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More than 60 residents filled MacKenzie Hall on Monday morning to hear details of the latest Sanibel Civic Core conceptual plan
photos by Jeff Lysiak

City's Civic Core Project Estimated At \$42 Million

by Jeff Lysiak

Following five months of stakeholder meetings and fine tuning of the long-discussed master plan, a six-member working group presented the latest version of the Sanibel Civic and Cultural Core concept on Monday morning at MacKenzie Hall, sharing details of the estimated \$42 million project with the city council and more than 60 island residents.

During the two-hour workshop, the members of the volunteer working group – including Tom Sharbaugh and Richard Johnson (representing the Sanibel Community Association), Ralph Clark and Chuck Ketteman (representing BIG ARTS) and Katie Reid and Shirley Schulz (representing the Island Seniors) – discussed the history of the project, along with the needs and goals of each organization involved.

“Over the last few years, several key community organizations recognized need to address aging, inadequate facilities and growing program demand,” said Clark. “We undertook a comprehensive needs analysis and exploration of alternative ways to meet needs. Out of this effort, a vision emerged for a new civic and cultural core.”

The core campus would be constructed on approximately 25 acres owned by the City of Sanibel and other participants, stretching east and south of the library. Under the design concept unveiled on Monday, a new Island Seniors (Center 4 Life) building along with the BIG ARTS performance hall, theater and learning center would be interconnected to the existing library, city hall and Sanibel Historical Museum & Village by meandering walkways as well as bicycle and pedestrian paths. The proposal includes additional green

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Ralph Clark introduced the civic core community working group, which included representatives from BIG ARTS, the Sanibel Community Association and the city's Center 4 Life



Tom Sharbaugh went over details of the conceptual layout of buildings, parking and access roads

CROW's Southern Comfort Benefit Saturday Night

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) will host Southern Comfort on Sanibel on Saturday, April 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way.

The evening will feature a buffet of southern food provided by The Pecking Order and a complimentary Southern Comfort drink. DJ David Flory from Island Ballroom will provide music and dance lessons.

Highlights will include games, prizes, silent auction and raffle. All proceeds will benefit the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife.

Tickets are \$55 in advance; \$65 at the door. Visit www.CrowClinic.org or call 472-3644.✱



SCCF's Beer The Bushes Fundraiser Is Next Saturday



All are welcome to raise a glass at Beer in the Bushes on April 9

It's time to boogie down and drink up. The 5th annual Beer in the Bushes fundraiser is set for Saturday, April 9 from 6 to 10 p.m. Guests can roam the grounds of SCCF's Nature Center while sampling craft beer and food truck offerings. There will be live music, dancing and a few surprises. This is a rain or shine event, and guests 21 and older are welcome to attend. Tickets can be purchased online at sccf-beer.eventbrite.com. Ticket prices are \$60 in advance, and \$70 on the day of the event and at the door.

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company is returning as the presenting sponsor. The generous financial support of the company makes it possible to keep ticket pricing low.

“You get a real bang for your buck at Beer in the Bushes,” said SCCF's Jeff Siwicke, creator of the event. “That would not be possible without the trust company's extraordinary underwriting of our event expenses. Their corporate philanthropy makes a big difference for so many island non-profits.”

Ticket sales are going well, in large part because of this year's talent: Kermit Ruffins
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Historical Village To Celebrate Lighthouse Day

On Wednesday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Sanibel Historical Village will celebrate Lighthouse Day with speakers and events throughout the day.

Lighthouse Day will begin with a talk by a United States Coast Guard representative from Fort Myers Beach at 10:45 a.m. The representative will discuss the Coast Guard's role in keeping lighthouses alive and will tell about the Coast Guard Cutter named *Sanibel*, stationed at Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

Also, museum volunteer Hal Theiss will play Henry Shanahan, Sanibel lighthouse keeper. Accompanied by his wife and two sons, Shanahan moved to Sanibel in 1888 and two years later became the assistant lighthouse keeper. When the head keeper resigned in 1892, Shanahan applied for the position but authorities at first denied him because he was illiterate. He threatened to resign and was granted the position. There's much more to this story, which "Henry Shanahan" himself will explain on Lighthouse Day.

National Lighthouse Day is observed in August, when communities all over the country take part in ceremonies and festivities in honor of their lighthouses. On August 7, 1789, through an Act of Congress, the federal government took over responsibility for building and operating the nation's lighthouses. The government recognized the importance for ships at sea to find safe harbor during fog and storms. Over the years, lighthouses have saved many ships and an untold number of lives.

Sanibel residents first petitioned for a lighthouse in 1833, but no action was taken. In 1856, the Lighthouse Board recommended a lighthouse on Sanibel, but Congress took no action. In 1877 government workers surveyed the eastern end of the island and reserved it for a lighthouse. Congress finally appropriated funds in 1883. The foundation for the new lighthouse was completed in early 1884, but the ship bringing ironwork for the tower sank two miles from Sanibel. A crew of hard-hat divers from Key West recovered all but two of the pieces for the tower.

Learn more at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Full guided tours take place at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. each day at no additional charge, depending on docent availability.

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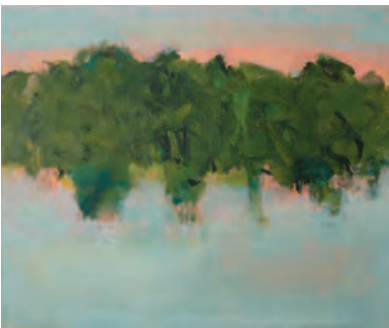
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Highlights Of The Annual Easter Egg Hunt At The Island Inn



More than 150 children took part in the Island Inn's annual Easter Egg Hunt, held last Saturday afternoon on the beachfront located to the rear of Traditions On The Beach. Among the hundreds of hidden colored eggs were 10 "golden" eggs, each containing a \$20 bill

photos by Jeff Lysiak



Savannah Thatcher, 3, of Cleveland, Ohio rode a miniature horse named Misty



One-and-a-half-year-old Eve Davison was happy to find a few eggs



From left, Melanie, Hannah and Emily Moraga with Rebecca Mensch at the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum's table



Brian Thatcher, left, tags along as his 1½-year-old daughter, Mackenzie, rides a miniature horse



Emily Shipley, 7, of Delaware got her face painted



Jeff Drope helps his son, Luke, 2, find some Easter eggs



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Winners At Lions Arts And Crafts Fair



Dave Brunner, third place, 3-dimensional art



Bob and Patti Stern, third place, creative craft



Celeste Theodore, second place, 2- and 3-dimensional art



Dan Goad, third place, 2-dimensional art



Diana Christensen, first place, 3-D art

The Best of Show winner at the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club's annual Fine Arts and Crafts Fair, held on March 18 and 19, was Anne Shroeder, of booth 25. Other winners were:
One- and 2-dimensional art – first place, Gary Odmark, booth 71; second place, Shawnie Miradon, booth 124; third place, Dan Goad, booth 129.
Two- and 3-dimensional works – first place, Diana Christiansen, booth 45; second place, Celeste Theodore, booth 43; third place, Dave Bruner, booth 56.
Creative arts – first place, Sheila King, booth 113; second place, Galina Lambert,

booth 33; third place, Bob and Pattie Stern, booth 68.
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Galia Lambert, right, creative craft winner



Shawnie Miradon, third place, 2-dimensional art



Sheila King, booth 113, first place creative arts



Gary Odmark, first place, 2-dimensional art



Overall show winner, Anne Schroeder, booth 25

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The staff of the Community House: Teresa, Jonathan, Andrea and Jan ask for your help in making the renovation a reality

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Documentary

The Community House has scheduled the last few showings of its documentary film. The film shows the rich history of The Community House and features never before seen clips of Sanibel and Captiva from 1927 through present. Donations are appreciated at the door. The next showing is April 15 at 7 p.m. at The Community House. Films can be purchased at The Community House for \$10.

A Capella Fundraiser

Hear the fabulous voices and harmonies of the A Capella Group (TAG) from Cypress Lake High School on Friday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m.

All proceeds from this performance – presented by Jewell Family Productions – will go to TAG to raise funds for the talented musical group to travel to New York City for the International Champions High School A Capella Finals. Tickets are \$15.

Residents and visitors are welcome. Reserve your tickets by emailing jewellshirley362@gmail.com.

Free Energy Workshops

Karen L. Semmelman, director of Semmelman Energy Center, will host a series of workshops on Optimizing Your Health, based on Eden Energy Medicine. The next two-hour workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. Body, mind or spirit in overdrive? Unleash the innate ease with Energy Medicine.

Semmelman, a matrimonial lawyer for 30-plus years, is an advanced Eden Energy practitioner, teacher and inspirational speaker.

For more information, email ksemmelmanenergy@gmail.com.

Colorful Sips

Evening art and wine parties with local artist Sissi Janku are designed to encourage the artist within to complete a masterpiece. Member price is \$45, non-members,

\$55. Classes will be held on the following Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m.: April 6 and April 20. No experience is necessary. All materials are provided. Bring your favorite wine and a snack for sharing.



Hibiscus by Sissi Janku

Annual Meeting Notice



The Sanibel Community Association's (SCA) annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27, at 6 p.m. Learn the status of the Community Association, and The Community House. Appetizers and beverages will be served after the report. Call 472-2155 or stop by The Community House at 2173 Periwinkle Way for reservations. Ballots will be mailed again this year.

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation to either the building or operating fund, visit www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net. A donation of \$1,500 pays the electric bill for a month, \$750 pays the garbage bill for a month, \$100 pays the pest control bill for one month.

Watercolor Workshop

Learn the art of watercolor on Monday, April 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. Students will be provided a variety of card samples as well as instruction in the art of drawing and illustration along with an introduction to painting with watercolors. All supplies are included.

Pre-payment is required. Call 472-2155 or visit the website, www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net. Click on the name of the class and register. Cost is \$40 for members, \$50 for guests.

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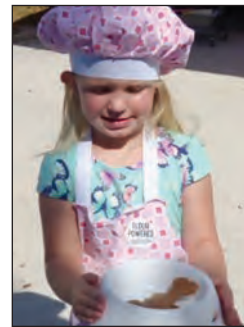
Shred your unneeded documents and papers on Saturday, April 16 between 9 a.m. and noon at The Community House. Bring documents such as bank statements, credit cards receipts, old checks and income tax returns. Fee of \$5 for one or two boxes per car. Donations requested for more than two boxes. All proceeds go to The Community House operating fund.

King Arthur Flour Day

King Arthur Flour Day raised over \$8,000 for the renovation of the Community House. There was free Tommy's ice cream, King Arthur Flour's chocolate oatmeal cookies and

Ally's homemade dog biscuits for visiting canines. A total of 50 children in grades 4 to 7 took part in the Bake For Good Program, learning how to bake bread and cinnamon rolls. The evening potluck with the pie and cake contest wrapped up a wonderful day.

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



Ally Flynt's homemade King Arthur Flour dog biscuits were a hit

FISH Sponsors Language Program

submitted by Maggie Goldsmith, FISH of San-Cap

There are many families in our region who have moved here from different countries and struggle with learning the English language. FISH offers English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes weekly, teaching how to communicate competently in English, which helps them at home, in school and particularly in the work-

place. Classes are offered from beginning through advanced levels and are designed for adults or older children.

ESOL classes are designed to develop all areas of language: speaking, listening comprehension, reading, writing, grammar and pronunciation. The length of the program is based upon the student's individual needs. As an open-entry/open-exit program, students have the flexibility to enter and exit the program when their individual needs have been met.

"What has been particularly helpful is having the older children of our students attend these classes," said Christine Swiersz, FISH program director. "At home, the parents and grandparents are speaking Spanish (or another language) while the children are speaking English. Through ESOL, we are finding ways to open communication lines between generations. It's wonderful to see the elders and the children talk, perhaps for the first time, in English. It's also really helpful for the kids. Can you imagine moving here as a non-English speaking child, being placed in school and expected to be able to learn and test in an English setting? There are few schools that offer comprehensive bilingual education programs, where students receive half of their education in each language, and that can create a learning loss."

ESOL classes are held every Wednesday at the FISH Walk-In Center, 2430-B Periwinkle Way, from 3 to 4 p.m. Class sizes vary. Contact Christine Swiersz or Jessi Zeigler at 472-4775 for more information.✧

Young Professionals Help Repair Oyster Beds With SCCF



Some of the members of the Young Professionals Association of Sanibel & Captiva who worked on the oyster bed restoration project

Along with their monthly networking events, which have begun to feature local non-profit and community organizations, the Young Professionals Association of Sanibel & Captiva (YPASC) is now giving back to the community by undertaking hands-on service events.

On March 12, a group of young professionals met at the City of Sanibel boat ramp to work with Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation staffers on their oyster bed restoration project in San Carlos Bay, coordinated by Dr. Eric Milbrandt, director of the SCCF Marine Laboratory.

By working to restore the oyster beds, which have been damaged by high volume discharges of fresh water, SCCF seeks to enhance living oyster reefs which help to stabilize shorelines from storms and serve as food for fish and other animals. The group worked hard throughout the morning and though the work was demanding, they said it was "extremely rewarding."

Anyone interested in assisting with the restoration or joining the association or hosting an even may contact or Laura Richardson at Lrichardson@bigarts.org.

The association is a new and diverse organization of friends and future leaders that aims to provide leadership development, networking opportunities and philanthropic support to the islands of Sanibel and Captiva.✧

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Beer In The Bushes

& The BBQ Swingers, who are award-winning favorites on the New Orleans jazz scene. Ruffins and his trumpet have been featured on HBO's hit show *Treme* and at countless music festivals.

"Getting Kermit to Sanibel is a real coup," added Siwicke. "Many thanks to Jensen's Twin Palm Resort and Marina for covering Kermit's performance fee as our returning band sponsor."

Four local food trucks will be on site. All tickets include \$10 in TruXbox, redeemable for dinner choices from any of the trucks.

Eight micro-breweries will be pouring samples as they compete to win the People's Choice Award. Guests will vote for the winner among the eight participating microbreweries. The lineup includes Point Ybel Brewing Company (the defending 2015 champs), Fort Myers Brewing Company, Momentum Brewhouse, Old Soul Brewing, Naples Beach Brewery, Palm City Brewing, Bury Me Brewing and Cape Coral Brewing Company.

This "fun-raiser" is a guaranteed great time that helps support SCCF's mission of conserving coastal habitats and aquatic resources on Sanibel and Captiva and in the surrounding watershed.

SCCF's Nature Center is located at

3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road on Sanibel. For more information, call 472-2329.*

Sanibel Captiva Motor Club To Hold Cruise-In

The Sanibel Captiva Motor Club will be holding its monthly Cruise-In, dubbed Cars and Coffee, at the Periwinkle Place Shopping Center this Saturday, April 2 from 9 to 11 a.m.

"Look for the checkered flag," said San-Cap Motor Club founder Mike Stone. Whether you are in the club or not, whether you have an old car or just love cars, Periwinkle Place is the place to be Saturday morning for any car enthusiast.

"Last month we had 82 cars, the most ever for our cruise-ins since we began hosting them last year," added co-founder Scot Congress.

Cruise-In attendees will see many rare automobiles from every decade. There are so many collector cars on Sanibel and Captiva, this gives the owners a great excuse to get them out on the road where they belong.

No preregistration is necessary to display automobiles and all are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Scot Congress at 472-4177.*

Looking Back:

June Rosse

The History Gallery, developed by the Captiva Island Historical Society, features many photos like this. All ages are welcome to step aboard a wooden replica of the old mailboat *Santiva* to capture the spirit of Captiva and learn through graphic and video panels about the events and people that shaped the island. The History Gallery is accessed through the Captiva Memorial Library, located on Chapin Lane and open during Library hours.

This week's image features June Rosse, Andy and Dessa Rosse's daughter. The photo is part of the Rosse Family collection, gifted to the Captiva Island Historical Society.

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Members of the Sanibel City Council offered feedback during Monday's workshop meeting

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Civic Core Project

space and a large community green for public gatherings.

According to Clark, the goal is "create a place consistent with the Sanibel Plan where we gather to celebrate community, the arts, culture, lifelong learning and healthy living."

Reid noted that the current Center 4 Life located on Library Way provides 47 parking spaces, only two of which are dedicated handicapped spaces. "Many of our members choose not to attend classes due to the lack of parking," said Reid, who explained additional needs for island seniors includes increased space to house programs, flexibility of outdoor space and a facility "that isn't falling down."

"We feel that this civic and cultural core plan, if it moves forward, will address all of these needs," added Reid.

Sharbaugh detailed some of the needs of the Sanibel Community Association,

which includes preservation of the historic Community House building. Renovations will encompass expanding the kitchen and storage facilities, upgrading the restrooms, expanding and improving on-site parking and adding new outdoor pavilions.

Ketteman went over the needs for BIG ARTS, which includes a major upgrade to the performance hall, expanding "back of house" facilities for the theater, expanding educational facilities, consolidating staff space, improving handicapped parking and creating a safer, more well organized parking lot.

"We can't fix it with the future that we see coming," said Ketteman.

"Sanibel is a cultured, well-educated community," added Clark. "The demand for more learning and cultural events here is very high."

The design of the interconnected campus, according to the working group, creates "new and easier access to all these public facilities, significantly increased

parking and much-needed new homes for BIG ARTS and the Center 4 Life, whose current buildings have exhausted their useful life and are incurring increasing annual maintenance costs in the face of growing community need for services." Two new outdoor pavilions on the community green will allow the community association's major outdoor events to be moved away from Periwinkle Way, resulting in improved pedestrian and vehicular safety.

A total of 579 parking spaces would be incorporated at the site.

"We want to make sure that whatever gets done fits Sanibel," said Ketteman. "Working together, it's not about what's better for BIG ARTS or the SCA... it's about what's better for all."

The construction estimate is \$42 million, including \$21 million to build the performance hall, theater, gallery and education center, \$8 million to build the new Center 4 Life, pavilions and other facilities and \$13 million for roads, parking and infrastructure.

Funding is proposed to come from grants and other sources (\$22 million), BIG ARTS (\$12 million) and the City of Sanibel (\$8 million), in addition to the city's contribution of 25 acres of land, along with BIG ARTS' one acre.

