEL BICYCLE CLUB

Pets Of The Week

My name is Peebs and I was abandoned by my owner and barely made it out before our trailer was demolished. Despite my unfortunate past, I somehow emerged as a great dog. Our volunteers think I'm wonderful. I'm affectionate, smart, well-mannered and play well with other dogs. Won't you please consider making me your forever companion? My adoption fee is \$40 (regularly \$75) during Animal Services' Red, White or Blue adoption promotion.

I'm Muffin, a quiet-natured young girl who loves treats and playing with toys. However, my most favorite thing to do is cuddle. There are lots of energetic kittens at the shelter but if you are looking for a quiet, affectionate lap cat, I'm the one for you! My adoption fee is \$15 (regularly \$50) during Animal Services' adoption 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 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in 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.*



Peebs ID# 613632



Muffin ID# 621990

PAWS Of Sanibel
Mocha And Espresso



Mocha



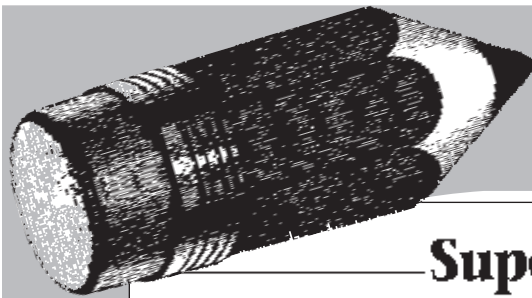
Espresso

A pair of beautiful kitties were abandoned on June 13 next to a customer's parked car at Bennett's coffee shop on Sanibel. The female tabby (Mocha) was left in a carrier and the black male (Espresso) was left in a cardboard box. They had already been spayed and neutered. PAWS of Sanibel has had them combo tested, and given them all their shots. They are currently boarded at Coral Vet in Fort Myers. They obviously shared a home together at one time, and it would be great to find that for them again, however, that might not be possible. If you have room in your home and your heart for one or both of these abandoned kitties, call Pam at PAWS of Sanibel at 472-4823.*

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Emergency	911
Sanibel Police	472-3111
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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
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
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Sanibel-Captiva Art League	472-4258
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CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS	
ABWA - American Business Women's Assoc.	565-7872 or 433-7798
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Horticultural Society of the Islands	472-6940
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Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron	www.usps.org/localusps/sancap
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United Way of Lee County	433-2000
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Zonta Club	728-1971
ISLAND ATTRACTIONS	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum	395-2233
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To be listed in calling card email your information to: press@islandnews.com	



BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

answers on page 51

Super Crossword

"CAN'T YOU SEE I'M DIZZY?!"

ACROSS

- 1 Bar mitzvah language
7 Its capital is Montgomery
14 Old jazz buff
20 Henry II
21 Horse food supporter
22 106 Down on Cal
23 Ripken's cap
25 — acid (corrosive liquid)
26 mo
27 Brighton brow
28 12-month fair ne?
30 Trendy berry in juices
33 Shire of film
34 Goddess of the dawn
35 Singer Brown got dressed?
42 Gridiron gains. Abbr.
43 Pen g ant
45 Make reparations
46 Cosa — (Mafia's kin)

- 48 Areas of expertise
51 Provides party platters
53 Determine which team scored?
57 Supper scrap
58 "Egypt" up like a flood? Jeremiah 46:8
60 "NO TURN" (traffic sign)
61 Octa- plus one
62 Relative of a résumé
64 Judge on the bench, e.g.
65 Bee creation
66 I act about a consolation loan?
71 Two-spot
74 University in Atlanta
75 In (rowing)
79 Old science magazine
80 Balance gan
81 Pittsburgh's Carnegie — University
84 Instructors' org
85 Sub-shrp blaze?

