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Holiday Musical Opens At The Community House



The cast of Elf Jr. The Musical at The Community House

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Based on the beloved holiday film, *Elf Jr. The Musical* is a hilarious fish-out-of-water comedy that follows Buddy the Elf in his quest to find his true identity. The play will be staged at The Community House and runs from Thursday, November 30 through Tuesday, December 5.

Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported continued on page 6



BIG ARTS Concert Band

Holiday Concert Next Saturday

n Saturday, December 9, the BIG ARTS Concert Band, under the baton of maestro Mike Lamade, will present its annual Holiday Concert in Schein Hall at BIG ARTS at 7 p.m.

In addition to traditional Christmas and Hanukkah favorities, the band

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will feature the Sanibel Youth Dance Ensemble, performing to *Parade of the Wooden Soldiers*. Vocal solos, an audience sing-along and the annual *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* will provide a variety of enterialment for all ages.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, no charge for students and children. Buy online at www.BIGARTS.org, call 395-0900 or stop by the box office at 900 Dunlop Road.

Art League Juried Show On Exhibit At The Library

The Juried Fall Show of the Sanibel Captiva Art League (SCAL) is now on display at the Sanibel Public Library. The exhibit features paintings by members of the art league.

Under the guidance of SCAL volunteer library exhibits coordinator Rita Tarr McLain, this exhibit was hung by art league members Jim Storer, Judith Clark and Anita Force Marshall.

The show was judged by artist David Ruhe, whose paintings are exhibited at the Sanibel Art & Frame gallery.

"David Ruhe is a very talented painter and we were so pleased to have him judge the show," said McLain.

The first place award went to Rita Skoczen for her colored pencils portrait, *The Pink Robe*. "Rita's is an exquisite portrait that will surprise you with what she can accomplish with colored pencils," said McLain.

Second place was awarded to Michael Moukios for his acrylic, *Taking a 20 Minute Break*. "Michael has painted a street scene that everyone will recognize



The Pink Robe by Rita Skoczen

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from Peter's Backyard, an upscale restaurant in New York," McLain added.
Third place was awarded to Carol Good

for her mixed media, *Almost Showtime*. "Carol's flamingo will catch your attention with its charismatic posture and vibrant color," said McLain.



Taking a 20 Minute Break by Michael Moukios

The exhibit, which will be on display until the end of December, offers a rich variety of mediums. Collage, chalk, pen and



Almost Showtime by Carol Good

ink, pastel are all represented as well as an assortment of acrylic, oil and watercolor. Local landmarks, landscapes, florals, butterflies, birds and portraits provide a varied tapestry of subject matter.

The Sanibel Public Library is located at

The Sanibel Public Library is located at 770 Dunlop Road. For more information about the Sanibel Captiva Art League, visit www.sancapart.com.



Youth Group Fills Shoeboxes For Children Overseas



Andy Sullivan decides what to pack in his Good Samaritan Christmas Shoebox

photo provided

ast week, children in the LOGOS program at Sanibel Community Church participated in a mission project of packing Good Samaritan Christmas Shoeboxes to be shipped to other children around the world. LOGOS meets every Wednesday evening from 3:30 to 6:45 p.m. for children in fifth grade and younger. Contact Kathy Cramer for more information at 472-2684. Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way.



All are welcome to bring their classic cars, trucks or motorcycles

San Cap Motor Club Cruise-In This Saturday

he San Cap Motor Club will be holding a Cruise-in at Periwinkle Place shopping center on Saturday, December 2 from 9 to 11 a.m. Look for the checkered flag. All are welcome and there is no fee for

Periwinkle Place is the place to be the

first Saturday morning of every month through May for any motor enthusiast. There is no better excuse to get that classic out of the garage and show it off.

No pre-registration is necessary. Just show up with your car, truck or bike. A continental breakfast, "special blend" coffee and other refreshments will be provided by the Blue Giraffe Restaurant.

Membership fees for the season are \$50 and include the 2017-18 club T-shirt.

For more information, call Scot Congress at 472-4177. \$\pi\$

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Mastersingers To Present Christmas Concert On Sanibel



The Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers

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ne Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers return to the Sanibel Community Church for a performance of Christmas on Sanibel, this year's version of their iconic seasonal concert on Sunday, December 10 at 6 p.m. There will be a Christmas carol sing-a-long at 5:30 p.m. and a reception in the courtyard following the concert. There is no admission charge. A love offering will be received to benefit Florida Baptist's Children's Home, providing Christmas gifts for children that are in crisis.

This year's concert will feature Christmas classics composed by Francis Poulenc, John Rutter, Randall Thompson and contemporary American composers Gwyneth Walker and Z. Randall Stroope. Brass, percussion, organ and longtime piano accompanist Janet

Carter will accompany the 80-voice chorus.

Singing at the Community Church every year, is one of the highlights of our season," said Mastersingers Artistic Director Jeff Faux. "The audience is always so appreciative, our hosts at the church are so gracious and welcoming, and our singers have such a great time performing in that wonderful space, that it's almost like coming home for the holidays.

The Christmas on Sanibel concert is one of three holiday performances in a busy December for the Mastersingers. The group is also taking part in an Afternoon of Readings and Carols at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Fort Myers at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 3 in a free community concert whose collection will benefit the South Fort Myers Food Pantry. On Sunday, December 17, the Mastersingers will join the Gulf Coast Symphony in their annual Holiday Pops concert, Deck the Halls, at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.

The Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way. For more information on these events and the full Mastersingers season, visit www.



St. Michael's Parish Choir

St. Michael's **Lessons And** Carols Service

t. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church invites residents and visitors to its Advent season Lessons and Carols service on Wednesday, December 6 at 6 p.m. in the church Sanctuary. The half-hour service, originating in England, marks the beginning of the church year. Opening with a bidding prayer to all present, it will include intercessions for the needs of the community and the world. A prescribed sequence of scriptural lessons and familiar carols will follow.

Ellen Sloan, rector of St. Michael's, said, "The service invites believers into the season of preparation for the birth of Christ. When people enter the church for the service, they

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leave behind the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping, with its overly commercialized advertising and merchandising, to reflect on the true significance of our celebration of the Nativity.

For the Lessons and Carols service, the parish choir will present two well-known anthems: Candlelight Carol by John Rutter and Tomorrow will be My Dancing Day.

The choir will also lead the congregation in the singing of the popular Advent carols, Once in Royal David's City and O Little Town of Bethlehem. According to St. Michaels' Minister of Music Hank Glass, these carols and anthems "have remained with us for centuries, because they, as much as anything, get at the heart of the Advent season and its significance."

The service will be followed by a potluck supper in Parish Hall. Diners can share their favorite seasonal recipes at a buffet. Everyone is welcome. Bring your favorite dish to the dinner, and your dinnerware, if you can.

For more information on seasonal activities at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, contact Rector Ellen Sloan at the church, located at 2304 Periwinkle Way, call 472-2173 or visit www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org.☆



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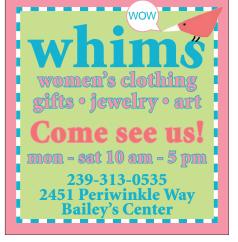
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his week's image is Bellini's restaurant. Bellini's restaurant was opened in 1988 in Captiva, serving fine Italian food until 2001.

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. Call 533-4890 for more information.

Visit the Captiva Island Historical Society website at www. captivaislandhistoricalsociety.org/archives/research to view many more images to





A pair of elves with Buddy

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Holiday Musical

to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human, until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh reality that his father is on the naughty list and that his half-brother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

The Community House theater is a unique space. With the audience on three photo provided

sides, you become a part of the show. You never know when an actor will be entering behind you or even sit right next to you. Every seat in the house offers an exciting experience. Join the cast and laugh out loud as you have a magical night with Buddy the Elf.

Creative Theater Workshop will also have auditions for Aladdin Jr. on Saturday, December 2 at The Community House for youth ages 8 to 12 and 12 to 18. This show will feature workshops in stage combat, special effects, fencing/ sword fighting, singing, dancing and acting. To sign up for an audition time, go to www.CTW.Life.

The Community House is located at 2173 Periwinkle Way.





The Community House



Shell Crafters handmade items make great Christmas gifts

Luminary Holiday Stroll

Stop by The Community House during the Luminary Holiday Stroll Friday, December 1 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. See the floral arrangements and centerpieces made by the Shell Crafters and view their awardwinning shell-decorated wedding cake. Buy some handmade shell crafts. They make perfect Hanukkah and Christmas gifts, and are easy to pack and ship. Refreshments will be served. Parking will be available in the north lot for those who want to walk along Periwinkle Way.

Holiday Musical

Creative Theater Workshop is showing the holiday play *Elf Jr., the Musical,* playing now through December 5. Over 25 talented island children put on a hilarious musical comedy based on the movie *Elf.* Showtimes are: December 2 at 3 and 7 p.m.; December 3 at 2 and 6 p.m.; and December 5 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available online at www.SanibelTickets.com.

Kids Cooking Classes

The next Kids Cooking class with Chef Jarred will be held on Monday, December 4 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Kids Cooking classes are geared toward students 8 years old and up. American Culinary Federation curriculum is followed. The theme for the series is Traveling Around The World. Additional classes will be held on the first Monday of the month: January 1, February 5, March 5, April 2 and May 7 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Class size is limited to a minimum of six and maximum of 16. Cost is \$35 per child per session. Permission slip and payment must be completed in advance.