Access would come via three roadways: Wooster Road to the west, plus two new roads off Periwinkle Way (one along the western portion of land currently occupied by the Herb Strauss Theater, and one located between Periwinkle Pines subdivision and the Sanibel Congregational United Church of

Christ). If the plan is approved, Dunlop Road would access only the rear section of the Periwinkle Pines subdivision.

Working group members also explained that the city would manage the construction of the entire project and would own all the facilities (with the exception of The Community House). BIG ARTS and the SCA would provide conceptual design and detailed specifications for the project. In addition, BIG ARTS would fit out and fund the cost of the interiors, including seating, audio, video, draperies, etc.

With financing costs at an all-time low, members also cited that the window is open for grants and other funding sources. Current and potential private donors have expressed that they are "very positive and supportive."

One slide in their PowerPoint presentation estimated that the annual cost to the average Sanibel homeowner (based upon a \$530,000 property valuation) would range from \$111 (20-year bond) to \$95 (30-year bond).

"One of the challenges we face as a community is congestion during our peak season. The civic and cultural core design addresses this issue by moving traffic off Periwinkle Way to convenient, shared parking. Without pedestrian crossings, traffic will flow effectively and safely for all our residents and guests," said Johnson. "The moons are aligned... the time is now to get this done."

With workshops completed, the city council is expected to discuss the plan at the next meeting, Tuesday, April 5, beginning at 9 a.m. A proposed timeline for the project suggested funding and public outreach efforts starting in late summer 2016, with the possibility of staging a public referendum this November.

Members of the council offered their feedback on the presentation, with unanimous support for the concept.

"I am very much in favor of this project, but keep in mind that I'm only one vote," said Marty Harrity. "This has to be a community project... If we all decide that we want to get there, we're gonna get there."

Vice Mayor Mick Denham also supported the effort, calling the expansive green space proposed within the campus "very enticing." He did express concern over the architectural design of the buildings, asking "Will they really be Sanibel style?"

Councilman Chauncey Goss questioned whether the centralized parking facility might draw additional interest for people looking to park their vehicles there for the entire day during season.

"This is a Sanibel project, and this will be a good thing for us," said Jim Jennings. "I'm looking forward to a good conclusion with this."

Opening the floor to public comment, several residents discussed both the benefits for creating the civic and cultural core, and the concerns over the cost. Fay Carney questioned the timeline proposed for public education about the project, which would begin during the summer months. "Nobody's home," she told the panel. "Be careful... people are not going to be supportive of a project they feel

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OBITUARY



LEIGH ANN RYLANDER KLEIN

Leigh Ann Rylander Klein, 54, passed away peacefully on February 22, 2016 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was born outside New York City but spent her childhood in Brewster, Massachusetts where her family owned Sweetwater Forrest campground. She later lived and worked in St. Petersburg and Annapolis, Maryland before settling on her beloved Sanibel Island.

Leigh was the owner and operator of All Ways Travel agency, which served people's travel needs worldwide. Her

passion for nature and exploration served her clients well. As a child, she traveled across the country several times with her family, visiting most of the U.S. states by the time she entered high school. She began her foreign travels at the age of 17, when she accompanied her sister Susan to Senegal, Africa and – a few years later – to Haiti.

Leigh graduated from Nauset Regional High School. She attended Broward Community College in Fort Lauderdale, where she received her associates degree with a major in business, and completed her BA in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences at the University of South Florida in Fort Myers.

In her youth, horses were Leigh's passion and she spent many of her weekends competing at Cape Cod Rough Riders events. Later, she became an avid sailor, at one point earning her captains papers. For many years, she sailed the Caribbean as first mate and cook on charter sailboats, and raced competitively in Annapolis and St. Petersburg. Leigh saw herself as an island girl, embracing everything natural. She loved to feel the sand between her toes, ate only organic food, used non-toxic products and sought out holistic remedies. She had a "green thumb" and took great pride in landscaping her yard, which was always alive with color. As a gourmet cook and sometimes caterer, she created dishes from her own imagination, never consulting a written recipe. She loved music and loved to dance, and was often seen supporting her favorite singers and bands at local music venues around southwest Florida. She welcomed every new person to the

neighborhood and, each year, organized potluck parties at her home bringing together her diverse group of friends.

Leigh was an active member of the American Business Womens Association on Sanibel, supported Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT) in Fort Myers, and volunteered with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's sea turtle monitoring program.

Leigh was predeceased by her father, C. Huntly Rylander, her mother, Ann Shafer Klein, and her stepfather, David L. Klein. She leaves behind her dear friend and companion David Frank, her stepmother Rae Rylander, her brothers Michael, James (Laurie) and Jason (Elizabeth) Rylander, her stepbrother Peter (Kathy) Klein and stepsister Susan Klein, and her aunt Dawn (Eric) Spitz. She will be dearly missed by many nieces and nephews.

Leigh also had an amazing group of friends on Sanibel whom she considered to be extensions of her family, as well as friends across the country and around the world. They were sources of strength and comfort for Leigh during good times and bad.

A celebration of life potluck will be held on Sunday, May 1 at 2 p.m. at Leigh's home. All are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, feel free to donate in the memory of Leigh Klein to: Hope Hospice Development Department, Hope Healthcare Services, 9470 Health Park Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908 or Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida, Attn: Jan Chester, Director of Development, 736 Central Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236-4042.*

Theological Studies

One of the great American novels was written in the last decades of the 19 century by Samuel L. Clemens, better known as Mark Twain. That novel, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, explored Victorian American attitudes around race in its telling of a story about the title character and a runaway slave named Jim. Juxtapositioned to Twain's novel is another classic, *The Souls of Black Folks*, a collection of essays published in 1904 and written by early civil rights leader WEB DuBois. These two works will serve as reading material for a course being offered at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ on Wednesdays, April 6, 13 and 20, with identical sessions held at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The course, *Black and White Views in Victorian America*, will be co-taught by Dr. Thomas Cooley and the Rev. Dr. John H. Danner as part of the church's Theological Studies Program.

Cooley is emeritus professor of English at the Ohio State University, specializing in American literature from 1820-1920. He is the author of *Educated Lives: The Rise of Modern Autobiography in America* and *The Ivory Leg in the Ebony Cabinet: Madness, Race, and Gender in Victorian America*, a study particularly relevant to this course. In addition to academic books and articles, Dr. Cooley has published numerous college textbooks in the field of composition and rhetoric, including *The Norton Sampler* (now in its eighth edition) and *Back to the Lake*, a reader and guide for writers (third edition, 2015). The drummer in Island Jazz, the Blue Dirt Dixieland Jazz band, and several other local groups, he also plays the washboard.

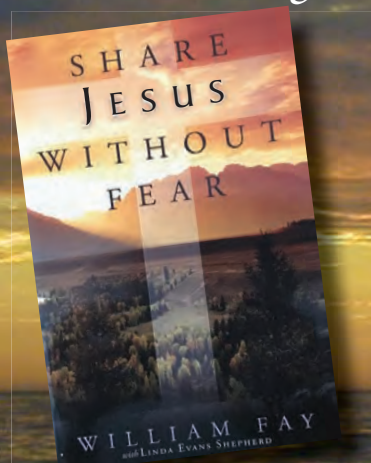
Danner began his tenure as senior pastor at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ in January of 2010. Prior to coming to Sanibel, he served churches in the Northeast, most recently in Westport, Connecticut. Ordained in 1980, he has degrees from Bradford College, the University of Maine, Bangor Theological Seminary and Boston University. He has trained as a pastoral psychotherapist and is a fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and also a graduate of the Shalem Institute of Spiritual Formation. Dr. Danner has contributed materials to two collections of liturgical resources, *Touch Holiness* and *From the Psalms to the Cloud*.

The course is open to the public and is offered free of charge. Copies of both texts will be available on the first day of class for a modest fee. The church is located at 2050 Periwinkle Way. For more information, call the church office at 472-0497 or visit www.sanibelucc.org.*

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Above and right, scenes from previous Blessing of the Animals services at the chapel



All God's creatures, along with their human owners, are invited to Captiva's Chapel by the Sea on Sunday, April 3, for a Blessing of the Animals. The service will begin at the regular Sunday time of 11 a.m. with animals individually blessed in the shaded churchyard immediately following the service.

"We will share in the tradition that

harkens back to Saint Francis of Assisi," said Patricia Slater, spokeswoman. Light refreshments will be provided for pets and owners. All who attend are encouraged to bring a donation of dog or cat food for FISH of SanCap.

"There's no doubt that pets enrich our lives. Don't miss this opportunity to acknowledge the special relationship you have with your pet. Bring your



furry, feathered or finned friend to Chapel by the Sea where best pet behavior and leashes are especially encouraged. Dogs, birds, frogs and all pets great and small, regardless of denomination, are welcome," Slater said. "If your favorite pet cannot attend, bring a photo," she added.

Chapel by the Sea, recognized on the U.S. Registry of Historical Places, is denominationally independent. It is located at 11580 Chapin Lane, Captiva. For more information call 472-1646.*



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Church Offers Tour Of ECHO Global Farm



The entry to ECHO's Global Farm leads to a fascinating, multi-faceted tour

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The Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ's women's group (SCWIM) is planning a trip to tour ECHO's Global Village farm in North Fort Myers on Friday, April 8. The 10 a.m. guided tour will be followed by a stop for lunch at a local restaurant.

The Educational Concern for Hunger Organization (ECHO) is a global Christian nonprofit that equips people with the agricultural resources and skills they can use to reduce hunger and improve the lives of the poor. The organization, founded in the 1970s, helps small-scale farmers overcome tired soils and difficult conditions as one way to achieve these goals.

ECHO's primary function is provid-



An ECHO intern and two volunteers work the land on the Global Farm

ing agricultural information to overseas workers, distributing seeds for promising food plants, and offering training opportunities. At ECHO's Global Village and Research Center, there are six separate areas – or zones – of third world climates: tropical lowlands, tropical highlands, monsoon, semi-arid, rainforest clearing, and urban garden. There is also a nursery focused on rare tropical plants, as well as one of the largest collections of tropical food plants in the United States.

Eight interns reside on site and receive one year of training on the farm, followed by three to six months in an overseas setting. The permanent staff of 35 oversee many volunteers who contributed more than 75,000 hours yearly.

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ has contributed to ECHO as part of the church's mission and benevolence outreach.

The Global Farm is not only a hands-on training ground for those searching for help in tropical agriculture, but also an educational tool to make the public aware

of hunger-related issues and the answers that can help alleviate malnutrition and starvation. The tour will be a chance to experience various settings on the farm and taste tropical leaves while exploring rain-forest habitats. The group will see a simulated rural school, witness urban gardening techniques that allow plantings on rooftops, and visit with farm animals including goats, chickens, ducks, tilapia and rabbits.

The public is welcome to join in this group tour. The cost is \$10 per person (lunch not included). Participants will car-pool from the church, located at 2050 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel, and from the Shell Point Retirement Community in South Fort Myers.

For more information or to sign up for the tour, call the church at 472-0497 by Wednesday, April 6. ✨

Evangelist To Speak At Community Church

Sanibel Community Church will welcome evangelist and author William Fay, who will present Share Jesus Without Fear on Sunday, April 3 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the main Sanctuary. Fay will also be preaching at all three church services that morning.

Have you ever wished you had an easy way to express to others the joy you have found in Christ? Have you ever regretted not sharing God's truths because you were afraid? If you answered yes to either, you are not alone. Share Jesus Without Fear can help you learn practical guides for presenting the compelling message of God's saving grace to others.

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Sanibel Community Church is a non-denominational church located at 1740 Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry's Market). Sunday Worship services are at 8, 9 and 11 a.m. For more information, visit www.sanibelchurch.com or call 472-2684. ✨



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Civic Core Project

they're not informed about."

One member of the Island Seniors, Nancy Venuto, said that her group wasn't "overjoyed" about the project. She also asked what would become of the current Center 4 Life. The panel has proposed dedicating that building to the city's Community Housing & Resources.

Mayor Kevin Ruane asked the city

manager to submit a detailed cost analysis of the project for discussion at next week's council session.

"You will not vote on this unless we have \$22 million in the bank," Ruane said following the projected funding sources presentation. If we don't, that's a game changer."

The project will require a referendum vote by Sanibel citizens for final approval.

"Whether this plan moves forward or not, we will build a new senior center," Ruane added.✪

ABWA Monthly Meeting April 12

Join the ABWA Business Women of Sanibel and Captiva on Tuesday, April 12 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Sundial Resort and Spa on Sanibel. At the meeting, Lori Kleiman of HR Topics will be presenting a lecture on public speaking.

Kleiman is an accomplished businessperson, entrepreneur and leader. In her most recent corporate role, she orchestrated a group of 18 human resources consultants nationally. She conducted over 30 seminars in 2015 to business people and human resource professionals, sharing best practices and new initiatives to bring to small businesses throughout the United States.

The ABWA business meeting and dinner will begin at 6 p.m. at the Sundial Resort and Spa, located at 1451 Middle Gulf Drive. Meetings are held the sec-



Lori Kleiman

ond Tuesday of each month. Guests are welcome. If you are interested in attending, register online at www.ABWASanibelCaptiva.org by April 8 or contact Lynn Hoops at LynnHoops@gmail.com or call Mary at 839-3633. The cost to attend the dinner meeting is \$25, payable by check, cash or credit card.✪

Captiva Cruises To Host An Evening With Teddy Roosevelt

Join Captiva Cruises for an Evening with Teddy Roosevelt on Sunday, April 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The evening will include a buffet dinner along with the sunset cruise.

Joe Wiegand, as Teddy Roosevelt, has been performing at hundreds of historic sites associated with Roosevelt's life and legacy throughout the nation. His live performance at the White House for Roosevelt's 150th birthday was broadcast live on C-SPAN. Wiegand has had featured roles in *The Men Who Built America* (The History Channel), *The Centennial of the Forward Pass* (NFL Films) and *National Parks Adventure*, an IMAX film narrated by Robert Redford honoring the National Park Centennial.

The evening includes a buffet lunch aboard the *Lady Chadwick* and a breathtaking sunset on the Gulf of Mexico. Reservations are required by calling 472-5300. Cost is \$50 for adults. The cruise departs from McCarthy's Marina, located at 11401 Andy Rosse Lane on Captiva Island.✪



Joe Wiegand will portray Teddy Roosevelt aboard Captiva Cruises' Lady Chadwick on April 3

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So for boaters enjoying spring days on the water, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission cautions to look out for manatees and follow posted manatee zones.

From April 1 through Nov. 15, seasonal manatee zones require boaters

to slow down in certain areas to prevent manatees from being struck by motorboats or personal watercraft.

FWC law enforcement officers will be on patrol in state waters to remind boaters of the seasonal manatee speed zones and will take enforcement actions when necessary. Manatee zones and maps are available at MyFWC.com/Manatee, where you can select "Protection Zones" for links to county maps.

"Our officers do their very best to support conservation of this species," said FWC Capt. Gary Klein. "We ask that boaters take notice of the zones and do their part as well by increasing their awareness of the possible presence of manatees."

Because manatees are large, slow-

moving and difficult to detect when underwater, operators of boats and personal watercraft need to take basic steps to avoid causing injury to manatees:

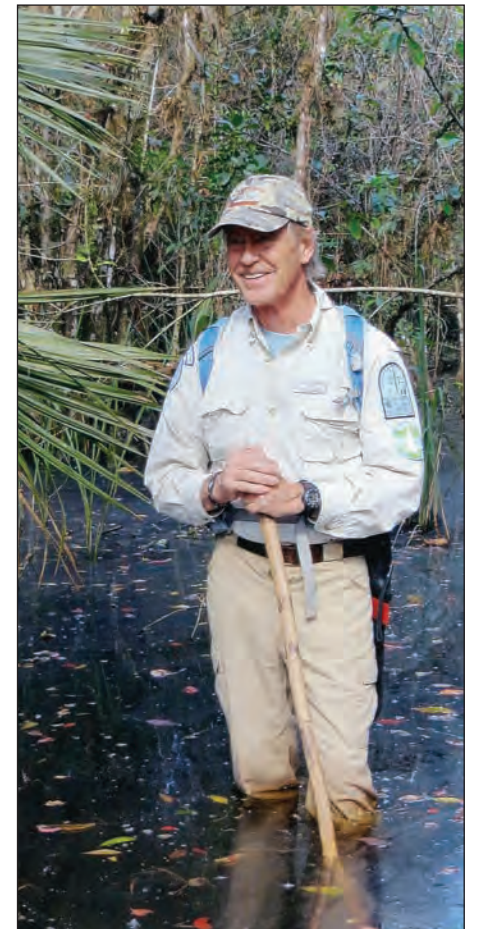
- Wear polarized sunglasses to help spot manatees.
- Look for the large circles on the water, also known as manatee footprints, indicating the presence of a manatee below.
- Look for a snout sticking up out of the water.
- Follow posted manatee zones while boating.

The FWC also asks anyone seeing an injured, distressed, sick or dead manatee to call the agency's Wildlife Alert Hotline, 888-404-3922 (FWCC) or dial #FWC or *FWC on a cell phone.

You can watch manatees without disturbing them if you follow Guidelines for protecting native wildlife – Florida Manatees, a brochure that includes tips for paddlers, snorkelers and scuba divers. It's available at MyFWC.com/Manatees, click on "Boat, Personal Watercraft and Paddle-sport Operators" and then on "Paddle-sport Operators."

Support the FWC's manatee research, rescue and management efforts by purchasing a "Save the Manatee" Florida license plate at BuyaPlate.com, or by donating \$5 to receive an FWC manatee decal by going to MyFWC.com/Manatee and clicking on "Decals."*

Audubon Swamp Walks



John Elting

John Elting, chairman emeritus of Audubon Florida, was recently elected trustee of the Archbold Biological Station located on the Lake Wales Ridge area of Florida. Archbold is a world-renowned institution dedicated to science, conservation and education needed to protect the life, lands and waters of the heart of Florida.