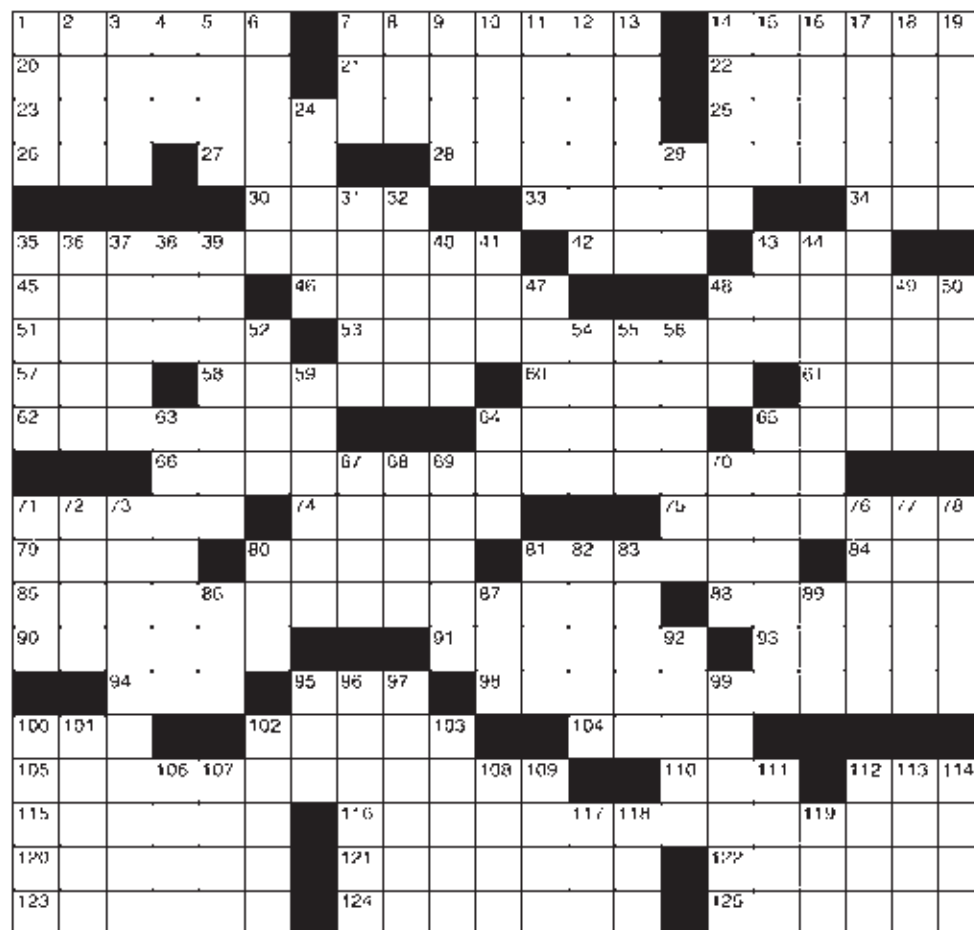
- 88 Relative key of B minor
90 Michelangelo work
91 California wine region
93 Old Greek market
94 Lwin of old films
95 "The Tell Tale Heart" taleiller
98 Mopla earned by a love god?
100 Blocks from the freezer
102 Is up against
104 School in Berkshire
105 Road named after singer Deanna?
110 Seeded loaf
112 Alamillos, California
115 Thinking the world of
116 What to do to socks that tear every 24 hours?
120 Appear
121 Asinine
122 Late actress Bronnan
123 Hot- — (drag racer)
124 Turn from a straight line

DOWN

- 1 Mortar trays
2 List-ending abbr.
3 TV clown
4 "Frasier" woman
5 Jazz singer Fitzgerald
6 Lil fellow
7 Gaslayer of "Mean Girls"
8 Truckload
9 Deadly pale
10 Neuwirth of "Frasier"
11 "If I Had" (Lyle Lovett song)
12 American avant garde artist
13 Arlediluvian
14 Toyola rival
15 roquios toe
16 Falafel bread
17 Amendment
18 Samuel of justice
19 PC whizzes
24 intel mission
29 Hi- — (stereos)
31 Positive pop
32 Atlas feature
35 Son of Isaac
36 Video game name