Colorful Sips

Sissi Janku's Colorful Sips painting class will be held on Wednesday, December 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. No experience is necessary. Students will explore new ways to paint with acrylics. Bring your favorite snack or beverage. Registration can be completed online. Cost is \$55 for members and \$60 for guests.

Hors d'oeuvres At Home

Chef Jarred will share techniques and recipes for impressive hors d'oeuvres. A hands-on class will be held on Thursday, December 7 featuring Shrimp and Chorizo Empanadas, Buffalo Rissoles (stuffed crispy ravioli), Truffled Lobster Vol au vent, and Shrimp, Crayfish and Andouille Pot Stickers.

There will be a demonstration on Sunday, December 10 featuring Fried Tofu Moneybags in Red Curry, Tandoori-spiced

Turkey Kofta and Cilantro Raita, Caprese Tartlets, and Spanakopita Chicken Patties.

Another demonstration will be held on Thursday, December 14 featuring Crispy Polenta with Mushroom Ragout, Chickpea Fritters with Hummus, Sweet Potato and Goat Cheese Samosas, and Spicy Eggplant Beignets.

Hands-on classes are \$75 for members and \$95 for non-members. Demonstrations are \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members. Register online at sanibel-communityhouse.net or call 472-2155. Prepaid reservations must be made 72 hours in advance.

The series is sponsored by The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company.

Beading With Shells

Beading with Shells will be held on Tuesday, December 8 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$35 for members and \$40 for guests. Anita Gober is the instructor.

Potluck Cookie Exchange

A potluck and cookie exchange will be held on Wednesday, December 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. In addition to the regular potluck dinner, attendees who would like to participate in a cookie exchange are asked to bring at least three dozen homemade cookies along with the recipe, if they are willing to share.

Cookies and recipes may be dropped off at The Community House on December 12 or 13 by 6 p.m. along with a completed sign-up sheet. Cookies will be distributed after the potluck.

Community House architect and cookie baker Amy Nowacki will demonstrate a secret family recipe. Kitchen Guild member Clair Beckmann will show several quick and tasty cookie recipes. Samples will be provided.

Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share for at least six people.

Foodies and Yogis

Foodies and Yogis with Dr. Susan Pataky and Chef Jarred Harris will be held on Sunday, December 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. This new series starts with a one-hour themed beginner-friendly yoga session led by certified yoga therapist and lifelong holistic health educator Dr. Susan Pataky. Following the session, Resident Chef Jarred Harris will prepare and serve a delicious and nutritious meal. Each segment features a different healing herb or spice along with information on the applications in the kitchen as well as medicinal uses for the body and mind.

Cost is \$49 per person. To register, call 472-2155 or sign up online at https://sanibelcommunityhouse.net.

Just Desserts

Just Desserts: Simple and Fun Desserts with Chef Jarred Harris will be held on Saturday, December 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn how to make great tasting desserts that are easy to prepare. Cost is \$45 for members and \$55 for nonmembers. Spaces are limited. Register by calling 472-2155 or stop by The Community House.

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





With the help of CFI, CHR staffer Alycia Auchterlonie, Executive Director Melissa Rice and staffer Bonnie McCurry have been busy restoring CHR residences photos provided

Recovery Efforts Hélp Dozens In Need

he Charitable Foundation of the Islands' Irma recovery effort, initiated just days after the hurricane blew over Sanibel and Captiva on September 10, has made dozens of islanders and island workers whole again. Funds totaling \$85,000 were disbursed to three essential island organizations - FISH of SanCap, Community Housing & Resources (CHR) and the City of Sanibel.

We believe that these organizations were in the best position to utilize our support wisely and efficiently, and we weren't disappointed," said CFI Grants Committee Chair Ginny Stringer. "They maximized our funds to help numerous individuals and families in need.

FISH of SanCap used much of its CFI funding, a \$50,000 line of credit, to assist families that had sustained either damage to their homes or loss of work hours. "The money went extremely quickly," said Maggi Feiner, FISH president and CEO, who noted that – thanks to CFI – 55 households were provided food and/or temporary lodging, and in some cases, permanently resettled.

"Among our clients were a single mom and her teenage daughter, who had slept in their car for three days," Feiner added. "CFI's support lifted them up."



FISH President and CEO Maggi Feiner

FISH also used CFI funds to help people get quick access to health care and to keep the FISH pantry fully stocked.

"The islands' small businesses were hit really badly," Feiner said. "We helped them, too, with food, rent payments and mortgages.

The effort has had the double benefit of enhancing awareness of FISH services. "We have gained many new clients since Irma," Feiner said, "and more folks know now about our partnership with the city on hurricane preparedness. Islanders will



The FISH food pantry is stocked from floor to ceiling. It has remained abundant in the months following Hurricane Irma.

know to come to FISH for help as they put plans into place for the next storm.

A total of \$25,000, also available in a CFI line of credit, went to Community Housing & Resources (CHR), with \$10,000 coming off the top for CHR residents who were left unemployed after Irma.

"Rents for 20 households were covered, for two weeks, or even longer," Melissa Rice said. "One of our Riverview units was completely destroyed. Kona Kai took that unit's resident in at a discounted rate, which we paid with CFI funds.

Rice, CHR's executive director, reports that the Riverview unit is not yet restored, owing to insurance challenges and state regulations covering roofing contractors.

"Governor Scott has recently loosened those regulations, making it possible for us to use a general contractor for the project," Rice said. "Once the contractor is in place, we can negotiate his bid with the insurance company and move the project forward.

CHR is back to normal operations and preparing for future weather events.

"We are pruning back vegetation to the extent allowed by city law and fine-tuning our hurricane plan," Rice said. "We know what worked well this time, and what we should do differently. Luckily, we still have our structures. Thanks to CFI, our residents have their lives back.

The Charitable Foundation of the

Islands' third recipient for hurricane relief was the City of Sanibel. A \$10,000 check was disbursed to five city employees whom the city identified as most in need. These employees received \$2,000 each to help offset structural losses in the aftermath of Irma.

Feiner's gratitude to CFI for its support was effusive. "We would never have been able to assist as many as we did or as much as we did without CFI's help," Feiner said. "We worked some minor miracles for islanders who were in desperate circumstances. Hopefully, we won't have to go down this road again soon, but when we do, we will be ready.

The Charitable Foundation of the Islands' partnership with The Sanctuary Golf Club and its Community Golf Challenge – along with its many generous sponsors – helps CFI provide continuing financial support to worthy causes exclusively on Sanibel and Captiva. CFI's primary concerns are basic human needs, arts and education, the environment and unforeseen emergencies. Its mission is to promote philanthropy to help neighbors in need on Sanibel and Captiva, and to strengthen island non-profit organizations, with the expectation of building a spirit of community for generations to come.

For more information on giving through the Charitable Foundation of the Islands, visit www.charitablefoundationoftheislands.

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Dec 7 Performing Arts Series:

All Is Calm at 7:30 p.m. Shell Point invites you to a theatrical concert that tells the story of the Christmas Truce of 1914. The holiday classic, All Is Calm, combines period songs and firsthand accounts of the remarkable moment in history when Allied and German soldiers laid down their arms to celebrate the holiday. Tickets are \$35, or purchase series tickets for a savings of \$15. Visit shellpoint.org/concerts, or call (239) 454-2067. The Village Church Auditorium.



Dec 12 Holiday Pops: A Charlie Brown Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m.

No snow? No problem! Celebrate the holiday spirit of tropical Southwest Florida with the Southwest Florida Symphony, led by Music Director Nir Kabaretti. This festive Christmas concert will highlight songs from the 1965 classic animated series, *Peanuts*, along with traditional Christmas "chestnuts." Enjoy holiday favorites like *White Christmas, Santa Claus Is Coming to Town, Joy to the World*, and many more. To purchase \$35 tickets, visit www.shellpoint.org/concerts, or call (239) 454-2067. The Village Church Auditorium.





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CARD OF THANKS

he Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club thanks the following performers, sponsors and supporters for their generous donations of funds and time provided for the very successful presentation of this year's Sanibel Blues and Jazz Fest, which was held on November 5.

The wonderful performers who made the day include The Elvin Bishop Big Fun Trio, Matt Schofield, The Marty Stokes Band, FGCU Jazz Combo and Johnny Jensen.

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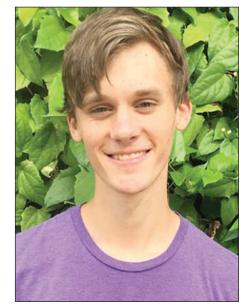
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Proceeds from the donations will be used to further the college scholarships of local students as one part of the outreach of the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club to local youth. The proceeds also will be shared with the Community Housing and Resources of Sanibel and the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society.

Assistant Joins Sanibel Church



Milan Winters

photo provided

anibel Community Church and H2O Student Ministries recently welcomed Milan Winters as the new assistant to youth pastor Kevin Schafer. Winters is currently attending Grand Canyon University online and is pursuing a degree in youth pastoring. He will be working closely with Pastor Kevin, a seasoned youth pastor for 18 years. Winers is excited to learn and gain experience under Pastor Kevin's guidance while serving the youth at H2O.

H2O Student Ministries is a youth ministry program for sixth through 12th grade young men and women. H2O meets on Wednesday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. for middle school students, 6 to 8 p.m. for high school students and on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. to noon in the youth center at Sanibel Community Church. All students on the island and surrounding communities are welcome to attend.