Elting is a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Committee python hunter and an authorized agent for python removal from the Everglades National Park. He continues to lead swamp walks for Audubon at the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary and in the Fakahatchee Park State Preserve. Anyone interested in participating in these interpretive outings should contact Sally Stein at the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary at 348-9151.*

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CROW Case Of The Week:

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by Patricia Molloy

The barn owl (*Tyto alba*) is easily recognizable by its white, heart-shaped facial discs. Its striking appearance – coupled with its secretive and strictly nocturnal behavior – have

earned the raptor the nickname of ghost owl. The most widespread owl in the world, it is the least common owl to breed in Florida. Sadly, its populations have been on a steady decline worldwide due to loss of habitat.

On the afternoon March 14, CROW received a call from LaBelle concerning six nestling barn owls that had been found on the ground and subsequently “rescued.” An experienced volunteer and staff member were dispatched to investigate, but were unable to locate their nest. With the fuzzy little raptors being out of their nest and too young to survive on their own, they were transported to the wildlife clinic.

Initially reported as a potential case of parental abandonment, that notion was dismissed as unlikely by Dr. Heather Barron.

“Those parents raised six extremely

healthy, large babies to this point. Parents – both the mother and the father are caretakers – don’t just abandon the nest because they’re like ‘You know what? I’m really tired of these six babies. I think we’re just going to head south for the winter.’”

Despite good intentions, people are sometimes too quick to scoop up little animals that appear orphaned or abandoned that may not need rescuing.

As hospital director, Dr. Heather spends nearly as much time making phone calls and sending e-mails to local, state and federal regulatory agencies as she does performing patient examinations and surgeries. In the case of barn owls, they are protected under the U.S. Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 and CROW must report any interaction it has with the raptors to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

“I have to get in touch with Fish and Wildlife before we can re-release them,” she stated. “See, (the owlets)



Upon presentation, all six nestlings were found to be bright, alert and well fed. They were collectively admitted as patient #16-655, as they were simply too young to be left alone. They will be provided with supportive care.

got here right at 5 p.m. on a Friday, so there was no way we could contact the authorities. But we’re going to see what we can do. It’s just been so many days that it’s entirely possible that the parents will have abandoned the nest by now.”

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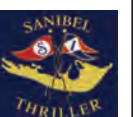
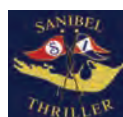


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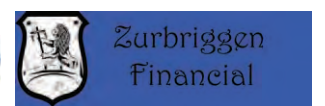
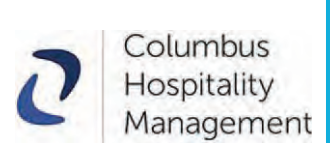
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The Last Cold Front Of The Season – Or Is It?



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

The beginning of this past week started out with what was a very strong cold front bringing not only strong winds but a drastic, 14-degree drop in water temperature. Just

after fishing had finally got somewhat consistent, it was right back to catching sheepshead for a few days until the water slowly rebounded back into the 70s. Hopefully that was the last little taste of winter we will have to experience this year.

With water temperatures quickly dropping down into the mid 60s, finding action meant one thing: it was back to shrimp fishing again. Sheepshead reappeared in the passes and deep in the mangrove creeks along with a few bonus redfish. These species filled the

void for a few days until it warmed back up. While trying to hide from the wind and cold deep in the “Ding” Darling refuge creek systems, free-lining some larger shrimp gave us some success on snook.

Fishing early this week right while the cold front moved through, James Guertin, age 12, visiting from Maryland with his dad Steve, caught his biggest fish ever, a slot-sized 29-inch snook. This wild and crazy snook ran all over the place, way back in the woods in a super narrow creek and almost parted ways several times as it tried to make it back to a barnacle-crusted mangrove shoreline. This often heart-stopping battle is one we will all remember for a while and one I’m sure James and his dad will talk about for a long time.

Catching fish certainly took more work than usual this week and involved fishing lots of places with lots of different techniques. Catching only five to 10 snook a trip was the normal, but we certainly were fortunate to catch some other quality species including a few big gator trout in the 23- to 24-inch range, along with a few trip-making upper slot-sized redfish.

Even while pitching perfect baits, I still never found that wide open snook bite anywhere; it was just a matter of



James Guertin, 12, visiting from Maryland, pictured with his 29-inch snook caught this week while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell

being persistent and grinding it out one fish at a time to get it done.

Trout fishing was the best action and only improved later in the week with 30-plus fish days being the normal. Live shrimp fished on a jig head under a rattling popping cork caught trout after trout. Sure, most of these trout are just short of the 15-inch minimum but there are plenty of keepers in the mix and this was a really easy way to keep the rods bent time and time again.

Basically, any three- to four-foot deep grassflat from the power lines all the way up to the middle sound has been loaded up with trout. Look for clear water and sandy bottom mixed with grass. If you fish for more than about five minutes without catching one, keep moving. Soft plastic jigs also caught these trout and were a great option if you prefer to drift fish. Regulations on trout are four per angler between 15 and 20 inches with one fish of your limit allowed to be over the 20-inch max.

Fluctuating water temperatures have been a real problem for anglers not only this last week but for the last few months. It seems are fish just get into a pattern and then we get a drastic change in the weather screwing it up.

Hopefully this was the last cold front we will have to deal with until next winter but with how strange this El Nino winter has been, only time will tell.

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

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

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Attention Sanibel/Captiva Gardeners

The 78th Master Gardener Lecture Series will be held on Thursday, April 7 at the Sanibel Public Library beginning at 10 a.m. The program will be presented by two biologists from the City of Sanibel's Department of Natural Resources, James Evans and Holly Milbrandt. Their program will be a PowerPoint presentation covering recently completed projects, restorations in progress and proposed future projects. Photographs of the completed Sanibel Bayous Preserve Restoration

Project, and planting projects and habitat restoration at local beach parks and accesses and Pond Apple Park will be covered.

In progress for the near future will be a discussion of the island-wide comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan, the Coyote DNA Scat Study and the Community Lakes Management Best Practices for golf courses and lakes located in various communities on Sanibel. Future projects include The Dunes' weir modification, the Jordan Marsh design and engineering, and the island-wide Beach Management Plan update.

Many cities of 150,000 or more do not have a natural resources department to maintain and rehabilitate

public areas. By contrast, Sanibel has a department staffed by three environmental biologists who are supported by the City of Sanibel, but augment their funding for projects by obtaining grants from the county, state and federal government. They also partner with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on mutually important projects.

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

The Master Gardener lecture is free and open to the public; seating is limited. The Sanibel Public Library is located at 770 Dunlop Road.✱

Audubon Bunche Beach Bird Walk

The next Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Saturday bird walk will be held at Bunche Beach on Saturday, April 2. Participants will meet at the beach parking lot at 8 a.m. The parking fee is \$2 per hour. Waterproof shoes are a must due to tidal pools along the walk.

The bird walks are open to the public and all levels of experience. A \$2 donation is appreciated. Call Hugh Verry at 395-3798 for more information.✱



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Stefanie Wolf discusses water with local Ugandans
Shell Museum Marine Biologist Lecture

On Thursday, April 7 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum, marine biologist Stefanie Wolf will present African Water Issues and Shells. In addition, she will talk about her weekend shell collecting excursion to Zanzibar. During the month of August 2015, Wolf worked as a research assistant in Uganda for Water Mission, a nonprofit engineering organization that provides sustainable safe water and sanitation solutions for people in developing countries and disaster areas. For more information, visit shellmuseum.org or call 395-2233. ✨

Fish Caught



Angler Indy Pati of Sanibel with one of his catches
Indy and Karen Pati caught their limit of trout on March 13, with one fish over 23 inches. The couple headed out with very low expectations given the water scenario, but the trout were hungry. Live shrimp on a bobber did the trick. “Don’t let the water color hold you back,” they said. “Go fish!” ✨

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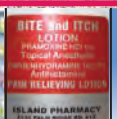
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For reservations, contact Rachel Rainbolt at rrainbolt@crowclinic.org or 472-3644 ext. 229 to register. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed weekends. CROW is located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Friday, April 1, 11 a.m., adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – 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.

Friday, April 1, 2 to 3:30 p.m., \$20 per person, advance registration required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff.

Wildlife walks are the best opportunity for visitors to get an in-depth look into the inner workings of the hospital and the treatment process. The program has two parts: an introductory presentation covering medical and rehabilitation methods and then a guided tour through treatment areas of the hospital, concluding on reha-

bilitation grounds. Wildlife Walks are approximately 1.5 hours: a 45-minute presentation with a 45-minute tour. This program is open to all, but it is not recommended for children under the age of 13. Photography opportunity available following the tour with an animal ambassador.

Saturday, April 2, 11 a.m., adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Wild About Rehabilitation, presented by CROW staff.

Saturday, April 2, 2 p.m., adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Wildlife Rescue 101, presented by a CROW volunteer. Live animal encounter following the presentation.

Saturday, April 2, 6 to 9 p.m. – Southern Comfort on Sanibel at The Community House.

The evening will feature a buffet of southern food by The Pecking Order and a complimentary Southern Comfort drink. DJ David Flory from Island Ballroom will provide music and dance lessons. Highlights include games, prizes, silent auction and raffle. All proceeds benefit CROW Clinic. Tickets are \$55 in advance at CrowClinic.org or by calling 472-3644; \$65 at the door.

Monday, April 4, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – 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.

Tuesday, April 5, 11 a.m., adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – CROW Case of the Week presented by a CROW student.

Tuesday, April 5, 2 to 3:30 p.m., \$20 per person, advance registration required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff.

Wildlife Walks are approximately 1 and 1.5 hours: a 45-minute presentation with a 45-minute tour. This program is open to all, but it is not recommended for children under the age of 13. Photography opportunity following the tour with an animal ambassador.

Tuesday, April 5, 4:15 to 5:15 p.m., adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge, advance registration required – Speaker Series: Burrowing Owls with guest speaker Beverly Saltonstall, volunteer at Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife.

Cape Coral has the largest population of burrowing owls (*Athene cunicularia floridana*) in Florida, with an estimated 1,000 nesting pair and an upwards of 2,500 burrows within the city limits. While the owls are quite tolerant of humans, their homes are still being threatened. Learn about their habitat and hunting characteristics.

Wednesday, April 6, 11 a.m., adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Wildlife Rescue 101, presented by a CROW volunteer. Live animal encounter following the presentation.

Wednesday, April 6, 2 to 3:30 p.m., \$20 per person, advance registration required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilita-

tors and Staff.

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Thursday, April 7, 11 a.m., adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Patient Profiles: Gopher Tortoises, presented by a CROW volunteer.

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Thursday, April 7, 12 to 1:30 p.m., \$30 per person, advance registration required – Lunch and Learn with Dr. Barron, CROW's hospital director.

Discussion with CROW's Hospital Director Dr. Heather Barron. During this program, she describes CROW's role in supporting the interconnectedness of human health, animal health and environmental health. Includes a boxed lunch catered by the Sanibel Deli and concludes with a tour of CROW's hospital and rehabilitation grounds.

Thursday, April 7, 2 p.m., adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Wildlife Rescue 101, presented by a CROW volunteer. Live animal encounter following the presentation.✱

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Gulf Of Mexico And Human Society Lectures

submitted by Kristie Anders,
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The Gulf of Mexico is the ninth largest body of water in the world. Some consider it an arm of the Atlantic, it may technically be considered a sea but does it matter to people who are drawn to its shores, cruise on its water and consume its bountiful shellfish and finfish. Most probably don't consider it anything except the edge where land meets sea, fresh meets salt water, a place to play and a place to enjoy a warm, shimmering day.

The Gulf of Mexico did for 87 days draw attention to itself in the late spring of 2010. Most of America's eyes turned to the Gulf the day the Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded. Eleven men died and over the next three months an arguable three million barrels of oil spilled into America's sea.

The Gulf played a huge part in colonization in the 16th century. Prior to that, the Calusa and other coastal tribes benefitted from its highly productive estuaries for their sustenance. Even further back in history, about 8000 BC, the Paleo-Indians settled on its shores. Back then, however, the coast was another 100 miles offshore. Gulf waters have slowly risen in the past 10,000 years and human cultures have adapted, but never far from its shores.

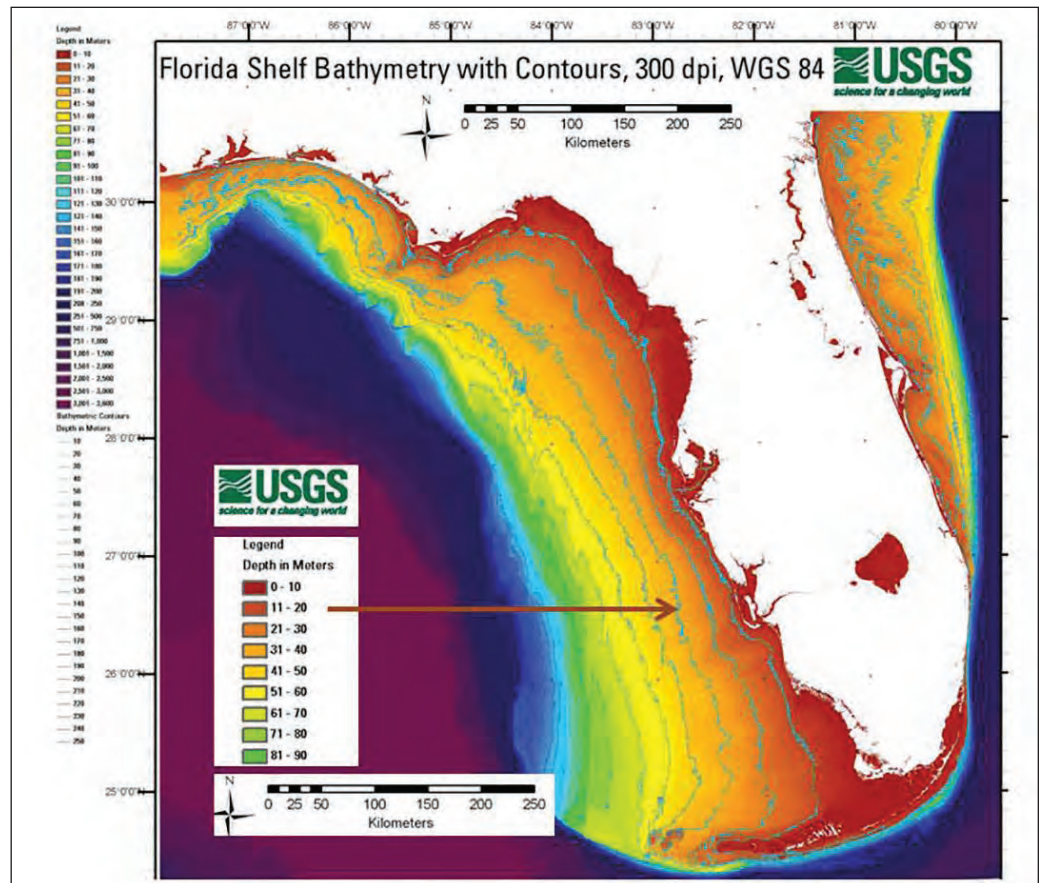
Dr. Jack Davis, professor of history at University of Florida, has studied intensely the relationship of humans and their Gulf and about to launch a new book, *Gulf of Mexico: The Making of an American Sea*, which has been in the works since 2011.

He will be traveling to Sanibel and Captiva for two presentations on Friday, April 22. At 1 p.m., Dr. Davis will be at SCCF's Nature Center and at 5:30 p.m. he will present the history of the Gulf at the Captiva Civic Association building, adjacent to the Captiva Memorial Library. The events are cosponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) and the Captiva Island Historical Society (CIHS).

His talks will take people from the geological formation to the present day human activities of this vibrant body of water. Dr. Davis is a frequent presenter for the Florida Humanities Council, won numerous awards for his non-fiction books and other writings.

By his own admission, he is more excited about speaking to the intellectually curious than communicating within the world of academia. Inquiring minds is one of the hallmarks of our island communities.

Take some time on Earth Day, April 22 either at 1 p.m. at SCCF's Nature



The illustration has an orange arrow pointing to the area where it is believed the Paleo-Indians lived 8000 BC. As the waters of the Gulf steadily rose, the people moved further east, keeping up with the ever changing shoreline.

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The City That Almost Wasn't & the Sanibel Plan — April 8

The City of Sanibel was the first in the country to adopt a comprehensive land use plan based on the island's natural systems. Learn about the City's creation and the Sanibel Report. *Friday, April 8 at 1 p.m. \$5 adults.*

Gator & Crocodile Tales — April 6

Florida's history of gators and humans is closely intertwined, and Sanibel has one crocodile. Learn about what we must do to ensure our safety and their survival. *Wednesday, April 6 at 10 a.m. \$5 adults*

Tank Talk — April 5

Learn about the Nature Center's educational ambassadors living in tanks, including an endangered Indigo snake, Diamondback Terrapins, and critters in the touch tank. *Tuesday, April 5 at 10 a.m. \$5 adults*

Turtle Tracks — April 7

Learn about the life cycles and habits of the sea turtles and shorebirds that nest on our beaches, SCCF's monitoring activities, and what we are doing to protect them. *Thursday, April 7 at 10 a.m. \$5 adults.*

Wildflower & Pollinator Walk at the Bailey Homestead

Join Dee for a "Wildflower and Pollinator Walk" at SCCF's Native Landscapes & Garden Center's new pollinator garden at the Bailey Homestead Preserve. *Tuesday, April 5 at 11 a.m. Free but advance reservations required. Call 472-2329.*

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Plant Smart

Pansy



Pansies are a popular non-native in South Florida, despite their relatively high maintenance

photos by Gerri Reaves

by Gerri Reaves

Pansies (*Viola x wittrockiana*) share characteristics with other "disposable" annuals, of which the most popular is probably impatiens (*Impatiens wallerana*.) The pansy's bright colors and sheer prettiness make it appealing, especially to seasonal residents who want to instant gratification and color for the landscape in the cooler months.

It's understandable if you find a tray of pansies irresistible – they're also called ladies-delight, after all.

Just popping bunches of these adorable flowers into the ground makes for quick curb appeal.

However, like many other popular non-native annuals, they have a flipside: high maintenance and, ultimately, cost.