- 37 Catchphrase
38 Phenyl ether
39 Saw-toothed
40 Ingrain
41 Soft &
43 Jazz genre
44 Limonite, e.g.
47 Worship
48 Nursed, say
49 Kin of cess
50 Don't depart
52 Uses a stool
54 Winter Blyton
55 Grove plant
56 Kind of tea
59 Field (Mariners' stadium)
63 Mast; chancey
64 "— w. I be done"
65 Very rare
67 Arabian Sea country
68 Actor's part
69 Long lock of hair
70 Stamped
71 Tip, as a hat
72 Arab bigwig
73 Frank and open
75 Pear variety
77 Corp shuffling
78 Mother of Isaac
80 — cone
81 List of dishes

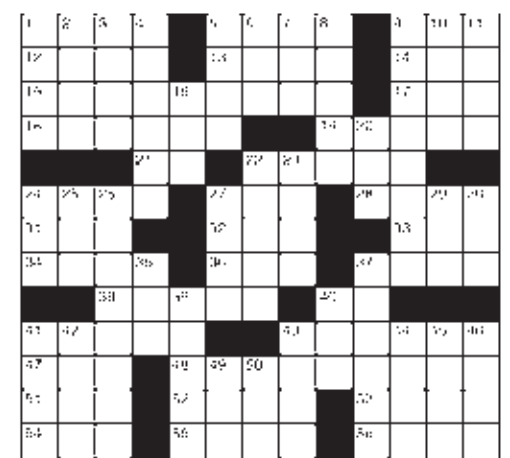
- 82 Get hitched on the fly
83 Maximum
86 Post-OR area
87 OR worker
89 Before now
92 Prellify
95 "NordTV" network
96 Bested
97 Online investing site
99 Tom of "Tomorrow"
100 Slacking sort
101 Pataki's predecessor
102 Make funous
103 Font flourish
106 Nost builder
107 "Picnic" dramatist William
108 Organic compound
109 Head, to Gigi
111 Falco with four Emmys
112 In — of (rather than)
113 Jai alai cries
114 "Auld Lang"
117 Amp plug-in
118 Masquerade
119 Furry TV alien



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Taj Mahal city
5 Brah's stocking stuffer
9 Hollywood tuckery (Abbr.)
12 Upper palate
13 Formerly
14 Bygone
15 Caved in
17 See 41-
18 Sly
19 Big winds
21 Cellist Yo-Yo
22 Michelangelo masterpiece
24 Wear a rut in the rug
27 Shack
28 TV's talking horse
31 Pair
32 Exist
33 Moss up
34 Partner
36 Outline
37 6/6/44
38 Tureen
40 U.S. soldier
41 With 17-
Across: "Do the Right Thing" director



- 43 Spanish pre euro money
47 Scuffle
48 Cool and calm
51 Exploit
52 Met melody
53 Loosen
54 Actor Beatty
55 Tax
56 Lip

DOWN

- 1 Curved paths
2 Continue
3 Portrayal
4 Blazing
5 Mimic
6 Switch

- 7 Expert
8 Sill
9 Apprehended
10 Merriment
11 Mid-month date
16 Alias abbr.
20 S dispenser
22 Prize money
23 Couple, in a gossip column

- 24 Schol orig
25 Piercing tool
26 Crashed
27 Greet
29 Historic period
30 Parched

- 35 Tibetan bovine
37 Olympic Frisbee?
39 Transfer
40 "Gosh"
41 Stay away from
42 Sit for a shot
43 Stage presentation
44 Italian volcano
45 "B.I. & — Excellent Adventure"
46 Fusses
49 Tramicar load
50 Tyler or Ullmann

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Q O M J S H F A C A Y T W U P
R P G N M A L S I J H A F D P
B Z X N V L L L T R Q T O M E
K I H **FOUR BAGGER** F R
D B Z P Z D Y W R B V R T E D
R Q O N N L G K I E G E G B E
H F D T O H S N O O M N M C C
A Z X W G V U W I S I O O R K
Q O N M K J I H A D B G H I E
F E D R E P P I R T D N U O R

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

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|-----------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Blast | Four-bagger | Long ball | Tater |
| Bomb | Goner | Moonshot | Upper-decker |
| Ding-dong | Gonzo | Round-tripper | Wallop |
| Dinger | Homer | Slam | |



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