Sanibel Community Church is an evangelical, non-denominational congregation, located at 1740 Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry's Market). 🕸

Free Cones For Local Joes

Toey's Custard will offer free ice cream cones to every Joe namesake – such as Jodie, Jo or Joseph - on Friday, December 8 in honor of owner Joey Almeida's birthday. You don't have to be a Florida resident, but you will need a valid ID in order to get a cone.

'I wanted to celebrate my birthday with all the other Joeys on the island, whether residents or visitors," said Almeida. "We thought a free come would bring a smile to everyone."

Joey's Custard is located in Bailey's Shopping Center, 2467 Periwinkle Way, and is open from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 9 p.m. on Sunday.蓉

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The Reform Congregation of Bat Yam Temple of the Islands meets for Friday night services at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way. Rabbi Stephen Fuchs. President Alan Lessack 579-0296.

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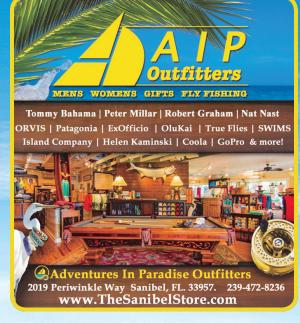
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OBITUARY



BERNARD E. WATERMAN

ernard E. Waterman passed away at his home on Sanibel Island Sunday afternoon, November 12. Edith, his wife of 71 years, and dear

friends were by his side.

Bernie was born in 1921 in Strasburg, Virginia, the son of the late Isabelle Burke and Harry H. Waterman. Bernie grew up in the Shenandoah Valley with his brother Harry and sisters Pat and Millie who have preceded him in death. After graduating from John

Handley High School, Bernie enlisted in the Navy. He served in World War II, two years in the Atlantic and two in the Pacific. While his ship was in dry dock in Mobile, Alabama, a beautiful young lady caught his eye. Bernie never wasted time. He courted Edith and when back at sea wrote her letters daily until the war ended. They married in Mobile on April 24, 1946.

Even though Bernie was offered a promotion as an officer decommissioning ships, he decided he would attend the University of Missouri and received his journalism degree in 1949. Bernie was appointed a John Jewell Scholar. Despite being offered a teaching position, Bernie and Edith moved to Springfield, Illinois where Bernie worked as a sports editor for a major Illinois newspaper, served as news and special events director at an Illinois TV station and was president of the Midwest Sports Network. He also served as sports announcer for the National Network Shows.

Bernie's entrepreneurial spirit was strong and the desire to own his own company drew him to Worcester, Massachusetts. Bernie and Edith purchased radio station WAAB in July 1956 and built WAAB-FM in July 1961. Bernie served as Director of Broadcast Executives Club of Massachusetts. In 1965, they expanded again and purchased KTSA in San Antonio, Texas and then built KTFM, an FM radio station. Nearly a decade later, it was time to expand again. In 1977, Bernie

and Edith purchased WBBH-TV in Fort Myers, Florida. After major renovations and building a new tower in a new location, Bernie and Edith looked for a reason to spend some time in Virginia near Bernie's childhood home. WVIR-TV in Charlottesville became part of the Waterman family in 1986. Bernie had a pioneering spirit and continually liked to break new ground. In 1994, Waterman Broadcasting entered into a time brokerage agreement with Ellis Communications and continues to conduct the day to day operations of

Bernie also developed a passion for medicine and philanthropy. The Watermans have supported groundbreaking medical research at the Mayo Clinic for decades, forming the Bernard and Edith Waterman Center for Cancer Genetics in 2004, providing leadership support for Individualized Medicine in 2014 and as Mayo Clinic Philanthropic Partners in 2017.

Bernie and Edith spent their summers from the 1970s to 2013 in their Osterville home on Cape Cod. They have been Sanibel, Florida residents since the early 1990s.

Funeral services were held on Sanibel November 17 at Sanibel Community Church. Burial took place in Winchester, Virginia.

Arrangements were handled by Harvey Engelhardt Funeral Services in Fort Myers and by Omps Funeral Home in Winchester, Virginia.

Memorial contributions may be

made to the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center in Fort Myers, Florida, Sanibel Community Church in Sanibel, Florida or the Mayo Clinic in Rochester,

American Legion Post 123

n Sunday, December 3. American Legion Post 123 is serving a meatloaf dinner from 1 to 8 p.m. The following Sunday, December 10, barbecued ribs



and chicken are on the menu.

Stop by for some live entertainment during request and sing-a-long night with Dan Smyth every Wednesday from 5 to

On Tuesdays, tacos are served all day. Country fried steak is served all day on Wednesday. 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.

If you have a flag that needs to be retired, drop it off at Post 123, located at Mile Marker 3 on Sanibel-Captiva Road. It is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. The public is welcome. For more information, call 472-9979.⇔







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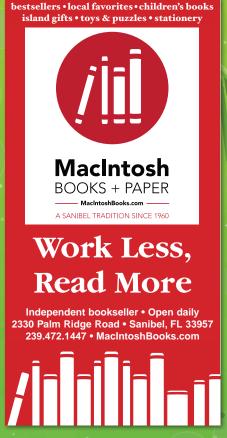
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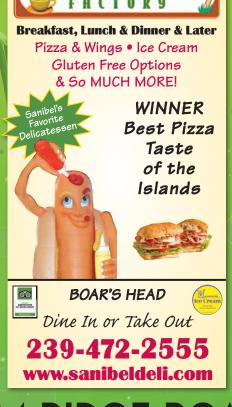
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Spotted Beebalm



Native spotted beebalm has showy lavender or rose bracts and smaller pink- or purple-spotted flowers

photos by Gerri Reaves

by Gerri Reaves

potted beebalm (Monarda punctata) is a native woody perennial of the mint family that grows throughout Florida except in the most extreme southern portion.

This fast-growing, drought-tolerant wildflower has an erect or sprawling form, reaching as high as four feet.

The whorls of white or pale yellow flowers appear late spring to fall,



Spotted beebalm attracts butterflies and other pollinators

blooming on elongated spikes, one flower stacked above another. The flowers have dome-shaped centers ringed by five pink- or purple-spotted petals. Those spots inspire the common name spotted beebalm, as well as another, dotted horsemint.

Below the flower are conspicuous downward-curving pale lavender, rose, or cream-colored bracts on the hairy square stems. As with many plants with prominent bracts, those bracts are often mistaken for the flowers, which are much less noticeable.

The opposite hairy leaves are about

three inches long and lance-like or oval with toothed edges.

The fruit is a very small collection of four nutlets.

Use spotted beebalm as a groundcover or in a mass planting.

Salt tolerance makes it a good choice for coastal or sandy areas.

Plant it in well-drained soil in full sun to light shade. It can survive in nutrientpoor soil, but prefers rich content. It is pest- and disease-resistant.

Spotted beebalm is especially wellsuited for a butterfly, herb, or wildflower garden, for it provides nectar for butterflies and attracts hummingbirds and other pollinators. Propagate it with seeds or cuttings. It sometimes self-sows.

The aromatic leaves, which contain the same oil as do thyme and oregano, are used for seasoning as well as making medicinal tea.

Native Americans used the plant for a variety of medicinal purposes.

Sources: Florida Wild Flowers and Roadside Plants by C. Ritchie Bell and Bryan J. Taylor, Gardening for Florida's Butterflies by Pamela F. Traas, A Gardener's Guide to Florida' Native Plants by Rufino Osorio, Native Florida Plants by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell, and Waterwise: South Florida Landscapes, South Florida Water Management District, Wildflowers of Florida by Jaret C. Daniels and Stan Tekiela, https://floridata.com, www.edis.ifas. ufl.edu, www.fnps.org, and www. regionalconservation.org.

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his season, join the SCCF Native Landscapes & Garden Center for a series of workshops highlighting the beauty, diversity and versatility of native plants. In its inaugural year, the workshops are aimed at introducing novice and experienced plant lovers to unique ways of utilizing native plants and providing for local wildlife. The workshops are hands-on, so be prepared to get creative and dig

The next class in the series will be Holiday Decorations with Native Plants on Tuesday, December 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Holiday plantings

Beautiful seasonal decorations can be creating utilizing what is in your backyard. Participants will be shown a variety of plants that lend a festive touch to your seasonal decorations. All materials to make a wreath or ornament will be provided, but feel free to bring your own favorite wreath or item to decorate.

Registration is \$20. RSVP by calling 472-1932. All workshops take place at the SCCF Native Landscapes & Garden Center at the Bailey Homestead, located at 1300 Periwinkle Way.



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Great Gator Trout Bite Is Happening



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

nook and trout were my target species this week, with my clients having success on both species. Most of the snook we have been catching as usual are running

on the small side of the 28-inch slot, although we did manage a couple of keeper-sized fish this week. Catching lots of undersized snook is always great for anglers of all experience levels, and you just never know when you will hook into that much larger fish that will give you a run for your money.

With water temperatures slowly creeping back up, the better bite has been in the larger deeper creek mouths of Ding Darling and even out on oyster bars in the middle sound. Once you locate these snook, this bite can be wide open while casting live shiners. Minus low tides are my favorite time

to target snook in these deeper creek mouths as they can often stack up in crazy numbers. Look for the best action to come in these creek mouths during the last of the outgoing tide and the first part of the incoming tide. During higher tide periods, it's been hard to beat the bite on oyster bars and potholes around them.