Pansies basically lasts a season and



Pansy varieties and colors abound, both with and without the color blotches

must then be replaced. This member of the violet family and a hybrid of *Viola* usually languishes in the South Florida summer.

To look good, pansies need rich well-drained soil, plenty of moisture, and possibly fertilizer.

They are low-growing and suitable as a border, filler or container plant. They also look attractive in a hanging basket.

The alternate leaves are oval or oblong with toothed edges. Flowers usually measure less than an inch wide, but can be up to three inches across.

Although they bloom best with plenty of sun, they also do well in a shady spot.

Pansies come in many varieties and a rainbow of colors, both with and without the "blotches" on their "faces."

Despite those pretty faces, though, they provides no special benefits for wildlife, so don't expect pansies to attract butterflies and birds.

Various pests and diseases can afflict the flower.

One big plus for pansies – they are edible.

For low maintenance, bright color and wildlife friendliness, check out the numerous native flowers that will survive well the entire year – whether you go away for the season or not.

Sources: *Florida Gardener's Guide* by Tom MacCubbin and Georgia B. Tasker, floridata.com, and ifas.ufl.edu.

Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.✧

Fish Caught



Jack Smith

Jack Smith of Sanibel caught a 25-inch black drum on Friday, March 19 near the power poles in Pine Island Sound. He used shrimp with a spinning reel and 15 pound braided line. The fish was released to fight another day. Smith was fishing on Capt. Dwight Dunlap's boat.✧



John Hartig

'Ding' Lecture Fosters Urban Conservation

John H. Hartig's *Bringing Conservation To Cities: Lessons From Building The Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge* is the story of how innovative public-private partnerships are making nature a part of everyday urban life in the automobile capitals of the U.S. and Canada. The author, refuge manager for the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge and an award-winning writer on conservation science, will present two programs beginning at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday, April 8 in the free "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center on Sanibel Island.

Interest in reconnecting urban residents with nature grows, but most conservationists want to work in pristine areas, and most urban areas are considered too degraded to rank high on conservation priority lists.

Bringing Conservation To Cities is a timely and informative exposé of what it takes to foster a conservation ethic in a major urban area – complete with critical lessons learned – and to simultaneously inspire and develop the next generation of urban conservationists.

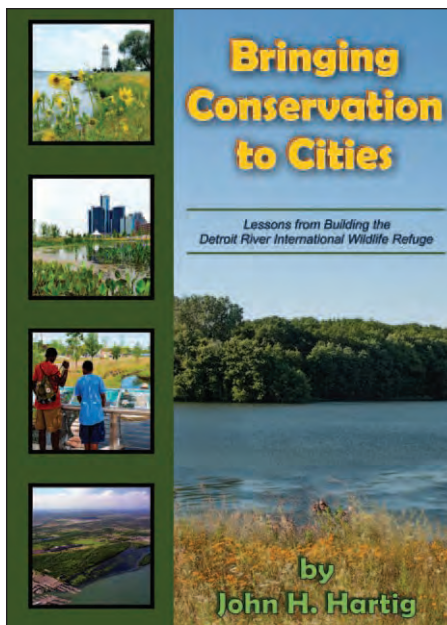
The book explores the new urban conservation frontier, with its numerous challenges and opportunities, and encourages more urban conservation initiatives throughout the world. It is based on the model of North America's only international wildlife refuge, which is located in a nearly seven million-person metropolitan area.

Following his presentations, Hartig will sign copies of his book, which is available for purchase in the Refuge Nature Store, all proceeds of which benefit refuge wildlife and conservation and education programs.

Admission is free to the lectures, part of the "Ding" Darling Friday Lecture Series sponsored by HighTower Advisors Fort Myers along with Mike and Terry Baldwin and support from the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS).

The season's remaining lectures are listed below. Book signings follow all of the starred (*) lectures.

Seating for the lectures is limited and



available on a first-come basis. Arrive one hour early to assure seating. Early arrivals can save one seat each and then may explore the Visitor & Education Center or Indigo Trail before the lecture starts. Saved seats must be filled 15 minutes before lecture time or risk reassignment.

As usual, Wildlife Drive is closed on Friday, but visitors are welcome to enjoy the free "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center, Indigo Trail and recreational opportunities at Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge's official concessionaire located at its Tarpon Bay Recreation Area.

Note: Opinions expressed in guest lectures do not necessarily reflect the views of refuge and DDWS management, staff and board of directors.

For more information, call 472-1100 ext. 241 or log on to dingdarlingsociety.org/lectures.

* April 15 - Sandra Friend and John Keatley, *The Florida Trail Guide*

* starred lectures indicate a book-signing to follow. ✨

Shell Found



Caroline McNeil

Caroline McNeil, of Windermere, Florida, found this horse conch sitting on the beach at Blind Pass. Caroline and her family have been shelling on Sanibel and Captiva for 14 years, and this is Caroline's best find! ✨



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Shell Of The Week

Thin Cyclinella



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

The thin cyclinella, *Cyclinella tenuis* (Récluz, 1852) is a local species from the

family of venus clams, the Veneridae. The photo on the right of the illustration depicts a complete shell (paired valves) collected in March 2016 by shell museum volunteer Tom Annesley. That image shows the right valve (half-shell) on top and left valve on bottom. In the background, you can see the shell hinge, with its “teeth” and “sockets.” The hinge, combined with the spring-like action of the ligament, ensures that the shell valves stay properly aligned during the repeated opening and closing motions of the shell by the mollusk. It also prevents the valves from sliding past each other during attempts from predators to separate them to reach (and eat) the animal inside. Learn more about the thin cyclinella and other local treasures at <http://shellmuseum.org/shells/southwest-florida-shells>.

Shell Museum Events

Daily Island Inn Morning Beach



Photos José H. Leal

The thin cyclinella, *Cyclinella tenuis*

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 the 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 guests receive half-off museum admission. (Current Island Inn guests please book through the Inn).

Mollusk movies and scavenger hunts continuously throughout each day.

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Monday at 1:30 p.m.: Carolyn’s Collection – A fun and engaging look at quality shells of a private collector. (Please check shellmuseum.org to note any schedule changes.)

Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.: Shell Bingo.

Wednesday at 1:30: Mollusk Matiné – A series of nature-related lectures presented by local experts. (Please check shellmuseum.org for weekly topics.)

Thursday at 1:30 p.m.: Cool Shells

photos by José H. Leal

– See some great shell treasures not on exhibit.

Friday at 1:30 p.m.: Arts & Crafts – Create marine-themed art and take it home with you.

Saturday at 1:30 p.m.: Sanibel Shells – Discover the look, feel and subtle differences of local shells.

Sunday at 1:30 p.m.: Shell Bingo. The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum is located at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Call 395-2233 or visit www.shellmuseum.org.

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Snail kite feeding on an apple snail
photo by Andrew West

Mollusk Matinee

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum's Mollusk Matinee for Wednesday, April 6 features Kim Trebatoski Ruiz, who will present The Florida Applesnail and Everglades Restoration beginning at 1:30 p.m.

What do apple snails and snail kites have to do with Everglades restoration? Ruiz will discuss how apple snails and snail kites are intertwined with the restoration of the Florida Everglades. She will include a comparison of the issues 20 years ago with those today.

Ruiz is a Certified Senior Ecologist (CSE) through the Ecological Society of America with a Master of Science in coastal resource management from the University of West Florida, along with a Bachelor of Science in aquatic biology



Kim Trebatoski Ruiz

and water resource management from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point.

With experience in both the public and private sector, Ruiz developed a strong professional and community network earning respect for her abilities to work as an ecological consultant, field ecologist, environmental regulator, scientist and mentor. After working for Lee County Division of Environmental Sciences for 10 years, she pursued a career in ecological consulting, first as a senior ecologist with a private firm then opening her own company in 2012.

Ruiz has worked in the malacology collections at the Florida Museum of Natural History and the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum.

For more information, visit shellmuseum.org or call 395-2233.*

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- 3 tablespoons low-fat mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 2 tablespoons sliced almonds, toasted

Cook beans in pot of boiling salted water until crisp-tender, about 5 minutes.

Rinse under cold water. Drain well. Transfer beans to large bowl. Add chicken, onion and 4 tablespoons cilantro. Stir curry powder in small skillet over medium heat until aromatic, about 30 seconds. Transfer to small bowl. Whisk in yogurt, mayonnaise and lime juice. Add dressing to chicken mixture; toss to coat. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Sprinkle with almonds and remaining 1 tablespoon cilantro. (Can be made 2 hours ahead. Cover and chill.)

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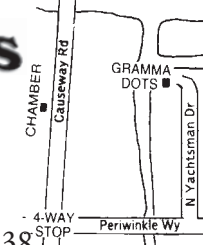
  

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Art League Holds Paint-Out In The Garden



Sanibel-Captiva Art League members with their works

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League held its March plein-air Paint-Out at RS Walsh's In The Garden, the island's retail garden center and outdoor showroom. The group meets monthly at different locations around the islands. "In The Garden is a favorite spot for our painters," said Marcy Calkins, president of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League. "It is truly a tropical oasis with wandering paths and an amazing variety of display gardens. We find new subjects for our paintings each time we visit."



San-Cap Art League member at the Paint-Out



Painting in the garden

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League artists offer their work for sale at the Bailey's Veranda at Bailey's General Store on the second Saturday of the month. The next exhibit and sale will be held on Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"We always enjoy hosting the Sanibel-Captiva Art League at In The Garden," said Robert Walsh, president of RS Walsh Landscaping. "We invite all local arts groups, v花园 clubs and nature groups to contact us to schedule a visit and tour."

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Don Rice, president of BIG ARTS' board of directors, Penny Wilkinson, 2016 Angel of the Year, and Lee Ellen Harder, executive director of BIG ARTS

Why Is BIG ARTS Special To You?

BIG ARTS is important to many people on Sanibel and Captiva, though at this year's annual Angel Brunch, held at The Sanctuary Golf Club in late January, co-chairs Carolyn Clark and Barbara Dunham took the opportunity to qualitatively determine what that meant.

The Angel Brunch is held each year to recognize and thank BIG ARTS Angel supporters, though new this year included board members, committee chairs and members of the staff serving as table hosts and leading individual table conver-

sations to further understand why BIG ARTS is so special.

Responses were unique to each table and levels of involvement ranged from those have been involved from just a few months to more than 20 years with BIG ARTS. Some claimed that BIG ARTS was special because of the connections and entertainment it provides through "the wide variety of people, their backgrounds, and their political, social and cultural perspective."

Furthermore, it is the "place on the island to be entertained, educated and make friends." These relationships are obviously quite important to BIG ARTS supporters, as it was said that "BIG ARTS fills the void of what would other-



Carolyn Clark and Barbara Dunham, co-chairs of the 2016 Angel Brunch

wise be an isolated life."

Others took a more academic approach and said that "BIG ARTS is a source of social and academic life with a variety of program and activities" and that it has helped them to "understand the importance of continued culture and education." One individual declared BIG ARTS is "the opportunity to keep your brain alive!"

In addition to the table conversations and presentations, BIG ARTS awarded their annual Angel of the Year Award. This year's recipient was Penny Wilkinson, current board member and development chair. A member since 1998, Penny and her late husband, Randy, have devoted years of support and leadership at BIG ARTS, from the classical music program, to the annual benefit, to service on several committees, including the board of directors.

"Penny has been instrumental in our facilities projects and a longtime leader of our development and fundraising efforts," said Lee Ellen Harder, executive director.



Judy Baum talks to the crowd at the brunch



Tom Dunham shared his thoughts on why BIG ARTS is special

"She has helped us tremendously through the years and is truly our BIG ARTS Angel."

Hearing all of these powerful messages, including that BIG ARTS is "the reason to be on Sanibel," it has helped the staff, board and volunteers truly understand the importance of the organization to the community and further support our mission.✪



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BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series

Taxi



by Di Saggau

The BIG ARTS Monday Night Movie for April 4 is *Taxi*, an Iranian drama/documentary from

acclaimed Iranian director Jafar Panahi. He was sentenced by his government to six years in prison – along with a 20-year ban on moviemaking – for producing anti-government propaganda. Despite that, he has kept going, making three features since his release. *Taxi* is his latest effort, and it's the first time we've seen Panahi venture outside his home in awhile.

In the film, the director plays a version of himself, a former filmmaker forced to become a somewhat inept cab driver in Tehran, where he picks up and drops off people around Iran's capital.

Taxi offers, in its unassuming way, one of the most captivating cinematic experiences of the year. At first glance, it



feels like a documentary with dashboard cameras capturing everyday encounters. Soon, more unconventional passengers get into the taxi. An inconsolable woman with her bleeding, possibly dying husband asks to be taken to the hospital. Then, two superstitious women carrying a bowl with a pair of goldfish get in and demand to be taken to a spring to set their fish

free. Or else, they say, they will die.

Perhaps the most entertaining passenger is Panahi's young, chatty niece, played by his real-life niece. She is an aspiring filmmaker with a class assignment to make a documentary that her country's censors would approve of, but all the rules keep thwarting her. Like all the other passengers, she sheds light on the way Iranians submit to or flout the rules of an oppressive regime. The film is a political coup considering all the constraints.

In the film, Panahi looks like he's having a terrific time, but the reality is never far off. His films are acts of defiance, and each one could be his last. There are no end titles. Panahi has recently had to be cautious about crediting collaborators, for their own safety. In a sarcastic closing caption, he says that he can't name anyone because Iran's ministry of culture and Islamic guidance only approves the credits of distributable films. His film thumbs his nose at the regime that has banned him, and the courageous Iranian director makes his latest film in a car. *Taxi* runs 82 minutes.

Admission to BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series is \$10 and all screenings begin at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall. Each film is followed by a complimentary reception and discussion.

Film Patrons: June Rosner and Russ Bilgore. Film Sponsors: Bank of the Islands, Stan and Visnja Gembicki, John R. Wood Properties, Penny Wilkinson, Hyde Tucker. Film Supporters: Sanibel Taxi, Jerry's Foods of Sanibel.

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

PoetryFest Returns To Sanibel Library

Once again, poets and poetry lovers from across Southwest Florida will gather at the Sanibel Public Library, located at 770 Dunlop Road, on Friday, April 1 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. for PoetryFest, held in celebration of National Poetry Month.

Sponsored by the Sanibel Public Library and the Southwest Florida Poets Society, the event will commemorate the 16th anniversary of the island's annual tribute to poetry. Admission to the PoetryFest is free.

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April Concerts At Shell Point



Vocalist Sarah Pfisterer is featuring in *Something Wonderful* on April 5

Shell Point Retirement Community has announced several performances for the month of April. The concerts take place at The Village Church and are open to the public. Fine and Performing Arts Series **Something Wonderful: The Music of Rodgers and Hammerstein** Tuesday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. Join Shell Point for a riveting concert as Broadway stars Sarah Pfisterer and Sean MacLaughlin present a lively tribute to the music of Rodgers and Hammerstein. Celebrate the music of



Sean MacLaughlin is also a vocalist in *Something Wonderful*

these two legendary men, with songs from their celebrated collaborations: *South Pacific*, *The Sound of Music*, *State Fair*, *The King and I*, *Carousel* and *Oklahoma*. Tickets cost \$35. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.shellpoint.org/concerts or call 454-2067. **Charity Concert: The A Cappella Group** Friday, April 15 at 7:15 p.m.



The A Cappella Group is comprised of 23 award-winning students from Cypress Lake High School

The A Cappella Group, comprised of 23 award-winning students from Cypress Lake High School, recently scored a coveted spot to compete at the International Champions High School A Cappella Finals in New York City. The talented A Cappella Group is fundraising \$10,000 to cover travel costs, and you can support Lee County's own singing sensation by attending this performance, held in The Village Auditorium at Shell Point. \$10 tickets will be available at the door, and every cent directly supports the Southwest Florida students' bid for international fame. Call 454-2290 for more information. **Season of Praise: Tenore, Men's Trio** Sunday, April 17 at 6:15 p.m.

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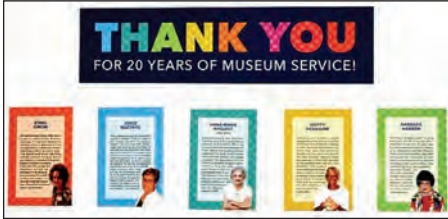
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Volunteer Party Held At Museum



Five museum "founding volunteers" were honored for 20-plus years of service

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum held its annual volunteer appreciation ceremony on March 15. Executive Director Dorrie Hipschman, Assistant Director Melanie Moraga and staff acknowledged the contributions of all volunteers and recognized hours of service with certificates. Five museum "founding volunteers" were distinguished for their 20-plus years of service to the organization.

Noteworthy among the other distinctions was the choice of Curatorial Assistant Ann Moeder for Volunteer of the Year. Moeder started at the museum in 1996, and worked at reception and as an exhibits docent before settling as a super-productive Curatorial Assistant in 2010.

Recipients of awards and distinctions are:

Ed Braun - 500 service hours
Marilyn Braun - 500 service hours
Genese Hessman - 1,000 service hours
Jennifer McLean - 5 years



Melanie Moraga presents Ann Moeder with the Volunteer of the Year Award

Ann Moeder - 3,500 service hours and Volunteer of the Year
Leroy Neitzel - 5 years
Smoky Payson - 1,000 service hours
Stephanie Payson - 5 years
Mike Reardon - 500 service hours
Tom Risher - 5,000 service hours
Rick Sprout - 10 years
Susan Sprout - 10 years
Carolyn Sudol - 500 service hours
20-plus years of service:
Dotty Devasure
Barb Hansen
Joyce Matthys
Anna Marie Nyquist (in memoriam)
Ethel Sinow*

American Legion Post 123

On Sunday, April 3, American Legion Post 123 will serve a smoked turkey dinner from 1 to 8 p.m. Also, a car wash and car show fundraiser will be held from noon to 3 p.m.

On Sunday, April 10, Post 123 will serve BBQ ribs and chicken all day.

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

The Ladies Auxiliary has cookbooks available for a donation of \$15.