Some of the best big trout fishing of the year has been going on for the past few weeks in the southern sound. . Usually I do very little trout fishing unless I have clients who request it, but for the past few weeks I've been on such a nonstop big trout bite. I've been doing it almost every trip when my clients are looking to take fillets home. Many of the sandholes in the shallow grass flats in the southern end of the sound are loaded with some of the largest trout I catch all year. This same trout bite has played out in these same areas for the past several years with lots of trout over 20 inches coming out of sandholes in less than two feet of water.

Trey McGuire, while visiting his grandfather, caught the big snook of the week on my boat – a 30-inch model. After having a pretty slow start to our day, Trey caught the memorable snook while fishing a deep channel during the first part of the incoming tide. Trey has



Trey McGuire with his 30-inch snook caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

caught lots of snook while fishing with me over the past few years, but this was by far his largest yet and was sure to put a big smile on grandma's face for dinner that night.

Manatee Zones in Pine Island Sound came to a end November 15 allowing faster access to many of the islands and channels that we have just not been able to fish since April. Many of these shallow grass flats in the southern to middle sound offer some excellent big trout fishing and are awesome places

to get out of the wind during the next few months. With our warm water temperatures still, there are still lots of manatees around so keep your eyes open while running these shallow areas. Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing

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

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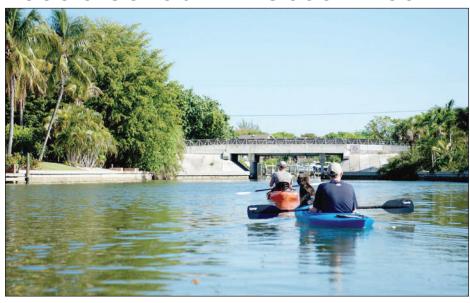
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Paddle Canals With Ocean Tribe



The Ocean Tribe Paddling Club will cruise the Sanibel canals in December photo provided

anibel Sea School's Ocean Tribe addling Club organizes a meet-up each month for paddling enthusiasts to take a group paddle, share tips and ideas, and meet new friends to paddle

The December meet-up will be held on Tuesday, December 12 at 4:45 p.m., and participants will paddle the Sanibel

"We often spot manatees, dolphins and lots of interesting birds in the canals," said Walter Cheatham, Sanibel Sea School's outdoor education coordinator. "The canal waters are calm

and protected, so it will be an easy, laid-back paddle," he added.

Those interested in joining the paddle should bring their own paddling equipment (kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards and other paddle-powered vessels are all welcome).

The group will leave from the Sanibel Boat Ramp, located at 888 Sextant Drive, where paid parking is available for a small fee. This event is free, and a limited number of paddleboards are available for use upon request.

For more information, visit www. sanibelseaschool.org or call 472-8585.☆

Sea School Offers Free Guided Beach Walk



Sanibel Sea School will offer a free guided beach walk on December 9

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n Saturday, December 9, Sanibel Sea School will offer a free community beach walk, led by the organization's team of marine science educators. This casual stroll along the beach provides an opportunity to learn about some of the items that have washed ashore.

"We'll look for mysterious objects, learn a bit of shell biology and look for interesting creatures," said Marine Educator Johnny Rader. "We also love to answer questions, so if there is anything you've been wondering about related to marine biology, please ask."

To attend the walk, meet at Sanibel Sea School's Flagship Campus, located at 455 Periwinkle Way, starting at 9 a.m. The walk will last approximately two hours, but all are welcome to come and go at their leisure.

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Tollin Wentletrap



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

Tollin wentletrap, Epitonium tollini Bartsch, 1938, is one of the less common

among the eight recognized species of local wentletraps. Measuring a tad more than 0.5 inch in size, it differs from the more common Angulate and Humphrey wentletraps by its slender shape, with a more acute *spire angle* (the angle formed by the "sides" of the shell.) The costae ("blades") that comprise the bulk of the shell sculpture line up nicely along successive shell whorls. The operculum ("trapdoor") in this species is translucent golden-brown (see photo) and, as it happens with most local wentletraps, shells of this species are more commonly found on the eastern half of Sanibel, from the Lighthouse to Gulfside City Park beaches. Wentletraps are known to feed on soft corals, and these are known to live in the relatively calmer waters of that part of the island. Learn more about local mollusks at www.shellmuseum.org/shells/ southwest-florida-shells.



The Tollin Wentletrap, *Epitonium tollini*, Sanibel; snail on right was photographed alive photo by José H. Leal

Shell Museum Events

Daily programs included with paid admission include movies, live tank talks as well as arts and crafts. Call 395-2233 for scheduled times.

Beach Walks: Information and registration at www.shellmuseum.org.

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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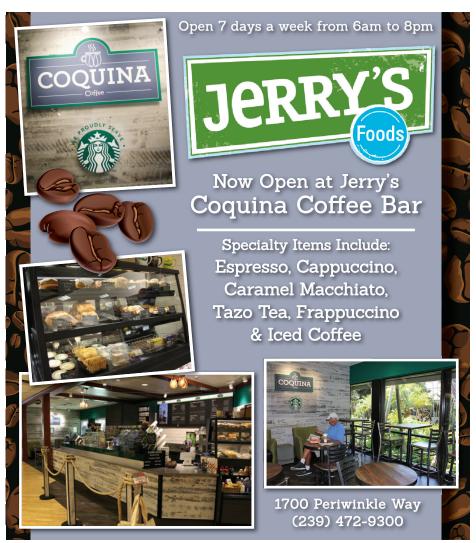


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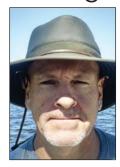
eau Onischuk from Edina,
Minnesota found a junonia on
Thanksgiving morning. Onischuk
said, "We have been coming to the
island for 35-plus years (and now I work
and live here full time) and no one in
my family has ever found one."





CROW Case Of The Week:

Anhinga



by Bob Petcher

he anhinga (Anhinga anhinga) is known as a snake-bird for its swimming habits that involves its body being submerged and only its long head and curved neck sticking out of the water. In fact, its name is derived from Brazilian Tupi language meaning devil bird or snake bird. It tends to swim lower in the water than many other birds due to reduced

buoyancy from wetted plumage and dense bones.

The large water bird dives underwater from the water's surface and swims slowly as it hunts for fish around vegetation. When fish approach, the anhinga will typically use its long pointed bill and a rapid thrust

motion to spear fish through their sides. It will then fling its prey in the air and catch it in its mouth.

If you are boating, paddling or by water's edge, you can spy an anhinga on a rock or bank with its wings spread and feathers fanned open as it dries itself by soaking up sun. You may confuse the anhinga with a cormorant, but the latter has a shorter tail, a shorter and blunter bill and lacks the silvery wing patches of the former. They do look alike when perched, but not in the air. The anhinga is more of a graceful flier, soaring high in the sky while traveling longer distances without flapping its wings.

At CROW, an adult female anhinga was admitted from Sanibel after it walked into the finder's yard looking disoriented. During the intake exam, CROW medical staff noticed the bird had mild incoordination and pododermatitis lesions on its left foot.

"Birds can get pododermatitis also known as 'bumble-foot' for a variety of reasons," said Dr. Robin Bast,

CROW veterinary intern. "In this case, the bird was ill and spending more time perching in one spot on land as opposed to being on a variety of substratest. Some birds with red tide come in with pododermatitis if they have been beached for awhile.

Dr. Bast stated the lesions were cleaned and bandaged "in a way that takes pressure off the foot while the skin heals." Due to the patient's lack of coordination, initial suspicions leaned toward

brevitoxicosis (red tide poisoning). The anhinga was given fluids to aid with mild dehydration. "Brevetoxicosis has not been confirmed in this patient -- it is being treated based on its clinical signs and the fact that we are seeing several other seabird patients from the area that are affected by red tide. In order to confirm brevetoxin levels, a blood test called an ELISA would have to be sent to an outside lab," said Dr. Bast. "Its white blood cell count was elevated on intake, and it was placed on antibiotics in case of infection. The latest recheck of blood work showed that its white blood cell count is coming back down closer to normal limits.

The anhinga's lesions have reportedly improved significantly since being hospitalized on November 18. If it were a more severe case, surgical intervention may be needed, explained Dr. Bast. The patient is still being "assist-fed" to help it gain weight after arriving underweight and initially on a liquid diet.

There is no cure-all for red tide poisoning. If it was detected in the patient, time would be needed for the toxins to clear the bird's system.

'There is no specific antidote for brevetoxicosis; the current standard of care for treatment is fluid therapy, GI protectants, and nutritional support as the body processes the toxins," said Dr. Bast. "Here at CROW, we are currently involved in a clinical research study investigating a novel therapy for treating brevetoxicosis in seabirds.

A few more days of care has seen some positive signs for the anhinga.

'The patient's prognosis remains guarded. Its



Patient #17-3902 remains in a guarded state at CROW photo by Brian Bohlman

neurologic signs have resolved; however, it still has gastrointestinal signs and remains in the ICU," added Dr. Bast. "If it improves over the next few days, then it will be moved to an outdoor enclosure to continue the rehabilitation process.

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





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Sandra McLean

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andra McLean from London, Ontario, Canada found an alphabet cone and a junonia at Blind Pass on Thanksgiving Day. McLean was staying at Seagull Estates.

CROW Calendar Of Events

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

For reservations, contact David Waszmer, Visitor Education Center and gift shop manager at 472-3644 or dwaszmer@crowclinic.org. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. CROW is located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva

Friday, December 1, 11 a.m., adults \$12, ages 4 to 12 \$7, age 3 and under no charge – Why Animals Come to

CROW (daily presentation).
Whether animals are sick, injured or orphaned, CROW aims to lead in their recovery. From fishing line entanglement to abducted babies, this presentation will address the most likely reasons patients are

address the most likely reasons patients admitted to the hospital.