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

American Legion Post 123 is located at Mile Marker 3 on Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 472-9979.*



The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum

Kiwanis Night At The Shell Museum

Almost 50 island Kiwanians and their guests were given a behind-the-scenes private tour of the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum on March 18. The first of its kind Kiwanis Night at the Shell Museum was hosted by staff and volunteers of the museum.

Attendees enjoyed tapas, beer, wine and were treated to three experiences: a rare behind-the-scenes look at the collections area with science director Dr. Jose H. Leal; a private tank talk with marine biologist Rebecca Mensch; and an exhibit hall tour with museum docent Tom Annesley.

"It was a great way to show off our home and what we do here at the shell museum," said Paul Gulbandsen, event organizer and development associate. "Some folks that had been here before did not realize how vast and important our collections area is upstairs, and how much there really is to learn and discover here."*



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Film By Sanibel Filmmaker To Be Screened At Fort Myers Film Festival

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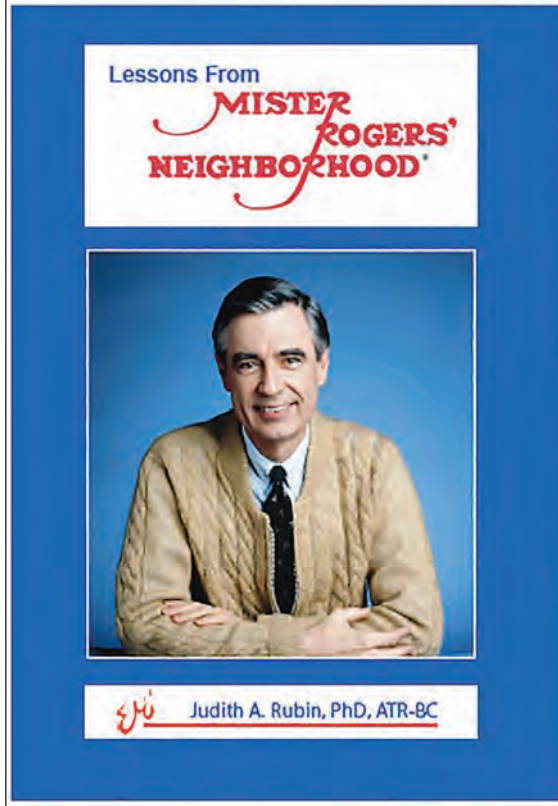
Lessons From Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood, winner of Best Documentary at the 2015 Harrisburg-Hershey Film Festival, will be shown at 10 a.m. at the Alliance for the Arts on Friday, April 8. The film was created by pioneer art therapist and author Judith Rubin, who appeared as the Art Lady on Rogers' television program in the mid-60s. The film was shown at BIG ARTS on Sanibel last year to an appreciative crowd. Those who missed it now have a chance to see it.

This documentary highlights the psychological and educational lessons that Fred Rogers taught through music, puppetry and metaphor – in a powerful way that was both authentic and direct. A trained composer and minister, as well as a sophisticated student of child development and psychology, Rogers consulted with senior mental health professionals about every element of the program, all of which he created himself. The structure and tone of the show provided a friendly “neighborhood” – a virtual “holding environment” – within which even disturbing themes (like the fears stimulated by divorce or the imagined danger of angry impulses) could be safely explored.

This film is about Rogers' contribution to the well-being of our national psyche, helping us to manage both daily challenges and life's difficult passages. Although children were his primary audience, the truth is that Mister Rogers' lessons have always been relevant for people of all ages.

The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. Connie Bottinelli, a Fort Myers filmmaker who served as post-production consultant on the film, will be present along with local art therapist Angel C. Duncan.✱

RETURN TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!



Poet's Corner



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

selected by Tanya Hochschild

The Sunshine State

by Athena Solberg

Oh, Chicago, I miss your winter snow
It makes me joyful, and it makes me glow

Made the move to Florida,
I was only 6 when I moved to you,
It was a wonderful fix.

Your glowing water helps me see the amazing fish
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Sanibel, where I reside
With great pride
Sanibel, I will always come here for your shells.
Oh Sanibel, I love your dolphins and their yells

I love sightseeing the alligators in the wild
With every move they made, I smiled.

Your Sanibel calm waves will always cool me off
Along with everybody else that comes to the Sanibel beautiful beach...

Moved to Florida, to explore east to west,

Florida, I adore, I don't now what I like best.

Arriving here with some fear
I never shed a tear.

In January, I turned 8
And I know: The Sunshine State is great!

Athena Solberg, 7, won 1st place in the poetry writing contest open to all Lee County third grade students. She was honored at the Southwest Florida Reading Fair in Fort Myers.✱

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George Barbee

Book Signing

George Barbee will have a book signing at MacIntosh Books on April 5 for his best selling book, *63 Innovation Nuggets (for aspiring innovators)* from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The book was introduced nationally on Sanibel/Captiva in December and



has remained a best seller on the islands for over 12 weeks. This will be the author's final appearance for personalized signed copies this season.

An impressive list of national publications have written favorably about Barbee and his book, ranging from *Fortune*, *Forbes*, *Best Company* and *INC*.

Barbee has been an entrepreneur involved with three companies and worked innovatively with Fortune 100 companies such as Gillette, GE, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, IBM and PepsiCo. He also has worked across 40 countries. And he has written and been a resource for articles in the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times* and many national publications. He has appeared multiple times on NBC's *Today Show*, CNN, PBS and *Good Morning America*.

Most recently Barbee has taught at the top ranked University of Virginia's Darden Graduate School of Business for the last 15 years where he is still actively teaching on its renown innovation faculty.

When asked about his inspiration to write the book, he said, "Most of us are far more innovative and creative than we give ourselves credit for. There are only so many Steve Job's geniuses in the world, but what about the rest of us? What is exciting to me is that innovation and creativity is both teachable and learnable."

MacIntosh Books is on Palm Ridge Road, Sanibel.*



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Mazza Spring Trunk Show Returns

Steven Mazza is a fifth-generation jeweler whose family has been crafting fine pieces of jewelry since the 1840s in a small town near Naples, Italy. It started with coral, which they harvested, then hand carved, but the company is now recognized for its use of colored gemstones.

"Everything we do is nature inspired," said Mazza, who will visit Lily & Co.

Jewelers on Sanibel from April 6 to 9 for the Spring Trunk Event. "We try to keep things in their natural state for very colorful jewelry a woman can wear to express her individual personality."

"We are pleased to host Steve Mazza, who is back by popular demand" said Dan Schuyler, co-owner of Lily & Co. "It will be an exceptional start to the spring season with a sneak peek at the latest spring styles."

The designs are inspired by architecture or the element itself, such as shells or pearls. "They are certainly wearable, enduring designs women will enjoy for years and years to come," said Mazza.

So that pieces are not trendy to the point of being fashionable one season and out the next, Mazza focuses on color. A few years ago, wood was introduced to the line – ebony, rosewood and zebra wood – to make something unexpected in jewelry.

Mazza has also long known the beauty of natural shells like the ones strewn on the beaches of Sanibel. They are always incorporated into his collections. "It crosses demographics, from young to old, in the same way people are drawn to the sea," he said.

His pieces are handcrafted in New York, which allows the family-run business to have a close relationship in the creation of each piece. "It is just one way Mazza sets itself apart," said Schuyler.

Steven Mazza will be on hand throughout the show.

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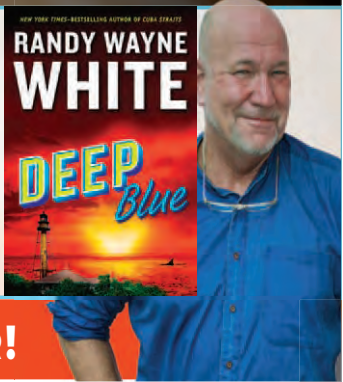
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SCCF Features Walking Tour Of Bailey Homestead Preserve



Pointing to a location on a 1944 aerial photograph of Sanibel, SCCF Living with Wildlife Educator Dee Serage-Century led a group of visitors on a walking tour of the Bailey Homestead Preserve last Thursday morning

photos by Jeff Lysiak



The tour group walks toward the main house of the Bailey Homestead, which was built in 1896 for \$500

by Jeff Lysiak

Approximately 20 people gathered at the Shipley Trail & Gateway Kiosk on March 24 to take part in one of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's newest and most popular offerings – the Bailey Homestead Preserve Tour, a 60-minute narrated walk around the historic 19-acre property.

Led by Dee Serage-Century, SCCF's Living with Wildlife educator, the tour brings visitors inside the Bailey home where island icons John, Sam and Francis Bailey grew up; around the property which includes a large man-made pond, heavily vegetated bird and hardwood hammock, onsite pavilion and the new location of SCCF's Native Landscapes & Garden Center; and along the comfortably shaded Shipley Trail, which connects Roadside City Park with Pond Apple Trail.

"SCCF has close to 2,000 acres set aside for the preservation of wildlife," Serage-Century told the group. "Land acquisition was the main goal of SCCF since its inception. People here have worked really hard on that and I thank all of them who had the foresight to acquire land from the beginning."

According to Serage-Century, Francis Bailey, Jr. wanted his family's homestead to be preserved years before he passed, in June 2013. The island community worked to raise \$5.3 million to purchase the property in only six months.

To start the tour, a brief history of hurricanes, which struck Sanibel between the late

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Sanibel School fifth graders Preston Hall and Matthew Dunn, along with Gifted & Art teacher Tylor Stewart. Dunn is holding a copy of his artwork, which was selected to become a specialty license plate by the Lee County Tax Collector's office.

photo by Jeff Lysiak

Student Artwork Selected For Lee License Plates

by Jeff Lysiak

Two fifth grade students from The Sanibel School, Matthew Dunn and Preston Hall, received individual Awards of Distinction from Lee County after they entered – and won – a license plate design contest.

According to Gifted & Art teacher Tylor Stewart, Dunn and Hall submitted artwork in this year's Kids Tag Art competition, a program operated by the Lee County Tax Collector's office. Facing competition from every other fifth grader in the county, their original designs were selected by the program's art jurors and will be made into real license tags.


After receiving news of their selection last week, both students were surprised and elated.

"I felt honored and really excited about it," said Dunn, whose artwork featured the

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Preston Hall's license plate artwork



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CROW Names Development Director

Mary C. Schoeffel has been named development director for CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife) on Sanibel.

She will partner with staff, volunteers and the board to produce special fundraising events such as Taste of the Islands, CROW Classic Golf and Southern Comfort on Sanibel.

Schoeffel moved to Florida from Texas in March to join the rehabilitation organization.

In Texas she led the design and construction of the permanent butterfly house at Texas Discovery Gardens, coordinating various stakeholders to build and launch activities furthering the works of the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary. Working with a group of volunteers, she launched Blackland Prairie Raptor Center, North Texas' only raptor-specific education and rehabilitation center. Most recently, she worked across the country with Susan G. Komen Affiliates' leadership.

She has an MBA is from the University of Dallas. Her graduate and undergraduate degrees in English are from Loyola University, Chicago.*



Mary C. Schoeffel

Blind Pass Inlet Management Study Stakeholder Meeting Set For April 21

Lee County is hosting stakeholder meetings open to the public at project milestones for the Blind Pass Inlet Management Study. A presentation of the study status will be given at the beginning of each meeting followed by a Q&A session.

An April 21 meeting on Sanibel is the first of three planned stakeholder meetings and will be an introduction to the study. The meeting is at 5:30 p.m. at The Sancturay on Sanibel.

The following topics will be presented: project study objectives and scope, review of coastal evolution in the area and status of the numerical modeling effort. The study will evaluate options and provide recommendations for the ongoing management of Blind Pass and the adjacent beaches within its area of influence and will consider the collective input of the appropriate federal, state, and local governmental agencies. The study will be developed and utilized collaboratively by Lee County, Captiva Erosion Prevention District and the City of Sanibel with information to assist the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to adopt an Inlet Management Plan for Blind Pass with the support of the affected local governmental entities. State adoption of an Inlet Management Plan with support of all three local governmental entities is the primary goal.

For additional information, contact Steve Boutelle, Lee County Natural Resources Division, at 533-8128 or sboutelle@leegov.com.*

LCEC Provides 'Ding' Darling Society, Shell Museum With Funding Awards

Last week, LCEC announced that it will provide the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society with a \$4,000 environmental funding award to support six weeks of special programming to accompany a one-time traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian Institute's Museum. LCEC also announced that it will provide the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum with \$1,100 environmental funding award to support a year-long scientific exhibit centered around the topic of Mollusks In Peril."

To apply for this award, organizations can email pr@lcec.net to receive an application. The deadline for award applications is September 1, 2016. Interested organizations must meet certain criteria to be considered for the award including being located within LCEC service territory, funding utilized for projects/programs related to the environment and the utility industry, and having a demonstrated need for funds. This funding award is just one of the many ways that LCEC positively impacts and supports wildlife and the environment.*

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Standing in the main room of the Bailey house, Dee Serage-Century explained the poor condition the building had been in prior to its restoration

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SCCF Features Walking Tour

1800s and 1928 essentially ended the island's notoriety as a vegetable and citrus crop-producing entity. In the 1950s, Lee County's Mosquito Patrol Commission ordered Sanibel's wetlands drained. "It wasn't very effective," said Serage-Century. "But the main thing it did was to allow the island's main invasive plant species – the Brazilian pepper – to grow." During the walk along the trail, Serage-Century pointed out a number of plant species on the property, including java plum, wild coffee, fishtail palms,

strangler fig and the lignum vitae tree. At the Devitt Pond, created following SCCF's acquisition of the property, she noted the presence of several turtles, anhingas, cormorants and a small alligator who call the secluded eight-foot deep pond home. In the trees above, a pair of pileated woodpeckers squawked and seemed to be playing a game of hide and seek. The tour then meandered past a century-old windmill, a brand new pavilion (which will host special events in the near future) and the recently opened Native Landscapes & Garden Center, which features demonstration gardens with plants for sale. After a brief talk on local beekeeping,

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Dee Serage-Century talked about details of how the Devitt Pond was constructed on the property



One of the photographs on display inside the Bailey home

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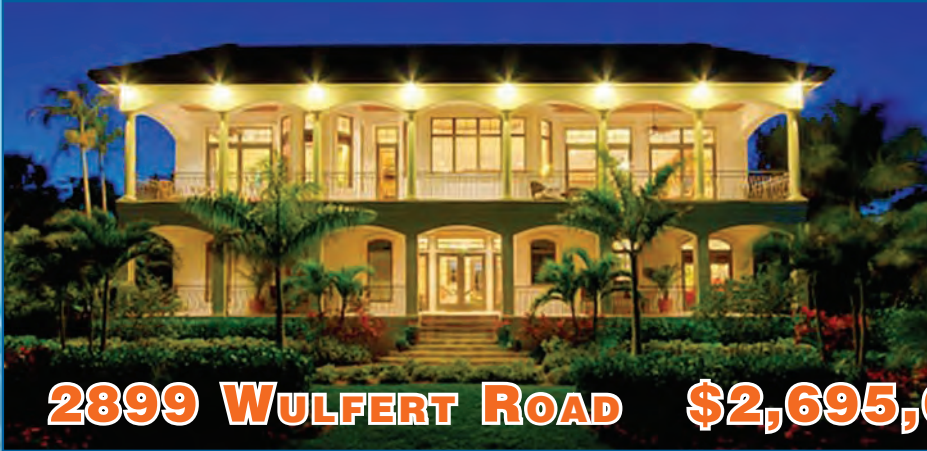
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Dee Serage-Century leads tour participants along the walking trail

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SCCF Features Walking Tour

the tour group was led into the Bailey house, constructed in 1896 at a cost of \$500, a 12-room structure which includes:

- A master bedroom with an attached bathroom
- The “nursery” bedroom, where – according to the late Francis Bailey – he and his brothers slept
- A guest bedroom and bathroom accessible via an adjacent hallway
- A master den with fireplace
- A library/sitting room
- A living room, located in the center of the structure

- A “palm room,” which originally was an open breezeway
- A kitchen with an attached dining room
- A cistern room

The Bailey Homestead had originally been a row farm, growing crops such as tomatoes, squash, eggplant and other vegetables, until the hurricanes of 1926 and 1928 ruined the island’s rich soil. Later, the site included citrus trees such as orange, grapefruit and lime.

“By the time Francis Bailey took over the property, the only vegetables they were growing here were probably just for the family,” Serage-Century noted.

The property also includes the “Honey House.” Built sometime after the original structure, the small building to the rear of the home is where workers would process



Tour participants stroll along the Shipley Trail, which includes a dense hardwood hammock

the row crops and honey farmed onsite. The Honey House now contains a modest gift shop which sells SCCF merchandise, an assortment of bird houses and owl boxes along with other goods. The shop features locally-harvested mangrove and seagrape honey along with elderberry jams and jellies.

Walking tours of the Bailey Homestead Preserve, SCCF’s Native Landscapes & Garden Center and the Shipley Trail are being offered throughout the month of April, both on Mondays at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 11 a.m. Tours last approximately one hour and begin at the Shipley Trail Gateway Kiosk, adjacent to Roadside City Park and the Bailey Homestead at 1300 Periwinkle Way. For additional information, call 472-2329 or visit sccf.org.✱



The original windmill located at the rear of the Bailey Homestead



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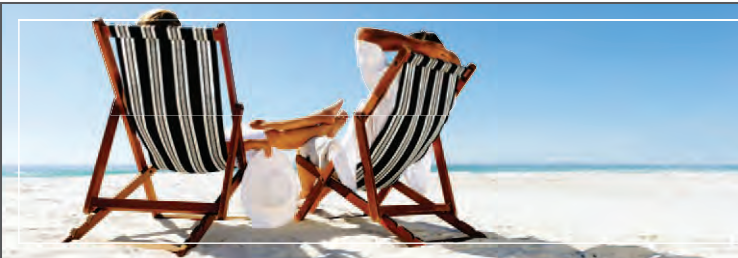
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Chamber Hosts Ribbon Cutting To Welcome New Member



Ribbon cutting at Hollie's Boutique

photo by Bob Petcher

The Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the grand opening of Hollie's Boutique, located at 1571 Periwinkle Way, directly across from Dixie Beach Boulevard.