Monday, December 4, 11 a.m., adults \$12, ages 4 to 12 \$7, age 3 and under no charge – CROW Case of the Week (daily presentation).

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. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.

Tuesday, December 5, 11 a.m. to

12:30 p.m., \$25 per person, advance registration required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff (hospital tour).

Wildlife Walks are approximately 1.5 hours: a 45-minute presentation with a 45-minute tour. Not recommended for children under the age of 13. Photography opportunity following the tour with an animal ambassador.

Tuesday, December 5, 11 a.m., adults \$12, ages 4 to 12 \$7, age 3 and under no charge – Patient Profiles: Birds of Prey (daily presentation).

Raptors are birds that prey on other animals in the wild to survive. Their specialized beaks and talons make them some of the most effective hunters. This presentation discusses the unique adaptations of the native and migratory raptors of Florida. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present. Wednesday, December 6, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., \$25 per person, advance registration required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff (hospital tour).

Wildlife Walks are approximately 1.5 hours: a 45-minute presentation with a 45-minute tour. Not recommended for children under the age of 13. Photography opportunity following the tour with an

animal ambassador.

Wednesday, December 6, 11 a.m., adults \$12, ages 4 to 12 \$7, age 3 and under no charge - Wildlife Rescue 101 (daily presentation).

After a patient stabilizes in the hospital, CROW's rehabilitation staff provides them with a combination of balanced diet, husbandry and physical therapy. Supportive care is necessary to ensure success during the final stage in the

rehabilitation process. Ask the staff how they work their magic. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.

Thursday, December 7, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., \$25 per person, advance registration required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff (hospital tour).

Wildlife Walks are approximately 1.5 hours: a 45-minute presentation with a 45-minute tour. Not recommended for children under the age of 13. Photography opportunity following the tour with an animal ambassador.

Thursday, December 7, 11 a.m., adults \$12, ages 4 to 12 \$7, age 3 and under no charge – Patient Profiles: Gopher Tortoises (daily presentation).

The life of a gopher tortoise revolves around its burrow. These tortoises are found digging from southern Georgia to southeast Florida. Because of its contributions to the ecosystem, it is classified as a "keystone species." CROW's presenter explains why they are admitted and how the medical staff treats this species. One of CROW's animal

Calusa Blueway Speaker Series

ee County Parks & Recreation will host its annual four-part Great Calusa Blueway Speaker Series at Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center, beginning on Tuesday, December 5 at

Paddlers from across the region have continued on page 28



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Scouts Visit Yacht Club For A Night Of Kayaking

t was a calm and clear Tuesday night when Boy Scout Troop 1740 assembled under the American flag at Captiva Island Yacht Club to start their weekly meeting. Joining them were

Kayaking Roosevelt Channel on Captiva

the Arrow of Light Scouts from Pack 1740. The mission: a night of kayaking

With the support of the members and staff at the Captiva Island Yacht Club, the boys were able to have a wonderful experience kayaking in Roosevelt Channel. Many thanks to Faith Souders, Lauren Davies and Freddie D'Amelia from Captiva Island Yacht Club, and Scout parent Neil Erickson for his expert instruction in kayaking with the boys.☆



Exploring the back bay waters

Snook Harvest Season Closes December 1

he recreational harvest season for snook closes December 1 in gulf state and federal waters, including Monroe County and Everglades National Park. The season will remain closed through February 28, reopening to harvest March 1. Anglers may continue to catch and release snook during the closed season.

This and other regular season

closures are designed to help conserve the species during vulnerable times such as cold weather. Atlantic state and federal waters, including Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee River, will close December 15 this year through January 31, reopening to harvest February 1.

Visit www.myfwc.com/fishing and click on "Saltwater Fishing," "Recreational Regulations" and "Snook" for more information on snook. Improve data and report your catch on the Snook & Gamefish Foundation's Angler Action iAngler app at www. snookfoundation.org.☆



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Crisp Autumn Salad

- 1 large cucumber, peeled, seeded, and cut into 1/4-inch diced pieces
- 2 large tomatoes, diced
- 2 medium red bell peppers, diced small
- 1 cup red cabbage, finely shredded
- 2 bunches green onions, finely chopped
- 1/3 cup radish, finely diced
- 1 medium half-sour pickle, finely diced, or

- 1/3 cup chopped green olives
- 3 tablespoons olive oil Fresh squeezed juice of 1/3 to 1 lemon, or to taste
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Combine all the vegetables and pickles or olives in a salad bowl. Use enough olive oil to moisten the vegetables and add lemon juice to taste. Season with salt and pepper, then toss.



Crisp Autumn Salad

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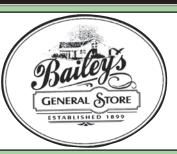
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BIG ARTS Announces Film Series Titles

isnja Gembicki, chair of BIG ARTS film committee, has announced the film titles scheduled for the Monday Night Film Series, which runs from December 4 through January 29.

A visitor to Sanibel since the mid-1980s, Gembicki became a part of the BIG ARTS film committee in 2007. This is her eighth year in a lead role with the committee.

"Films are a window out of which to see other cultures. I loved films from a very early age, especially since I grew up in the closed borders of former Yugoslavia," said Gembicki. "I watched only films with subtitles, and love exposure to different languages.

The film season opened with A United Kingdom on November 13. Playing in December are Land of Mine (2016) on December 4, Paterson (2016) on December 11 and The Wedding Plan (2016) on December 18. Harold and Lillian: A Hollywood Love Story (2015) will play on January 8, Things to Come (2016) on January 15, The Happiest Day in the Life of Oli Maki (2016) on January 22 and Their Finest (2016) on



Visnja Gembicki

photo provided

January 29.

Movies were selected from around the world for the series. Several films are from Europe. South America, Australia, United States, Canada, Iran, Israel and Africa are also represented in the series.

Film selection begins as Gembicki and her husband, Stanley, attend or follow film festivals such as Telluride, Toronto, Chicago Film Festival and several others abroad. She reads film reviews daily and

ends up with a narrowed list of 50 to 70 titles

After consulting with committee members Di Saggau, Stan Gembicki and Judy Adler, the film list is paired down and submitted to BIG ARTS Programs Coordinator Lauren Huff, who confirms which titles are available for distribution. The final list is then matched with a volunteer moderator - all of which is

organized by committee members Don and Stefanie Irwin.

Additional film committee members are Maddy Mayor, JR Pascall and Barbara Ruben. However, all of them play key advisory roles in the various aspects of the film program.

For Monday Night Film Series tickets, visit www.BIGARTS.org/film or call 395-0900. ⇔

BIG ARTS Corner

Workshops And Seminars

IG ARTS offers the following workshops and seminars. Preregistration is recommended. For a complete listing of educational classes, workshops and lectures, visit www.bigarts.org or call the Marks Box Office at 395-0900.

Glass Fusing with Petra Kaiser, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., December 6 through 20.

An Invitation to Photographic Storytelling with Harvey Schipper, Friday, 9 a.m. to noon, December 8 through 22.

Creating with Polymer Clay with Martha Grattan, Tuesday, 6 to 9 p.m., December 12 and 19.

Adult Tap with Bobby Logue, Tuesday, 12:20 to 2 p.m., December 12 and 19.

Great Books Discussion Group with Julie Hopson, Tuesday, 10 to 11:30 a.m., January 2 through March 27.

Glass Fusing with Petra Kaiser, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., January 3 through 24.

Collage with Bea Pappas, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., January 3 through

Decorative Painting Open Studio with Sally Parsons, Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon, January 3 through 28.

Watercolor Secrets Revealed (some painting experience needed) with Tom Lynch, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 9

a.m. to 4 p.m., January 5 through 7.

Call 395-0900 or stop by the BIG

ARTS Center at 900 Dunlop Road to enroll. Preregistration is recommended. For complete course descriptions and the full season's workshops and class schedules, visit www.bigarts.org/workshops, or emailinfo@bigarts.org.\\





Begins New Membership Drive

he United States Power Squadrons is changing its name to America's Boating Club. Founded in 1912, the Unites States Power Squadrons is the nation's largest nonprofit organization devoted to boating safety, education, public service and boating-oriented social activities. Nationwide, there are approximately 35,000 members. The local Sanibel-Captiva affiliate has about 250 members. The new name will be phased in over time.

Pat Schmidt, the Sanibel-Captiva commander, explained the reasons for changing the name at a recent meeting of club members.

The new name does a much better job of communicating what our organization is all about. We are really a club, a place where friends gather to make new friends, learn more about boating and enjoy boating-related social activities," said Schmidt. Our members come from all types of boating backgrounds. Some of us have been boating for years and are experts who know there's always more to learn and more boating friends to enjoy. Other members may be new to the Sanibel-Captiva area and may want to learn the specifics of boating safely in our local waters. And there are others who may have very little or even no boating experience. They have joined to make new friends and start exploring the

basics of boating.

"Many of our members do not even own boats - they just want to enjoy boating-oriented friendships. We think America's Boating Club says it all - friendship, boating fun, education, safety and public service," she added. "With the new name, we believe the public will much better understand the benefits and experiences they can expect by joining us."

Plans and events for the new season were also reviewed. The America's Boating Course will be taught three times, all at the Captiva Island Yacht Club. The first session for 2018 will be taught in two classes, on January 17 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and on January 27 from 10 to 4:30 p.m. This class is the basic introduction to boating and is taught with a focus on boating safely and confidently in the local waters surrounding Sanibel, Captiva and Fort Myers. Students who take the class qualify for a Florida Safe Boating ID card, which is now required for all persons born after January 1, 1988 to operate boats in Florida waterways. Many insurance companies offer premium discounts to class graduates.

The class is open to the public and anyone interested should contact Jay Brown at jaywbrown1@icloud.com. The cost is \$45, including the class textbook.

Plans were also revealed to offer the seamanship and marine navigation courses during the coming season. Seamanship covers all aspects of proper boat handling while marine navigation teaches the basic principles

of navigation. Both classes meet weekly over a period of several weeks and use United States Power Squadrons textbooks. Several two-hour seminars covering specific boating topics also will be offered.

Anyone interested in possible registration for these educational opportunities should contact Bob Orr at robert.orr1663@comcast.net.

A full slate of social activities and boating events is planned for the coming season. As always, there will be monthly dinner meetings beginning with a cocktail hour followed by a buffet dinner. After dinner, there is normally an outside speaker who updates the group on current topics of interest, both boating and non-boating related. The annual holiday party and the tradition of causeway potluck dinners will

For the potluck dinners, members gather at the tiki hut on the Sanibel Causeway to share food prepared by all. There will be several cruise and rendevous (C&R) events throughout the season. These are social outings to waterfront destinations that can be reached by boat or car. Members who do not have boats can usually "hitch a ride" on a member's boat or drive to the destination by car.

The season's first sunset educational cruise is planned for December 13, leaving the Punta Rassa-area Port Comfort dock at 4 p.m. This is a twohour narrated dusk to nightfall cruise of the local waters around the mouth of the river and Sanibel Causeway. This area can be difficult to navigate due to

shallow water and many converging waterways. The cruise is designed to increase boater understanding of the area. It is also a beautiful cruising ground with many sights to see. The cruise is open to the public at a cost of \$20. Anyone interested should contact Gloria Smith at 400-2492.

The local SERATS program (Sanibel Emergency Response Assistance Team), founded and led by Jim Strothers, continues to gain national recognition for its outstanding efforts to aid naval distress operations. Free vessel safety checks for the boating public and the cooperative charting program are other ongoing community service efforts.

After Commander Schmidt reviewed all the upcoming club activities and programs, she reiterated the importance of the name change to recruiting new

'We have a wonderful organization that offers so much to our community,' said Schmidt. "If you look at all we have planned for the coming season, we really are here for everyone and that's exactly what our new name - America's Boating Club - says so very well."

Anyone who is interested is learning more about the United States Power Squadrons - now America's Boating Club – can visit the national website at www.usps.org or the local Sanibel-Captiva website at www.usps. org/localusps/sancap. Inquiries about local Sanibel-Captiva membership also can be made by calling 985-9472. A current edition of the monthly newsletter can be seen online at www. sanibelcaptivasps.org.☆







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Beach Piez New York style pizza offers carry out and delivery on Sanibel and Captiva. Hours are Monday through Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 4 to 9 p.m. With fresh ingredients, mouthwatering mozzarella, provolone cheese "secret recipe" dough, homemade pizza sauce and family recipe meatballs, Beach Piez will deliver the best pizza the island has to offer. 472-3224

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CIP'S PLACE

Cip's Place is named for the late Jimmy Cipriani, a longtime islander and owner of the property on which the restaurant sits. In Jimmy's memory, Cip's styles itself as a local watering hole. A large mural shows many islanders through the ages – including "Cip" – and if you don't recognize them all, ask to see the "key." Food choices range from "comfort" to culinary with some Caribbean and island favorites as well. Try the homemade potato chips, fried buttermilk chicken with sage gravy and snapper tacos. Choose between the outdoor garden patio and front porch. Indoor seating and full bar are also available. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily, with happy hour from 4 to 6 p.m. 472-0223

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Featured monthly events include Trivia Night, Karaoke and Themed Dinner Nights. There is a Friday a la carte dinner menu with featured selections each week, such as steak and seafood.

Take in the sunset views while sipping on your favorite drink. Happy hour is every day from 3 to 6 p.m. Enjoy with the famous crab bisque as a starter. 949 Sand Castle Road, 472-3355

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Gramma Dot's, the only dockside dining on Sanibel, offers a lunch and dinner menu seven days a week from "Sanibel's only seaside saloon" where you can dine at the Sanibel Marina in view of luxury yachts and fishing boats and watch the comings and goings of seagoing folk and fishermen. The menu features a full line of fresh seafood, salads, sandwiches and more. Appropriate dress is required. If you're arriving by boat, check in with dockmaster for a lunch slip, monitor VHF 16. You can tie up for a night or two at the available dockage if you wish. Gramma Dot's is open daily at 11:15 a.m. For dinner, arrive before 8 p.m. 472-8138

IL CIELO

Il Cielo offers creative American cuisine and internationally inspired specials in an upscale casual atmosphere. From locally caught fish, American lamb and grass-finished beef to farm-fresh organic produce, there is a thoughtfully prepared dish on the menu for everyone. Il Cielo is open Tuesday through Sunday from 4:30 to 9 p.m. Happy hour is from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and features signature small plates, appetizers and half-priced house wines, domestic beers and well drinks.

There is live piano music by Scott McDonald Tuesday through Sunday nights beginning at 7 p.m. 472-5555

The Island Cow is a family favorite with its colorful indoor and outdoor seating and live entertainment. "Come as our guests... leave as our friends!" is the motto. The Cow serves breakfast, lunch and dinner featuring fresh local seafood and meats and has an extensive children's menu. Starbucks coffee is also on the menu. Now serving full liquor island cocktails! Breakfast is served between 7 and 11 a.m. Hours are 7 a.m. to 9-ish p.m. 472-0606

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Island Pizza is named so because it does pizza right. The dough is made daily and the ingredients include fresh produce from local vendors. That is why the "family-owned" restaurant has been voted "the best pizza on the island" from 2009 to 2016. Known as quaint and colorful, Island Pizza has more than 9 years of experience while specializing in home-cooked Italian cuisine. Besides pizza and classic Italian entrees, Island Pizza has a large selection of appetizers and salads as well as wings, calzones and seven choices for kids. Boar's Head deli meats are also served on subs.

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The eateries are a part of the boutique hotel on the edge of the Gulf of Mexico at the corner of Donax Street and Middle Gulf Drive. www.sanibelbeachresort.com.

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The Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market and the adjoining Sanibel Grill are mainstays of the island dining scene, boasting 35 years of fresh fish on Sanibel Island. The restaurant offers 13 dinners for \$15 daily before 5:30 p.m. plus a large selection of local seafood, such as grilled shrimp, fried grouper, oysters, clams and crab cakes. Besides specializing in fresh local seafood, the restaurant has a seafood market that opens at 11 a.m. (except Sunday, when it's open at 2 p.m.) Restaurant is open seven days from 5 to 9 p.m. 472-3128

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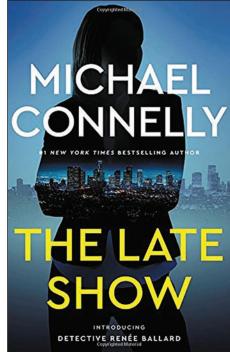


by Di Saggau

The other day my brother asked me what authors I like. I replied "Do you have an hour?" There are so many good authors and today I'm talking about one, Michael Connelly. I met

him in 2002 at a book fair in Sarasota promoting *Chasing The Dime*. He is known for his Harry Bosch and Mickey Haller series. His novel *The Late Show* features a fascinating new lead character, Renee Ballard, a fierce young detective fighting to prove herself on the LAPD's toughest beat. She is stuck working a terrible shift because she filed a couple of sexual harassment charges against her former boss.

Aside from being angry with her old partner because he didn't have her back, Renee and her new partner, Jenkins, have been told to turn everything they discover over to the day shift crew. Renee rebels and goes forward pursuing both of her new cases. The first involves a transexual woman who was found nearly beaten to death, and the second involves a mass shooting at a club called The Dancers that killed five victims, including a young waitress who appears to be



collateral damage.

Renee finds more reasons to dispute this claim but her superiors don't believe her. She doesn't exactly have a home. She often pitches a tent at the beach, changing clothes in her van, and hitting the waves on her paddleboard to forget what has happened the night before. Only in the water does she find peace. Her best friends are her beloved dog, Lola, and a grandmother she rarely sees.

By the end of the book the reader

gets to the bottom of every aspect of all the crimes. Renee is smart, strong and capable and a terrific new lead character. She deserves a series all her own, and it's pretty obvious that's what Connelly has in mind. The Washington

Post says, "Propulsive as a jolt of adrenaline and featuring a bold and defiant new heroine, The Late Show is yet more proof that Michael Connelly is "a master of the genre." I anxiously await the next Renee Ballard novel.

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Shelley, Our daughter is a senior in high school, and we are in the middle of the admissions application process. She has

some mental health issues, and we are not sure if how we should look at colleges. What are some things we need to consider?

Tammy K., Fort Myers

Tammy,

Because mental illnesses can fall under the Americans with Disabilities Act, campus disability services professionals may be your most helpful source of information when considering a college or preparing to send your child to a school.