Hollie Schmid – pictured in the center of the photo holding scissors – hosted the event that featured hors d'oeuvres and drinks to celebrate the occasion. The boutique business location was transformed from The Sanibel Island Bookshop, a fixture on Sanibel Island for the past 16 years.

Visit www.holliesboutique.com or call 472-5223 to learn more. Hollie's Boutique has a second location at 9671 Gladiolus Drive Unit 103 in Fort Myers.**

Haffenreffers Match Donations To FGCU Environmental Center



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Walter Mondale and Peter Corcoran

The Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education's fundraising efforts will be aided by Sanibel residents and long-time Center supporters Mallory and Peter Haffenreffer, who have graciously renewed their Haffenreffer Challenge, which matches gifts to the center up to a total of \$7,000. As a non-profit, the center – which is affiliated with Florida Gulf Coast University – relies on donors to help support its programs.

Contributions to the center help support its signature educational events, including its annual Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture. This year's lecture recently took place at Sanibel's St. Michael and All Angels Church. The event featured award-winning poet and essayist Alison Hawthorne Deming, who captivated

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Page Turners with Ann Rodman – If you are not on the Page Turners list, and wish to be, email annrodman@aol.com or contact the Center 4 Life.

The featured book for Wednesday, April 13 at 2:30 p.m. is *The Dinner* by Herman Koch. "A European Gone Girl...*The Dinner*, a sly psychological thriller that hinges on a horrific crime and its consequences for two families, has become one of spring's most anticipated suspense novels." – The Wall Street Journal.

Yoga Nidra – Tuesday, April 5 from 1 to 2:15 p.m. Barbara P. Ward is an experienced certified Kripalu Yoga teacher and a licensed psychotherapist. She has been doing both professionally for over 30 years. Yoga Nidra is an ancient practice. Nidra is the Sanskrit word for sleep. Yoga Nidra is a place somewhere between dream sleep and deep sleep. The paradox is that it is a practice that one has to be awake and aware to practice. There are no requirements. You will be relaxed and renewed. This will be a no stress workshop. The class is limited to 30 participants. Advance registration is required.

Games

Cost for all games is \$2.50 for mem-

bers and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

Bridge – Monday and Wednesday, register by 12:30 p.m. Game begins at 1 p.m.

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

Hand & Foot – Thursday at 1 p.m.
Bingo – Tuesday, March 22, 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday Kayaking – April 5, 12 and 19 (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. Island Seniors, Inc. members pay \$4 per class or visitors \$7 per class. 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. and 11 a.m. Cardio, muscle strengthening and flexibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls. Athletic footwear required. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

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

Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

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

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

For more information, call 472-5743 or stop by 2401 Library Way.*

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Haffenreffers

a large audience that filled the church. During the lecture, Deming explored themes from her latest book, *Zoologies: On Animals and the Human Spirit*. Deming delved into the mystery and wonder of our shared experience with animals and illustrated how much animals have contributed to humanity.

In her lecture, Deming explained, "Animals are ingrained in our consciousness, inhabiting our dreams and our art." According to center director Peter Blaze Corcoran, "Deming is committed to the belief that, to save the planet, we must become lovers of both the animal spirit and the human spirit."

In his introduction to Deming's lecture, Corcoran thanked two key guests for attending, former Vice President Walter Mondale, and Kristie Anders of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. According to Corcoran, both are valued friends of the center.

The Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education continues to work toward realizing the dream of a sustainable and peaceful future for Earth through scholarship, education and action. The Haffenreffer's philanthropic endeavor, in addition to your support, will help the center to continue its important work. For more information, visit www.fgcu.edu/cese, call 590-7025 or e-mail thecenter@fgcu.edu. Contributions to the center are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to CESE/FGCU and mail to Peter Blaze Corcoran, College of Arts and Sciences, 1501 FGCU Boulevard South, Fort Myers, FL 33965-6565.*



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Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

This isn't really breaking news but the water quality in San Carlos Bay and our gulf waters is the focus of local news outlets. There are many environmental agencies and organizations along with a plethora of local government officials studying and monitoring the water quality of these areas constantly and lobbying in Tallahassee and Congress for a resolution for this



Rae Ann Wessel

chronic problem. Sanibel-Captiva Rotary invited Rae Ann Wessel, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Natural Resource Policy Director, to speak about water policy management and concerns.

Wessel had a PowerPoint presentation showing graphics, the most impressive being the historic flow of fresh water through Florida starting at Shingle Creek and estuaries to the Kissimmee River into Lake Okeechobee, south through the Everglades marsh to the flats of Florida Bay and Ten Thousand Islands, this being named the River of Grass.

Starting in Labelle, the water would

take six to eight months traveling through the flat plains and 16 months to travel to the bottom of the peninsula, enriching these areas for many species of wildlife to grow and flourish.

But as always, progress, catastrophes and politics changed the course of that water flow. There were many reasons from development and farming to hurricane disasters and floods. But ultimately back in the late 1930s the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was charged with developing a plan for diversion of high levels of excess water in Lake O through a series of channels, gates and levees to be sent east to the St. Lucie River and west to the Caloosahatchee River, clearing the path for development of Everglades land. But at what cost?

Over a good many years there has been recognition that the diverted fresh water from Lake O into the Caloosahatchee River have and are causing major environmental harm to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers. And although the old saying is, "What's done is done," there is another old saying, "Don't mess with Mother Nature."

Many of our environmental organizations and some government officials are working toward a solution. That solution is complicated and with many moving parts. There are a number of things that are involved in restoring the watershed to a more natural flow through the Everglades.

Recent Lake O water releases have brought this vital matter to the forefront

again. As Wessel explained, last fall the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) predicted that a strong El Nino was forecast for the months ahead, producing heavy rains that would bring the level of water in Lake O to dangerous levels. The lake is a shallow water basin and the ideal depth of water is 12½ feet, possibly up to 15 feet, but beyond that there is a danger of a breach in the surrounding Herbert Hoover Dike. Early this year the lake level exceeded 16 feet, necessitating heavy releases into the Caloosahatchee, flushing unhealthy river water down to San Carlos Bay and into the gulf, destroying seagrass habitats and spawning areas.

As Wessel said, "This causes a magnitude of harm to our ecological system with the potential to last for years." This is not only an environmental problem but also an economic concern for Southwest Florida.

There are a lot of proactive organizations working together to monitor the situation and educating government officials in Tallahassee and Washington, but ultimately this problem can only be solved by government involvement. Many government agencies and departments must work together on this project and monies slated for Everglades restoration must be spent judiciously on this essential project.

*The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary meets at 7 a.m., Fridays at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club. Guests are always welcomed.**

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The Dunes Golf Club

Member-Guest

On March 18 and 19, The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club hosted its annual Men's Member-Guest Golf Event. The weather for day one was nothing to complain about but, going into the final round, the forecast looked as if the men would get rained out. The staff at The Dunes decided to start 30 minutes earlier than the initial time in hopes that all groups would get in before the rain reached the island. Needless to say, the pace of play was right around four hours, and all the men beat the rain for a successful finish to the tournament.

After the round on day 1, each player participated in a Wedge Challenge and a Putting Contest. For the Wedge Challenge, each player struck two balls from 45 yards out and the two closets at the end of the challenge was John Hutt with 3'5" and Robert Moyle with 4'5".

For the Putting Contest, each player putted from 25 feet. Dick Clapp, Tony Burke, Bruce Coyle and Olivier Perrotte all made the putt to forced a four-man putt off, which Perrotte won.

Along with the Wedge Challenge and the Putting Contest, there were some skill challenges on the golf course for both days. Closest to the Hole winners were Roger Blouin (#2), Bill Hotchkiss (#2), Tom Edwards (#6), Jim Clapp (#6), Knud Christensen (#11), Mark Willis (#11), Bruce Coyle (#17) and Bob Rohl (#17). Winning the Longest Drive was

Jeff Mistler (#10), Steve Smith (#10), Mark Willis (#18) and Jeff Mistler (#18).

The format of the 2016 Member-Guest Event was 1 best ball of 2. Winning in the Gross Division with a score of 139 was Don Denecke and Tom Edwards. Winning in the Net Division was Jim Fjelstad and Bill Hamilton.

Interested in joining the Dunes? Contact Leilani Sivsov for a private tour at 472 - 3355 or lsivsov@theinnsofsanibel.com.✱

Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

DeWitt Captures Singles Tournament

Mike DeWitt from the Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League champion Bunt's Ball Buster team won six straight matches to take first place honors in the league's annual year-end single game double elimination 8-ball tournament.

Twenty-two shooters competed for six hours on the two tables at American Legion Post 123 on March 28. DeWitt defeated Jack Cunningham, Rich Ennis, John Riegert, Gator Gates, Randy Carson and Rich Ennis again on his way to the champion's title.

Ennis, also from Bunt's Ball Busters, took second and Carson, from Sanibel Cafe, took third. Kevin Pottorf from the Sandycappers finished fourth while Gates from Fresh Legion Crew and Jimbo Gaubatz from Sanibel Café tied

for fifth. Terry Ricotta from Bunt's Ball Busters and Doc Lubinski from Fresh Legion Crew tied for seventh.

The winners will be awarded cash prizes at the league's awards banquet set for Monday, April 4 at 6 p.m. at Post 123. Team cash prizes and awards to the year's top percentage shooter, the player with the most 4-0 matches, and most improved player will also be presented. A 3-Ball tournament will take place after the banquet and program.

On Tuesday, April 5, the Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League again plays its annual match against the North Fort Myers Senior 8-Ball League. The match starts at 7 p.m. at Del Tura Country Club in North Fort Myers. North Fort Myers leads the all-time series, 5-3.✱

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License Plates

Florida manatee. "I did a little research about manatees online, and it took me about a month to finish my drawing."

This year's Award of Distinction-winning plates will be displayed at all the Lee County Tax Collector service offices. They will be made available for purchase by the public through their website, www.leetc.com. All proceeds from the sales of these front-end tags will benefit art programs in the Lee County School District.

"My parents are probably going to buy one of them," added Dunn. "I know they already printed out the order form."

Hall noted that his parents have already ordered theirs.

While trying to come up with design ideas for his submission, Hall looked up the state fish.

"I found out that Florida has two fish – the Atlantic sailfish and the largemouth bass," he said. "So I drew a line down the middle and drew both of them."

Hall explained that it took him approximately four classes, as well as some work done at home, to complete his artwork. "I think it came out pretty good," he added.

In addition to their Awards of Distinction and notoriety that comes from having a Florida license plate created from their original artwork, Dunn and Hall were invited by county officials to attend the Minnesota Twins spring training game on March 30.

Kids Tag Art is an educational fundraising project designed to benefit the art programs in Lee County District Schools. Joe Tedder, Tax Collector for Polk County, launched the program in 2002. Since then, the program has been adopted by several Florida Tax Collectors. Kids Tag Art has generated more than 60,000 pieces of artwork and more than \$350,000 for classroom art programs throughout Florida.

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New Red Sox Boss Makes Quick And Positive Impact



by Ed Frank

It's obvious in the short time that Dave Dombrowski has been at the helm of the Boston Red Sox baseball operation that he has had an immediate and positive impact on this storied franchise. The 59-year-old Dombrowski, with nearly 40 years of baseball experience, was named president of baseball operations last August after successful management stints with the Chicago White Sox, Montreal Expos, Florida Marlins and Detroit Tigers. With him having the likely opportunity to work for several other organizations, we asked the personable Dombrowski why he chose the Red Sox. In a rapid-fire response, he said, "This is the premier franchise in professional sports. Here we have the ability to be persistent in the pursuit of the best talent."

He added that the second factor is his positive relationship with principal owner John Henry and president Sam Kennedy. "It's just a real good situation." Dombrowski had worked for Henry when he owned the Florida Marlins in the late 1990s. Perhaps the best example of Dombrowski's immediate impact on his new team was the recent remarks by Red Sox legend David Ortiz who is retiring at the end of the upcoming season. In a radio interview, Ortiz said: "The minute he got here last year, he pulled me to the side and he built my confidence. That's something I don't think we really ever had. I've been here 14 years, but I really never had that kind of confidence coming from a GM (general manager) like I have now with Dave. It was pretty much the first time in this organization that I was asked what your thoughts are about this and that. It never happened before."

Dombrowski recognized early in his new tenure there was an urgent need to improve pitching. As a result, four of his five off-season acquisitions were pitchers: All-Star David Price, considered one of the top three pitchers in the American League; All-Star closer Craig Kimbrel; reliever Carson Smith; and left-hander Roenis Elias. Asked about Henry's recent statements that the Red Sox, after finishing last three of the last four seasons in the American League Eastern Division, would return to a greater emphasis on traditional scouting and less reliance on the analytical interpreta-

tions of statistics, Dombrowski said the organization still believes in blending both approaches, but with a "little more emphasis on scouting."

The Red Sox probably lead the major leagues in investment in international players. Consider just the investment in two Cuban players, outfielder Rusney Castillo and infielder Yoan Moncada. Castillo signed a seven-year, \$72 million contract in 2014 and hit .253 in 80 games during his first season in the majors last year. The 20-year-old Moncada received a whopping \$31.5 million signing bonus in 2015 which cost Boston another \$31.5 million in major league tax for exceeding the international signing bonus pool. In his first year at Low A Greenville, he hit .278 in 81 games with 49 stolen bases in 52 attempts. He probably will move up to Double A this year.

We asked Dombrowski about the long-debated issue of establishing an international draft to bring order to the international market for players. "It's an issue that would have to be agreed upon in baseball's collective bargaining agreement," he said.

While the game of baseball remains strong with record attendance and revenue, there is growing concern over the declining interest and participation in the game by American youth, particularly in the inner cities. "Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred has addressed this issue by hiring Tony Reagins to direct a new youth program," he said. Reagins is the former Los Angeles Angels GM.

A study by the National Sporting Goods Association found that youth participation in baseball and softball has declined 40 percent since 2000. Most in baseball agree that there is an immediate need to restore interest and participation among youth in this country before the decline continues even further.



Dave Dombrowski photo Boston Red Sox

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Sanibel Island Golf Club

Member/Guest Golf Winners



Jerry Vardais, David Gurney, Stephen Jaeger and Lee Roeder

The Sanibel Island Golf Club hosted both the men's and women's member/guest events recently. The men played 36 holes over two days and the winners were David Gurney and his guest, Jerry Vardais. Finishing one shot behind was Lee Roeder with guest Stephen Jaeger. Taking third was Marty Gallagher and guest Dan Valentine.

The women's event was a single day event. The 9-hole winners were Geri Harrand and guest Pat Haggerty. For the ladies playing 18 holes, Sue Belanger and guest Janet Turner took top honors.✱

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Will Power

Art Or Science?



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

“Calvin” visited with me recently, armed with spreadsheets describing the distributions he wanted his revocable trust to implement following his death. He made various assumptions about his investment’s expected rate of return, the amount of money and assets his surviving spouse would require to maintain her current standard of living, the years of his and her deaths and how the trusts would later distribute to his children and grandchildren. The whole package was quite impressive.

I complimented Calvin on the time and good work he expended to show me how he wanted his plan drafted to satisfy his intent. He explained that during his career he successfully adhered to budgets and projections, so he was simply applying those skills to his personal life in his effort to ensure his loved ones would be well taken care of.

As we proceeded to discuss what he wanted me to draft into his trust, he dictated some fairly detailed and restrictive provisions. I advised that those provisions would work well, provided that all of the assumptions he made in his spreadsheets came true. Then I asked, “How confident are you that all of those assumptions will turn out to be accurate?”

“I’m fairly certain,” he said with a raised brow, “since I usually hit the nail on the head in my corporate career.”

“So you’re telling me,” I continued, “that you are fairly certain you are going to die seven years from now, that your wife will outlive you by eight years, and that during that time period your investments will earn a constant 6 percent with no fluctuations?”

“Well, when you put it that way,” he answered, “but I do think it will come close to that”.

That’s when I gave Calvin my “estate planning is more of an art than a science” talk.

We all know that life is unpredictable. If it weren’t, all of us would be millionaires rather easily. Tax laws that are affected by politics play a role in future outcomes. Investment markets and real estate have boom and bust cycles that no one can accurately predict. Our lives and the lives of our children and grandchildren take unexpected twists and turns.

Therefore it is usually prudent to have an estate plan that can be flexible. This seems counterintuitive when you realize that most wills or revocable trusts become irrevocable upon the grantor’s death. But trusts can include broad discretionary powers to trustees to make decisions related to distributions, investments and a variety of other topics. While some people cringe at the thought of allowing a trustee to have such control over a beneficiary, consider that the beneficiary herself can be named as her own trustee following the grantor’s death.

An example of this would include a testamentary trust created for a daughter. The trust states that the daughter can distribute income or trust principal to herself for health, maintenance, support and educational purposes (very broad terms allowing for a lot of discretion), or the trustee can choose to make distributions to the daughter’s descendants for the same purposes. So if the daughter would like to distribute some of the income or principal to her child who is attending college, she is free to do so. She may also choose to not distribute income and allow it to accumulate for her retirement, compounding the earnings over several years.

Another way to make what would otherwise be irrevocable trusts amendable after the grantor’s death is to include something known as a “power of appointment.” A grantor could grant his son the power to appoint the income and principal left in the son’s share of the trust upon his death to a selected class of beneficiaries.

This example would look something like this: “My son shall have the testamentary power to appoint the undistributed and accumulated income and remaining principal in his trust share upon his death to his spouse, descendants and charity in such manner or proportion as he may select.” This allows the grantor’s son to change what would have otherwise been an irrevocable trust. Why is this important? The son can consider the relative economic need of his family members, can divert assets from someone who might be a spendthrift and can protect assets from the reaches of estate taxes to name just a few benefits.

Having this flexibility typically throws the spreadsheet calculations out the window. But isn’t it better to have some ambiguity and flexibility as opposed to a deliberate outcome that might not be consistent with changing tax laws, investments and family circumstances? Food for thought.