The designated person who coordinates the college's compliance may have a variety of different titles, such as the section 504 coordinator, ADA coordinator, or disability services coordinator. When talking with these professionals, you don't need to disclose any personal information. That will be your daughter's choice as this process evolves. Here are some key questions to ask:

- What types of academic and social support structures are in place for students with disabilities, such as tutoring, academic and peer advising, education coaching, student activities and career services?
- Under what circumstances will the college notify a parent regarding a child's mental health?
- What happens when a parent contacts the college with concerns regarding a child?
 - What is the school's medical leave

of absence and re-entry policy?

• What is the code of conduct, including under-age (and not under-age) alcohol and other drug use policies?

• What is the policy on self-harm and other high-risk behaviors?

If your child was previously aided by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for high school students, familiarize yourself with the differences for college students. If your child does not disclose, the college has no obligation to suggest accommodations.

In accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, almost all colleges and universities, must legally provide your child with reasonable accommodations (such as being allowed more time to take a test, or to record lectures), if your child has a mental illness that meets certain criteria under the law.

Make sure to explore these measures in advance, as what a college or university determines as reasonable may vary greatly. Here's a great resource for you, Advising High School Students with Disabilities on Postsecondary Options. This resource contains answers to counselors' most frequently asked questions about postsecondary opportunities for students with disabilities. Students and their families are encouraged to use the toolkit to help guide their transition planning for college and career. It has been vetted by the U.S. Department of Education. Find it at www.heath.gwu.edu/

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Calusa Blueway

embraced the educational series, and the program has grown in popularity year after year. The speakers offer a diverse portfolio of expertise including history, wildlife, paddling technique, fishing and camping.

On December 5, Dan Carns will

On December 5, Dan Carns will share kayak fishing knowledge to begin the series. Carns is a professional kayak fishing guide with years of experience fishing the waters of the Calusa Blueway. He will bring his own equipment and demonstrate how to set up different types of kayaks for fishing, equipment choices, tides, times, seasons, locations and fish species.

"Dan's fishing programs are our most requested talk, so we thought it would be a great idea to have him start the speaker series this season," Calusa Blueway Coordinator Mike Hammond said. "His programs are always informative, fun and interactive."

Each event in the series will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the center. Besides Carns, Warren Richey will present Racing Twelve Hundred Miles Around Florida by Sea Kayak on January 9; Parke Lewis will present Paddling with the Calusa on February 6; and Tommy Thompson will present Paddling Cuba on March 6.

Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center is located at 16760 Bass Road in Fort Myers. For more information, contact Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center at 432-2154. Trail information is at www.calusablueway.com or www.leeparks.org/blueway.*



The Community House The Florida Cranberry





by Resident Chef Jarred Harris

he Florida cranberry, also known as Thai roselle, Jamaican sorrel, sour leaf and Indian sorrel, is a member of the hibiscus family and grown in tropical climates around the world. The plant originated in West Africa and is widely cultivated throughout Africa, India, Southeast Asia and the West Indies. Extracts of this plant are used around the world for therapeutic purposes.

The leaves of the Florida cranberry are shaped like green maple leaves and taste like "spicy spinach" when cooked. In fact, the whole plant is edible. The flowers of this plant are cream-colored with a cranberry colored center and are a delicious addition to salads.

The base of the flower is called the calyx and after the flower falls off, the calyx grows into a large cranberry-colored seed pod "Florida cranberry." These pods

can be split open to reveal a seed ball. The seeds can be eaten raw, cooked or

The outer shell of the calyx can be dried and used to make tea. The dried calyx can be found in health food stores and Asian markets. The tea contains high levels of antioxidants and is used to treat colds and lower blood pressure.

The roots of the plant can be dried and used as a thickener for sauces or cooked whole and eaten as a starch.

I enjoy making a syrup out of the whole calyx. Here is a simple recipe to try:

Florida Cranberry Syrup

2 cups dried Florida cranberry calyx

2-inch piece of fresh ginger (minced)

1 orange (quartered) 2 cinnamon sticks

4 cups water

2 cups unrefined sugar

Method

Place all ingredients in a large saucepan and bring it to a boil.

Reduce the heat and simmer until the liquid has reduced by half.

Remove from the heat and strain into a container.

Refrigerate until cool.

Serve over ice (1-part syrup to 2-parts club soda or lemon-lime flavored soft

Add a shot of rum for a Christmas cocktail.

Resident Chef Jarred Harris heads the Culinary Education Center at The Community House on Sanibel. For volunteer opportunities or questions, contact him at kitchen@ sanibelcommunityhouse.net or call 472-2155.☆

Art Under The Stars Coming **Next Thursday**

Three of Sanibel's finest art venues will stage Art Under The Stars on Thursday, December 7 from 5 to 9 p.m. This will be the fourth event in the series and is co-hosted by Tower Gallery, Suncatchers' Dream and Hirdie Girdie Gallery, three businesses all within a short star-lit stroll of each

Participating artists will be displaying new fine art, fresh out of the studio, and have included many smaller items to make holiday gift-giving easy.

Meet the artists at all three shops and see the beautiful new work by some of Southwest Florida's most creative painters, jewelry designers, potters, photographers, printmakers and sculptors.

Refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded.

Tower Gallery is located at 751 Tarpon Bay Road, Suncatchers' Dream is located at 630 Tarpon Bay Road in Olde Sanibel Shoppes and Hirdie-Girdie Gallery is located at 2490 Library Way.

For more information, contact event chairperson Marianne Ravenna at groovybowl@gmail.com, Tower Gallery at 472-4557 or sales@towergallery.

LIVE ON THE **ISLANDS**

Il Cielo has live entertainment with Scott McDonald on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Island Cow on Periwinkle Way has live entertainment on Friday with Dan Confrey. Peter Redpath plays on Saturday. On Sunday, it's Dan Confrey.

Sea Breeze Café at Sundial Beach Resort & Spa has live island style entertainment on Mondays.

Traders Gulf Coast Grill & Gifts has live entertainment on Tuesday and Thursday with the Danny Morgan Band. Chris Workman plays on Wednesday.

Traditions on the Beach at Island Inn has live entertainment on Friday and Sunday with Woody Brubaker. Dusk performs on Saturday. Woody Brubaker returns on Wednesday.

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





The Veterans Day gathering aboard the Lady Chadwick

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Catholic Women Host Veterans Day Sunset Cruise

anibel Catholic Women came together for a Veterans Day sunset cruise and fundraiser aboard the Lady Chadwick. More than 100 passengers sampled food throughout

the evening as they sailed along the coast of neighbor islands and watched a spectacular sunset. A total of \$800 was raised for Hurricane Relief for Guadalupe Social Services in Immokalee. 以

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

REUNION 10-19-04

by Tanya Hochschild

Here we are, a lifetime away from meeting in a shrunken school.

Memories ripe enough to pick tumble through forty years, land in spaces between things altered on our bodies.

Again the dawdle and giggle of girls Sharing lovelust memories of Miss Thornton-Thomas,

Didi, Sexy, Biffy, Noo-Noo, and Heebie-Jeebie

our pony-tailed heads huddled together, tortured about who is a virgin, who has

We slept like lozenges, woke effervescent in the morning.

Now, in the safe anchorage of the dorm.

the five of us (as we always did) drift to the window.

The pink ribbon tied between our beds in an adolescent ceremony, links us

Sexy, once a sketch of a girl answers now to Carolyn. (It is rumored she had an affair with Norman Mailer.) She lies arm flung back womanly breasts where buds began.

Didi - Christine - sits on the end of a hed.

watches us, as always saying nothing. Captain of Tennis; remember the swank of her serve?

Biffy, first in Math, her wiry hair now straightened.

Private gym instructors, surgeons, an annual trip to an ashram in India her salon-tanned body is AMAZING -ly orange!

The women overflow the hard, thin

Half of them are their younger selves. They sleep, voices repeat Madame's "je suis, tu es, il est, elle est, nous sommes, vous etes'

Noo-Noo shouts out in her sleep, "All for One!

pierces other dreams; Heebie Jeebie responds "And one for All!"
They curl, unfurl, sleep like the girls they will always be

until the last bell rings.

Tanya Hochschild is member of a Sanibel Writers Group, has participated in Artpoems and Writer's Reads on the



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Part of the Frederic Sage collection

Holiday Showcase By Famed Designers

ily & Co. Jewelers is hosting a Holiday Showcase featuring a trio of famed designers: Frederic Sage, December 13 and 14; Lecil Henderson, December 18 and 19; and Gurhan, December 21 and 22.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for exclusive access to three famed designers, each creating designs touched by their part of the world," said Dan Schuyler, co-owner of Lily & Co. "We invite everyone to meet Lecil Henderson, an Italian designer who will be making his first visit to the island."

Lecil Henderson, of the Henderson Collection and LUCA by Lecil, credits Frank Lloyd Wright's design sense and his mother's common sense for his comfortable, stylish lines. He has built collections that move and flow with a woman's form and created a trademark with various shades of gold including brown, black and blue.

Frederic Sage is not your typical jewelry designer. He earned a degree in the sciences, but continued his education by studying art history and textile design at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. Today, Frederic Sage pieces carry a fresh, unique look created from his eye for color and design.

Whether it is wrought solely in gold or just kissed with it, Turkish designer

photo provided

Gurhan studied techniques used by ancient goldsmiths to craft unmistakable designs from this unique material. He continues to defy the boundaries of traditional design, and developed a proprietary way of setting diamonds. More than two decades after his discovery of pure gold, Gurhan has become a leader in the fine jewelry world.

There will be plenty of parking and the Lily & Co. elves will be on hand to wrap gifts free of charge. Dana Claus will also be in the store to help make the perfect choice.