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On Tuesday, March 22, there were nine tables in play at The Community House. The winners were:

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2. Yvonne Dressel and Kenneth Appel
3. Karen and Geoffrey Moss
4. Joan and Bob Kent

East/West

1. Susan Greenberg and Charles Edwards
 2. Lois and Doug Townsend
 3. Mary Ganske and Carolyn Karch
 4. Myra Fisher and Ann Levinsohn
- On Thursday, March 24, there were

four tables in play at The Community House. The winners were:
1. Yvonne Dressel and George Willoughby
2. Mary Conway and Margery Moretzsohn
3. Karen and Geoffrey Moss
There are two ACBL-sanctioned games per week, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. The Tuesday game runs from the beginning of January through the end of April; the Thursday game runs from the beginning of January through the end of March.
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Seven Simple Ways To Detox



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers:

Do you just basically accept that you have a lot of gas, cramps or belly bloating?

Some of you find yourself analyzing what you ate, or cutting some food out of your diet, naming it

as the "offender" even if it's not. Do you just assume you need a new medication to make yourself feel better?

That's so crazy. Don't layer a drug on top of your problem. I recommend you do a gentle detox of your system rather than keep doing what you're doing, eating what you're eating and then adding all sorts of synthetic chemicals in an effort to improve digestion such as laxatives, antacids, anti-gas pills, lactose pills, diarrhea aids or acid blockers. Some of you take several of these in a single day.

So what is the best way to detox? I'm not asking you to drink nothing but water or soup every day, although you could try that for a few days; it's termed a "fast" and there are many variations of a fast.

You can be proactive and take action without taking drugs just to eat comfortably. The question is what is the underlying problem for you? You'll need testing.

Is it an infection like SIBO, or H. pylori?

Is it low acid or high?
Is it a food sensitivity?

Certain symptoms show you that you have too many toxins that keep you on overload. Keep in mind that your brain is your second gut, and since there is a biochemical highway connecting them, signs of toxins in your gut show up in your the brain. So for example, you may have migraines or headaches, word-finding problems, irritability, mood swings and anxiety. But remember it's in your gut and in your bloodstream. If it's backing up there, it's backing up in your brain too, hence all the head-related problems.

Consider the following choices and have a candid conversation with a holistic-minded practitioner. Don't just run for more laxatives. This is what I would do to reduce debris in my system:

1. I'd eliminate concentrated dairy (butter, yogurt, cheese).

2. I would begin a greens superfood blend (wheat grass, chlorella, etc.) because these bind toxins and metals from your gut; they are sold everywhere. If you have concerns about your thyroid condition, look for a "goitrogen-free" blend, otherwise any green superfood will work.

3. If you have serious brain issues, I would ask the doctor for a prescription binder like cholestyramine or colestipol; these are cholesterol-reducing medications.

4. I would eliminate fast foods, or those containing artificial dyes, corn syrup and MSG.

5. Chia seed oil, salmon oil or hemp oil, choose one and take daily.

6. Drink more, especially hot lemon water and herbal teas like rooibos and tulsi.

7. Take a good probiotic as a dietary supplement. Consider digestive enzymes with every meal. I would take both if it were me.

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.

Relay For Life Seeking Teams

Participating teams are being sought for the 2016 Relay For Life of Sanibel and Captiva, to be held on Friday, April 15 at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club, located at 949 Sand Castle Road. Festivities are scheduled to run from 3 to 9 p.m.

Event organizer Mary Bondurant is making a plea to join in the cancer research fundraising cause.

"The entire community is invited to come out and support Relay For Life," she said. "Join a team or sign up your team at www.relayforlife.org/sanibel."

The local Relay For Life begins with an opening ceremony, which brings everyone together to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, to inspire hope by sharing recent accomplishments and progress, and to remind everyone that while we are winning this battle, fighting cancer is a year-round priority.

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, Are there any federal laws or regulations that indicate how special education evaluation records must be maintained? Is the school system required to keep

hard/paper copies of evaluations and reports? And can I request a copy of my child's files from his school? My son has an IEP.

Justin W., Fort Myers

Justin,

These are great questions and it is important to understand your rights. FERPA is the federal student records law, and IDEA is the federal special education law. These laws treat student records mostly the same. Neither law dictates in what form records must be maintained, nor does either law specify a time frame for which records must be maintained. The law that governs your right to view your child's records is the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The purposes of FERPA are two-fold:

- To ensure that parents have access to their children's educational records
- To protect the privacy rights of parents and children by limiting access to these records without parental consent.

However, FERPA does not actually require a district to create or maintain stu-

dent records at all, and permits school to dispose of records as they see fit – except under one circumstance. If a record does exist, and an eligible individual (i.e. a parent or student) requests it, it cannot be destroyed until the request is completed.

Under FERPA, parents have a right to have access to their children's educational records. FERPA requires that the school comply with a parent's request for access to the student's records within 45 days of the receipt of a request.

FERPA is kind of a funny law. It does not actually require a district to create or maintain student records at all, and permits school to dispose of records as they see fit – except under one circumstance. If a record does exist, and an eligible individual (i.e. a parent or student) requests it, it cannot be destroyed until the request is completed.

You are not automatically entitled to copies of your child's records, except under specific circumstances. You may be charged a fee for the copies. Generally, a school is required to provide copies of education records to a parent if the failure to do so would prevent the parent from exercising the right to inspect and review the records.

IDEA requires certain records to be created (e.g. evaluation reports, IEPs, written notices, etc.). Again, it does not set a time limit for maintaining documents. It does require that the school notify a parent before it destroys records associated with special education.

The Federal Regulations implementing IDEA also address "Parental entitlement to educational records." Access Rights-See 34 CFR 300.613(a) which states that parents must be permitted to "inspect

and review any education records relating to their children," and that if a parent requests those records, "The agency must comply with a request without unnecessary delay and before any meeting regarding an IEP. . ."

To request your child's records, write a polite businesslike letter asking for a copy of your son's file. In the letter, ask if the school has a photocopying fee and what this fee is. It's a good idea to include a short paragraph about your son that explains your request.

Unfortunately the above descriptions of these laws include a lot of educa-

tional jargon. For more help on this topic, visit www.wrightslaw.com/blog/maintaining-educational-records.

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Superior Interiors

New Floor Plan



by Barb Cacchione

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on the day of new furniture delivery.

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So the next time you're not quite sure how a new piece will look – or how much space you will need – take a moment and tape it out.

Barb Cacchione is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at barb@coindceden.com.✱

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Relay For Life

The Survivors' Lap features cancer survivors taking the first lap around the marked course to the sounds of upbeat music and other Relay participants cheering them on in celebration of their victory over cancer.

Next is the Caregivers Lap, where anyone who ever cared for someone with cancer walks a lap so they can be honored for their support. Caregivers walk this lap with the people they helped, if they are also present.

The Luminaria Ceremony is a time to remember people lost to cancer, to support people who currently have cancer, and to honor people who have fought cancer in the past. The power of this ceremony lies in providing an opportunity for people to work through grief and find hope. Supporters may purchase a luminaria to honor a loved one.

During the Relay For Life Closing Ceremony, all in attendance will pause to remember the lives of those lost and reaffirm their commitment to continue to fight back against this disease over the next year.

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Hook Up Your Pet – Create Calmness



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

There is lots of interest in helping our pets, so here is how to hook-up your pet. First, let's revisit why we hook-up. The

hook-up exercise is part of the 5-Minute Routine.

There are two meridians (defined energetic pathways) that circle our core; one called the Central Meridian, which begins at the pelvic area, runs up the front of the body ending deep in the throat at the level of the bottom lip; and the second called the Governing Meridian, which begins at the base of your tailbone, runs up the spine, over the head, ending deep in the back of your throat in line with the top lip. These two meridians act as an "energetic casing" bridging the energies between front and back, head and torso, and send energy to all the other energetic systems of the body. Thus, when you connect the two, you are literally creating an immediate neurological boost and "centering" yourself.

Central and Governing meridians have dual roles, also serving as Radiant Circuits (an energetic system with very subtle energy flows that enhance all other energy systems, are highly responsive to our thoughts, and serve as our "joy juice" of life. By activating this system, feelings of joy, gratitude and peace are increased). Thus by "hooking-up," you are immediately getting dual benefit-of

Radiant Circuit activation and creating an energetic bubble around the body.

So, if we hook-up our pet, we are doing the same for them. Cat, dog, horse, camel, manatee or other mammal – they all have a navel and a sweet spot between the eye brows. The trick is to find it and place your fingers correctly. Mammals are placental mammals and thus have umbilical cords while gestating. The entry site of the umbilical cord forms a belly button, but it is less pronounced than a human's. The naval is basically a tiny flat scar. Since the belly button is often surrounded by fur, it can be hard to locate. Use your fingers and feel on midline below both ribs on the belly. It will be about one-third of the way between where the hind legs meet and the ribs. Get your animal used to letting you place your finger on the navel first. It is also best to do the hook-up when your pet is quiet and resting. Then, place the middle finger of one hand very gently on the "third eye" (between the eyebrows and bridge of the nose) and the middle finger of the other hand in your pet's navel. Press both middle fingers into the skin and gently pull upwards, holding up to 30 seconds (or longer if it feels good). If you experience a yawn, sigh and take a deep breath you know the energies just connected!

It may take awhile until your pet is comfortable with doing this, but they love the energy work, so it won't take long until they are happily chasing rabbits in their dreams or gently purring.

Have fun with your energy! Next week's topic is Zip Up Your Pet – Create Confidence & Contentment."

*If you have a question, email Karen at SemmEnergyCenter@gmail.com or visit 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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Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce answer your questions and give advice about aging concerns from a two-generational perspective. A mother and daughter team, Lizzie is a retired RN and health educator, and Pryce is a licensed psychotherapist in private practice who specializes in the care of elders and people with chronic illnesses.

Dear Mom & Me,

I am fed up with cell phones or the poor manners of their users. Everywhere I go, people have them at their ear: grocery shopping, offices, churches, restaurants and, of course, driving on the interstate at 75 miles an hour. My bridge club is also fed up and they penalize players when their phones ring.

The other day, I was at a small business meeting. Their phones were constantly ringing. Others just had their signal on vibrate but would leave the

meeting and go and return the call. There was a five- or 10-minute delay in which nothing could be accomplished in their absence.

Will this ever end, or do you think it will gradually fade away?

Verna

Dear Verna,

I think it will only get worse... if that is possible.

Yesterday, a friend told me her husband decided for a special treat to take their two sons to a very posh golf course for a day of fun and relaxation. As the first son went to tee off on the first hole, his phone rang. He stopped, answered the phone and went over to the side. His father went over and when the call was finished he told him "turn that damned thing off - we're here to relax." As they approached the hole, he saw his other son in the rough talking on his phone, so the father went over and told him the same thing. The father was furious, and the day was not as he had planned.

When 4-year-olds arrive at day care with their phones in their pockets to call mummy at their break, I can't see it ever ending... but we won't be here to be annoyed!

Lizzie

Dear Verna,

I agree there are a lot of cell phone users with poor manners... myself included. I have recently noticed businesses are fighting back. Some fast food restaurants are refusing to take orders unless one is off the phone. The clerk at the post office refused to wait on me because I

was listening to voice mail. She served the person behind me. My friends' kids are driving them nuts with their constant texting. The one that gets me is texting and talking on the cell phone at the same time.

I do not think cell phones will be going away any time soon, but maybe cell phone manners will improve... including my own.

Pryce

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BeautifulLife:

Shine Bright

by Kay Casperson

Light can symbolize lots of things, like hope, inspiration, love and peace. Our personal happiness is also like a light, burning bright deep within us, and when the daily stresses of life become overwhelming, that light starts to dim, making it harder to see and focus on what's truly important.

Here are some of my favorite affirmations for illuminating every aspect of your life, emotionally, spiritually, physically, environmentally and socially.

I revitalize my mind, body and spirit

- Find time to celebrate life every single day (even if it's only for a few minutes at a time). Discover new activities that ignite your imagination and spark your creativity. Get a beautiful natural glow back in your cheeks by treating your skin to a brightening vitamin C serum or a nourishing facial at the spa. Greet the sunrise with an inspirational prayer and an energizing yoga session. Each day is a new opportunity to celebrate our blessings and explore the beauty of life.

I am passionate about life and compassionate towards others - What are you passionate about? What fuels you? Figure out what makes you feel happy, healthy and fulfilled and embrace it with gusto. Channel your love for life into everything you do, especially when it comes to inspiring, helping or connecting with other people. Keep compassion in your heart, let your heart guide you and you will enrich the lives of others as well as your own.

I let my inner light shine bright - When we are truly happy, it glows from within and shines on the world and people around us. Share your happiness, love and inspiration with everyone you meet, wherever you go, every single day.

*Beauty and lifestyle expert Kay Casperson lives on Sanibel with her husband, two daughters and dogs. She produces her own inspirational collections of skincare, cosmetics, wellness, apparel and accessories and operates four Lifestyle Spa & Boutique locations in Southwest Florida and Orlando. Learn more at kaycasperson.com.**

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Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance
Clancy

Q: My husband has his own business and is a workaholic. I have been asking him to take a vacation for over a year and he tells me it will be soon. Any suggestions on ways to get him to take a

break before he has a heart attack? I am worried about him.

A: It's not only important to take vacations, it's important to take breaks throughout the day. Studies have shown that it is better to vacation as much as possible as it is critical to restoring higher brain function that shows signs of failing due to prolonged exposure to stress. It is also known that if one's life is too full of intense work and stress, intelligent behavior and decisions can decrease.

Just four weeks of vacation from a stress-provoking environment is enough to rewire neural networks in the brain. So if your husband doesn't take a break and rejuvenate his mind, body and spirit, he is at a higher risk of becoming susceptible to illness and disease.

In order for positive neuroplasticity to be effective, the brain needs time to heal. This means a vacation. Sadly, too many

people reach their destination and it takes days or even a week to wind down and stop checking e-mails, texts and phone messages in order to "unplug" and just be.

More than a third of employees in the United States are not planning to take their full vacation. Only 14 percent of the population go away for two weeks or more at any one time.

So if you can share some of this information with your husband and tell him that he should take time away for his mental and physical health, perhaps he will adhere to your advice. Otherwise, he may end up in the ER.

He is what we would describe as a "Type A personality." Someone who works so much and intensely that he is at a higher risk for prolonged chronic stress which, as mentioned, does lead to illness and disease.

It takes discipline and courage to let go of the business for a few weeks to be sequestered from technology and the outside world, yet it would be worth it for you as a couple as you both need quality time together for your coupleship enhancement. If you do, your husband can return to his business with rejuvenation and a rewired brain ready to feel revived and ready to produce renewed success.

Constance Clancy-Fisher, EdD is a licensed mental health therapist, hypnotherapist, author and holistic stress management instructor. If you have a question, email Constance at constanceclancyfisher@gmail.com.✱

Doctor and Dietitian

What Joints Have In Common With Cabinet Doors



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

To understand our joints, let's use the analogy of cabinet doors, which are similar to two adjacent bones that make up a joint. For cabinet doors to glide properly and not hit one another in the middle, the hinges need to be tight. One loose screw eventually affects the other screws, causing the hinge to loosen. This allows the door to swing too far out, wobble and hit the adjacent cabinet door. Eventually, the additional pressure from the uneven glide causes the other hinges to loosen. Meanwhile, the doors hit, the finish fades, and the wood wears at the site of contact.

The ligaments in our joints are like the screws that hold the hinge in place, since both play a crucial stabilizing role. When too much is demanded of them, through wear and tear or from injury, they become loose, overstretched and unstable. Excessive bone movement occurs, just like the wobbly cabinet door, putting extra stress on the other joint structures. The body tries to protect and stabilize the joint, by swelling, sending pain signals, tightening through muscle spasms, and eventually by overgrowing bone (bone spurs) and arthritis.

A wobbly cabinet door requires a screwdriver to tighten the screws. Paint, sandpaper, shaving or removal of the door won't tighten the screws. Likewise, the joint needs its ligaments tightened. Medications, arthroscopic shaving or removal of the joint are often not the fix.

The treatment that best relates to the screwdriver for fixing the loose hinge is Prolotherapy, a regenerative injection treatment, because it specifically targets loose ligaments. It stimulates the body to strengthen, tighten and repair them, enabling the bones to glide properly, which in turn, relieves the pain involved in an unstable joint.

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Caring Medical and Rehabilitation Services has two locations: one in Oak Park, Illinois, and one in Fort Myers. It was established in 1991 by Ross Hauser, MD, and Marion Hauser, MS, RD. They can be reached at info@carimgmedical.com.✱



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Keep on top of them, and you won't have to worry about losing control. A personal situation takes on a new look.

(December 22 to January 19) A business offer sounds intriguing. But if you don't check it out thoroughly, you could have problems. Take a set of questions with you when you attend your next meeting.

(January 20 to February 18) Your self-confidence should be coming back. That's good news. But it might be a bit over the top right now, so best to let it settle down before you start making expensive decisions.

(February 19 to March 20) Your life, your decisions. Good enough. But be sure you have all the facts you need to put into the decision-maker mixing bowl and hope it will come out as it should.

You find much of your creativity with new people who give you much to think about.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On April 5, 1614, Pocahontas, daughter of the chief of the Powhatan Indian confederacy, marries English tobacco planter John Rolfe in Jamestown, Virginia. Their marriage brought peace between the English colonists and the Powhatans.

- On April 6, 1776, the Continental Congress takes the first step toward American independence by announcing its decision to open all American ports to international trade with any part of the world not under British rule. It was the first act of independence by the Continental Congress.

- On April 9, 1865, at Appomattox, Virginia, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrenders his 28,000 troops to Union

Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, effectively ending the Civil War. Forced to abandon the Confederate capital of Richmond, Lee had no other option.

- On April 10, 1879, Sandor Herz -- the future John Hertz, the man behind what will one day be the world's largest car-rental company -- is born in present-day Slovakia. In 1923, Hertz bought a fleet of used Ford Model Ts and named the business Hertz Drive-Ur-Self Corporation.

- On April 7, 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower coins one of the most famous Cold War phrases when he suggests the fall of French Indochina to the communists could create a "domino" effect in Southeast Asia. He predicted that this would lead to the "loss of Indochina, of Burma, of Thailand, of the Peninsula, and Indonesia following."

- On April 4, 1975, childhood friends Bill Gates and Paul Allen found the computer software company Microsoft. In 1987, the 31-year-old Gates became the world's youngest billionaire. Today, Microsoft is the world's largest software maker.

- On April 8, 1990, "Who killed Laura Palmer?" was the question on everyone's lips when David Lynch's surreal television drama "Twin Peaks" premiered on ABC. Shot in and around the logging town of Snoqualmie, Washington, "Twin Peaks" starred Kyle MacLachlan as relentlessly quirky FBI agent Dale Cooper.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was early 20th-century English schoolmaster and lexicographer Henry Watson Fowler who made the following sage observation: "Display of superior knowledge is as great a vulgarity as dis-

play of superior wealth -- greater, indeed, inasmuch as knowledge should tend more definitely than wealth towards discretion and good manners."

- In 2007, a British woman named Susie Hower completed a marathon in less than six hours -- while knitting a scarf.

- Someday, Saturn might not be the only planet in our solar system that has rings. Those who study such things say that Mars' gravitational pull on its largest moon, Phobos, could cause a catastrophic breakup, with the moon's debris forming a ring around the planet -- in 20 million to 40 million years.

- It's been reported that before Japan came into contact with the West, people in that country did not kiss.

- When the mantis shrimp attacks its prey, the swing of its claw is so powerful that even if it misses, the resulting shock wave can be enough to stun or kill its prey.

- Coral snakes found in North America are relatively small, quite reclusive ... and deadly. You're unlikely to be bitten by one (due in part to the species' extreme avoidance of confrontation, coral snakes account for less than 1 percent of all snakebites in the U.S.), but if you are, the snake's neurotoxic venom can cause severe pain and death. However, snake-bite experts say that in some cases, a bite will result in no symptoms at all for 12 hours -- at which point the victim dies from sudden respiratory failure.

- The most common pigment in the world is chlorophyll.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Three grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for." -- Joseph Addison

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

The Jacaranda has live entertainment Friday and Saturday with Renata, playing funk, jazz and contemporary. Sunday is CJ and Friends, playing oldies, Motown, rock 'n' roll and country. Renata plays funk, jazz and contemporary on Monday. On Tuesday and Wednesday, it's Sir Mitch, playing classic rock, R&B and dance. Thursday is Eric Malibu, playing contemporary, reggae and dance.

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

Sea Breeze Café at Sundial Beach Resort & Spa has live island style entertainment on Mondays and a Spanish guitarist on Wednesdays.

Traditions on the Beach at Island Inn has live entertainment Friday and Saturday with Joe McCormick and Marvilla Marzan. On Sunday, it's Dusk. The "Jersey Kid" Mike Arnone performs on Monday. Woody Brubaker performs on Tuesday. On Wednesday, it's Woody Brubaker and Barbara Smith. On Thursday, Joe McCormick and Marvilla Marzan perform.

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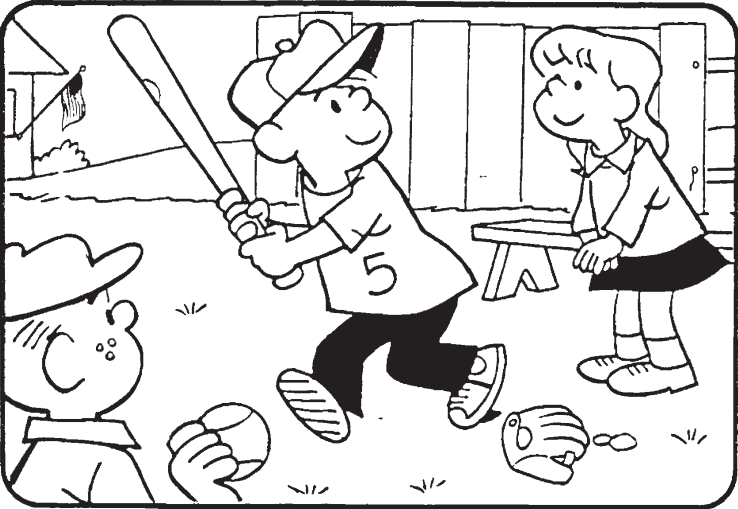
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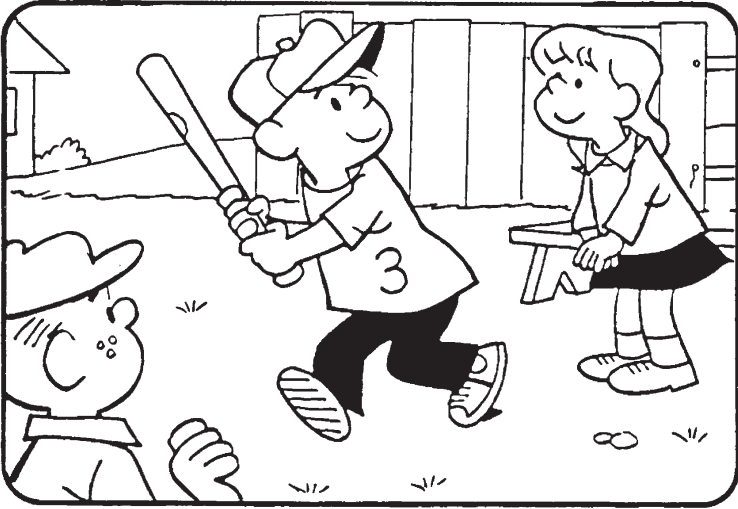
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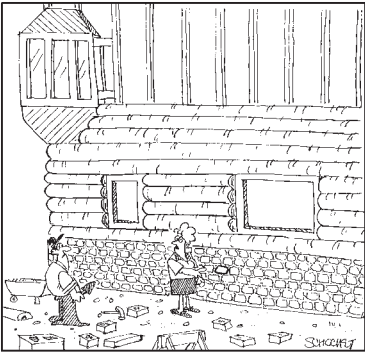
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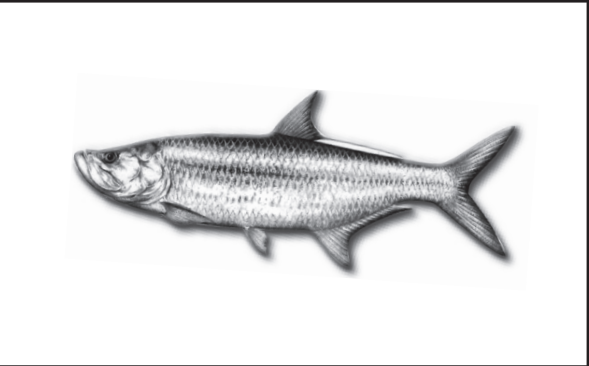
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Shore Fishing:


Don't Harm The Fish by Capt. Matt Mitchell

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anding a big fish from the beach can be hard on the fish. Dragging a fish up onto the sand if you're going to release it is not an option as it usually damages or kills the fish.

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Hold the fish in the water while you unhook it if you're going to release it.

•

The less you can touch a fish before release the better for the fish.

•

If you want a picture with the fish, support it as you lift

it out of the water – and do it quickly.

•

Before releasing, revive the fish while holding it in the water; moving it slowly back and forth so water goes over its gills. The fish will let you know when it's ready to swim off.

•

Florida just recently changed the regulations on fishing from shore. Florida residents as well as out of state visitors need a fishing license to fish from shore.

Top 10 Real Estate Sales

| Development | City | Year Built | Square Footage | Listing Price | Selling Price | Days On Market |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Carolands | Bonita Springs | 2016 | 3,757 | \$2,985,000 | \$2,800,000 | 54 |
| River By | Fort Myers | 1988 | 4,361 | \$2,777,000 | \$2,550,000 | 34 |
| Southport on The Bay | Bonita Springs | 1993 | 2,375 | \$2,295,000 | \$2,050,000 | 149 |
| Bayshore Park | Fort Myers | 1969 | 6,742 | \$2,100,000 | \$1,900,000 | 74 |
| Gores AM Subdivision | Captiva | 1993 | 3,223 | \$1,494,000 | \$1,370,000 | 85 |
| Yachtsmans Cove | Sanibel | 1981 | 3,507 | \$1,445,000 | \$1,291,665 | 204 |
| Fa Lanes Bayview | Captiva | 1986 | 1,449 | \$1,395,000 | \$1,200,000 | 272 |
| Bay View II | Bonita Springs | 1996 | 3,143 | \$945,000 | \$900,000 | 66 |
| Esperia South | Bonita Springs | 2007 | 2,530 | \$929,000 | \$867,500 | 347 |
| Martin & Lewis Unrecorded | Fort Myers Beach | 2001 | 2,579 | \$899,000 | \$840,000 | 56 |

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Pets Of The Week



Scout ID# 655118



Martini ID# 655862

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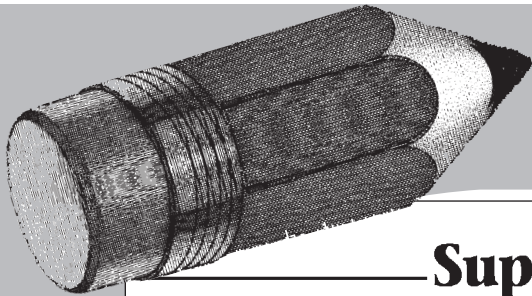
Hello, my name is Martini. I'm a 5-month-old spayed female domestic short hair Patch Tabby. I was a shy little girl when I first came to the shelter, but now I'm just mellow and loving. I guess you could say this Martini is the perfect libation for relaxing. Come meet me and you'll see that I can provide just the right kind of companionship and attention you need. My adoption fee is \$50.

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.

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BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

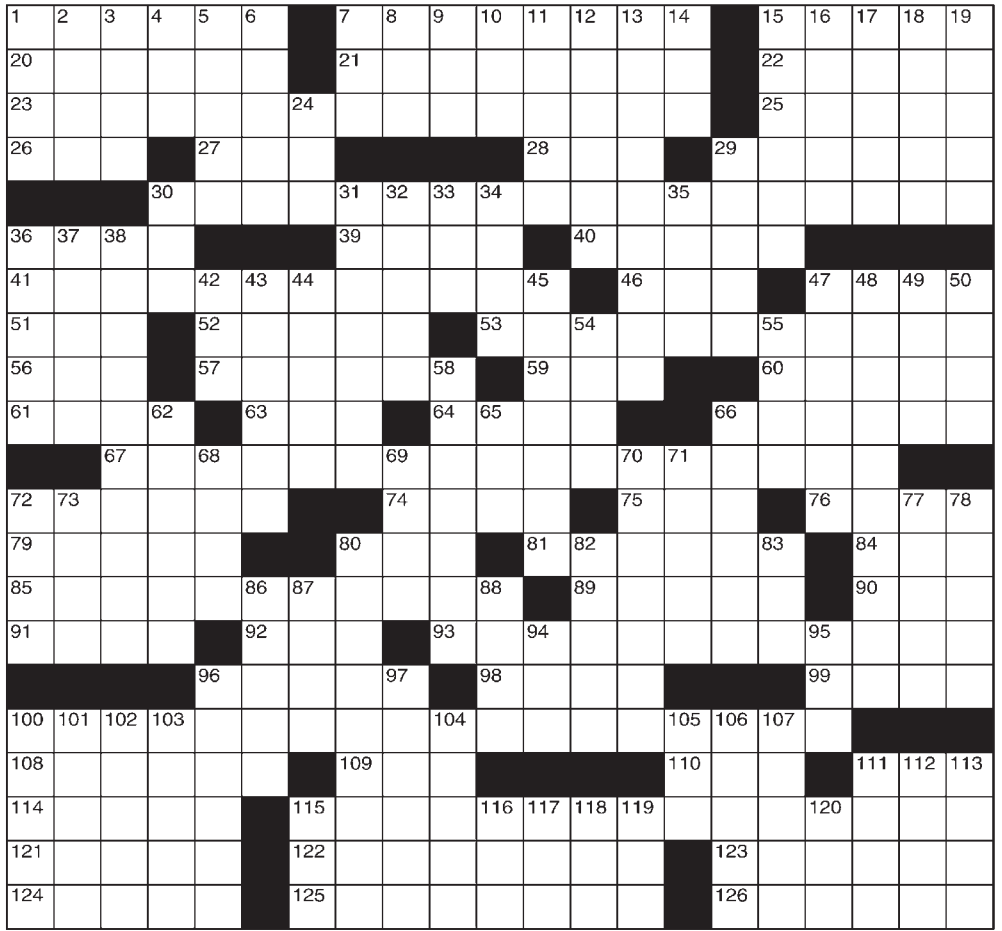
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Super Crossword

WHERE IN THE WORD?

ACROSS

- 1 NFL
standout
7 Treat kindly
15 Costumes
20 Like forests
21 Tangles
22 Be nuts over
23 RED
25 Entertainer
Zsa Zsa
26 — -Caps
(candy)
27 Great Lakes'
— Locks
28 First full mo.
of autumn
29 Spurring
(on)
30 ELLE
36 Russian
ruler of yore
39 German car
make
40 — to say
this, but ...
41 SAGE
46 — -Z
(thoroughly)
47 Low-value
wallet wad
51 Pop lover
52 Want badly
53 RAN
56 Luau bowlful
57 In the
second-best
category
59 Insect-
catching tool
60 Having
some benefit
- 61 Filmmaker
Preminger
63 Critical hosp.
area
64 Empire until
'91
66 Places of
learning, in
French
67 PORT
72 Frosh's cap
74 Plane
feature
75 "Not a
word!"
76 Watch
sound
79 Lou Grant
portrayed Ed
80 Agent's take
81 Malia and
Sasha
84 Cap for a
bagpiper
85 ACRE
89 Allan-
— ("Robin
Hood"
narrator)
90 "— Little
Teapot"
91 Chop —
92 Nimble deer
93 SEA
96 Fuzzy
fabrics
98 One who
has regrets
99 Sonny &
Cher's "—
You Babe"
100 SLAT
- 108 Illusory
109 "... bug
— feature?"
110 Biceps'
place
111 Actress
Charlotte
114 Lab vial
115 HUM
121 Like a
prebirth
body
position
122 One who
quarantines
123 Señor's
nap
124 Account
125 "Cagney &
Lacey"
co-star
126 Peddled
- DOWN
- 1 Shoemaking
tools
2 Money to be
paid back
3 Wacky
4 Chop-chop
5 Get more
mileage
from
6 "— a
Grecian
Urn"
7 Honey
maker
8 Objective
9 Abbr.
stamped on
a bad check
- 10 Suffix in
some pasta
names
11 Camp craft
place
12 Swedish
king
between
John I and
Canute II
13 Hang-up
for an
optometrist?
14 —Kosh
B'Gosh
15 Flock of
geese
16 Old saw
17 Redbreast
18 Horse to be
busted
19 Suit fabric
24 Turn bad
29 "Daniel"
singer John
30 — -Magnon
31 Relaxes
32 Corrodes, in
a way
33 — Mae
Brown
(psychic in
"Ghost")
34 Pear-shaped
fruits
35 "... could
— horse!"
36 Musical rate
37 Stuck-up
type
38 Entry
42 U.S. media
watchdog
- 43 Illinois city
on the
Mississippi
44 Some
rescue ops
45 A long time
in the past
47 Decide not
to join in
48 Super-
suspenseful
49 Author
— Stanley
Gardner
50 Beatified
Miles.
54 Smart-alecky
55 "Yowie!"
58 Interring
individuals
62 Very testy
65 Amtrak stop:
Abbr.
66 Surround
with a saintly
light
68 Suffix with
zillion
69 "I — lot to
you"
70 Dancer
Duncan
71 "Holy cow!"
72 Low voice
73 Favorite son
of Isaac
77 Wee role
78 Rival of
Target
80 Have bad flu
symptoms,
say
- 82 Swiss city
on the Rhine
83 Mo. in which
autumn
starts
86 What hungry
wolves do
87 Ungulate
feature
88 Actress
Hatcher
94 Neighbor of
Hung.
95 One, in Ulm
96 Feeble
97 Pulpit
speech
100 Bits of wind
101 Coastal arm
102 Poetic Muse
103 Hotelier
Ritz
104 Actor Clark
105 Present
label
106 Like Dublin
denizens
107 "— vincit
amor" ("Love
conquers
all")
111 Hazard
112 Poker post
113 "Holy cow!"
115 Collide with
116 Young fellow
117 LGA datum
118 Ty-D- —
119 Suffix with
witch or trick
120 Unlike
reruns



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Pump up
the volume
4 Touse
8 Leading
man?
12 Shelter
13 Declare
openly
14 "—
Valentine"
15 Ninny
16 Shake in
the grass?
17 Skip over
18 Signal
receiver
21 Grazing
area
22 Weeding
need
23 Moon-
related
26 Barbie's
companion
27 Pile of chips
30 Press
31 Proof abbr.
32 Suitable
33 Tackle's
teammate
34 Curly-tailed
dog
35 Money of
India
36 "No seats"
37 Be below
par
38 Geological
shifter
45 Cupid's forte
46 Cupola
- 47 Massa-
chusetts
cape
48 Pocket
bread
49 Renders
speechless
50 Early bird?
51 Dither
52 Sail holder
53 Put into
words
- 5 Palate
appendage
6 Performan-
ces for one
7 Wrapped
8 Home
9 Ms. Moore
10 Writer
Kingsley
11 Legend
19 Verve
20 A billion
years
23 Falsehood
24 Grecian
vessel
25 Affirmative
action?
26 Frat party
need
27 "Great
- Expecta-
tions" lad
28 Indivisible
29 Ball-bearing
item
31 Erstwhile
32 At capacity
34 Expert
35 Most mature
36 Juice-box
item
37 Heights
38 Reveille's
opposite
39 Send out
40 De Pablo
of "NCIS"
41 "The Music
Man" venue

DOWN

- 1 "Oh, woe!"
2 Arizona city
3 Nuisance
4 "Das Lied
von der
Erde"
composer

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

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

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|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Cargo | Hospital | Pirate | Tall |
| Clipper | Merchant | Sailing | Treasure |
| Container | Naval | Space | Whaling |
| Ghost | Passenger | Star | |



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