For more information, call 472-2888. Lily & Co. Jewelers is located at 520 Tarpon Bay Road.☆

Top Ten Books On The Island

- Shellanguage by Pam Rambo
- 2. My Husband's Wife by Jane Corry
- 3. The Alice Network by Kate Quinn Manhattan Beach by Jennifer
- Egan
- 5. Dame and the Sanibel Sunset Detective by Ron Base
- 6. Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly
- Midnight Line by Lee Child
- 8. Sanibel Flats by Randy Wayne White
- 9. Grant by Ron Chernow
- 10. Come Home by Patricia Gussin Courtesy of MacIntosh Books and Paper.₩



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BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series Land Of Mine

he BIG ARTS

by Di Saggau



Monday Night Movie for December 1 is Land of Mine, a Danish film that focuses on an untold story about World War II. At the end of the war, young German prisoners were sent to the Danish coast to clear more than two million land mines. Locating and defusing the buried bombs was often deadly work. The film follows one squad of terrified soldiers who have barely grown out of childhood, and a Danish officer who, against his wishes, becomes their protector. He later sees the endeavor as brutal revenge.

The film is shot with a pallet of mossy greens and grey-blues, and the use of sound, or lack of it, is quite powerful. One wonders how such a monstrous endeavor can be going on in such a beautiful place. Writer-director Martin Zandvliet introduces a moral argument as the spiritual costs of postwar hatred and retribution become personal. Sending boys to do men's work is an ethical dilemma. Even the Danish officer questions man's inhumanity to man. In spite of all this, Land of Mine is a handsome and fascinating film. It runs 110 minutes. Moderator is Nancy Carlile.



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

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There will be a 100th anniversary celebration and lecture on January 31 chronicling the history of the Blind Pass Bridge, which connects Captiva to Sanibel

photo by Jeff Lysiak

Historical Society Season Schedule

by Jeff Lysiak

elebrating the unforgettable island restaurants that are remembered as iconic destinations, premiering a documentary that celebrates the surprising story of Buck Key, and recognizing

the 100-year history of the bridge that connects our islands are a part of a busy 2017-18 schedule of events announced last week by the Captiva Island Historical Society (CIHS).

This season, six events have been included as part of the Captiva Island Historical Society's annual series of educational and entertaining group gatherings, which are held throughout the island and welcome for all to attend.

"A first this season is a collaborative event with the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village," a press release from CIHS proclaimed. "For one night, our two organizations join together to celebrate the rich history of Blind Pass, the place where our two islands overlap."

To kick off this year's schedule, a panel of speakers will host Serving Up Memories of Captiva's Old-Time Eateries on Tuesday, January 9 at the Captiva Civic Center, located at 11550 Chapin Lane.

"Captiva has a storied history of memorable destination restaurants. Remember the Greenhouse, Bellini's, Timmy's Nook, the Village Café?" a CIHS brochure reads, in part. "Listen, as owners, operators and staff of some of Captiva's restaurants share tales and continued on page 4B

Seventh Graders Study City Government



Mayor Kevin Ruane, left, welcoming the students and their teachers to MacKenzie Hall photos by Jeff Lysiak

by Jeff Lysiak

uring their annual visit to MacKenzie Hall, seventh graders from The Sanibel School met members of the city council and various department leaders who shared their knowledge of local government, laws and city infrastructure during Student Government Day.

Mayor Kevin Ruane, Vice Mayor Mick Denham and Councilman Chauncey Goss met with the local youth contingent on November 20 at Sanibel City



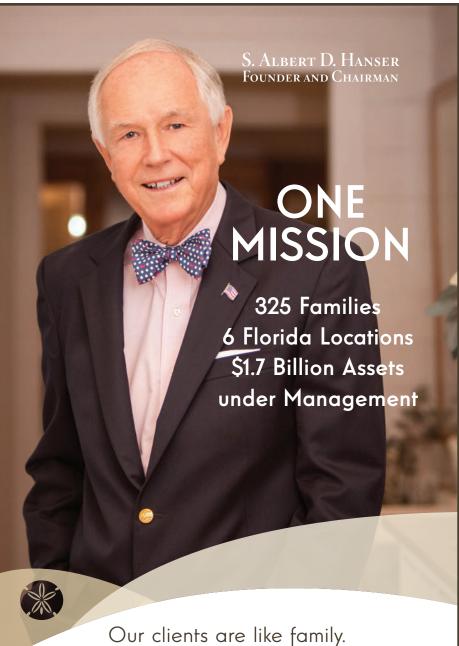
From left, seventh graders Milena Weigel, Grant Kaminer, Bailey Drobnyk and Gabby McKinney discuss an issue presented during Student Government Day at Sanibel City Hall. At right is Vice Mayor Mick Denham.

Hall, sharing their knowledge and experience in elections, creating legislation and serving the community.

"It's an honor to have the opportunity to do this," Ruane told the group. "I came here right before Hurricane Charley, and to see this community pull

together after the storm was amazing to me."

Not long after Charley struck, Ruane's interest in serving his fellow citizens on the island began. He was appointed to an interim city council term in 2007. He continued on page 6B



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Simply Boutique in Periwinkle Place shopping center

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Simply Boutique Hosts Chamber After Hours

anibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce members spent time networking and sampling treats during the November After Hours hosted by Simply Boutique, located in Periwinkle Place shopping center. Timbers Restaurant served crab cake balls, jumbo shrimp and salmon to approximately 50 guests, who

were also able to shop with a 20 percent evening discount.

'Simply Boutique was a wonderful host and we wish them all the best in their newly expanded and renovated space,' said Chamber President John Lai.

Simply specializes in effortless clothing

and accessories for every day.

A Chamber After Hours gathering
will not be held in December, but will
resume January 22, hosted the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW). Reservations are required and can be made by calling 472-1966. Car pooling is

FISH Of SanCap Top-Rated Nonprofit

submitted by GreatNonprofits. Award based on Outstanding Online Reviews

■SH of SanCap has been named a 2017 Top-Rated Nonprofit by GreatNonprofits, the leading provider of user reviews of charities and nonprofits.

FISH of SanCap is a nonprofit, with more than 200 volunteers, assisting Sanibel and Captiva islanders and visitors with a wide range of services. For 35 years, FISH has been a "neighbors helping neighbors" organization offering a wide range of human services including emergency financial assistance, food pantry, non-emergency transportation, temporary loan of health equipment, hurricane preparedness information and daily meals by FISH.

"We are honored to be named a 2017 Top-Rated Nonprofit," said Nicole McHale, FISH board chair. "This is our second year being named, and we couldn't be more excited. We are proud of our accomplishments this year, including our response to Hurricane Irma relief, where the need was enormous and unexpected. We applaud and congratulate our two graduates through our adult education program and several children for achieving honor roll for the very first time through The Sanibel School After School Program, with which we assist.

The Top-Rated Nonprofit Award is based on the rating and number of reviews that FISH of SanCap received from volunteers, donors and aid recipients. One client wrote, "After hurricane Irma hit, we

found ourselves in a situation we had never been in in many ways. We had always been on the 'giving' end of charities, never on the 'receiving' end and never dreamed we would be. Being a small, relatively new tour service, we have worked very hard and our business, while not booming, was growing. When Irma hit, all of the tours we had booked either had to be cancelled or were cancelled by our clients. Not only were we refunding deposits, but we lost the rest the money we would have made at the conclusion of their tour. We were told about FISH and how they may be able to assist with food, financially and resources. It's hard to know how to say thank you, because words seem so insufficient. Thank you to all of the workers and volunteers who truly do make a difference in people's

"FISH of SanCap is a great example of a nonprofit making a real difference in their community," said Perla Ni, CEO of GreatNonprofits, "Their award is well-deserved recognition not only of their work, but the tremendous support they receive, as shown by the many outstanding reviews they have received from people who have direct experience working with FISH of SanCap."

GreatNonprofits is the leading website where people share stories about their personal experiences on more than 1.2 million charities and nonprofits. The GreatNonprofits Top-Rated Awards are the only awards for nonprofits determined by those who have direct experience with the charities – as donors, volunteers and recipients of aid.

The complete list of 2017 Top Rated Nonprofits can be found at http:// greatnonprofits.org/awards/browse/ Campaign:Year2017/Issue:All/Page:1

To learn more about FISH of SanCap, visit www.fishofsancap.org.☆

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JUST LISTED - ON UNDISCOVERED WEST END

Family of original owner on Dinkins Bayou rarely uses this quaint split-plan 2 bedroom 2 bath, each with screened porch overlooking this wide waterway. Central great room also has expansive bayou view. Minor roof & railing damage from Irma have been repaired. Docks could use some TLC. Lots of possibilities here. Use "as is", update/remodel, or build your new dream home. Locations like this rarely come on the market often. Sanibel's west end has the charm of Captiva, with Sanibel privacy. Midway down the sandy Harbour Lane cul-de-sac, easy stroll or bike to beach too. \$749,000



LOT FOR SINGLE-FAMILY HOME

On Gumbo Limbo back circle. Aptly called Peaceful Drive. ~'170' x 155'. Backs northwest to preserved land. A home here should often have a sunny backyard for pool/garden & sunset views. Convenient to bay & gulf beaches, shopping, bike path, & easy on-off island. \$249,000



CAPTAINS WALK #B2

East-end 1st floor 1 bedroom. Formerly used as a vacation retreat & annual rental. Partly furnished including updated appliances, brand-new HVAC system, new windows, & remodeled bath with walk-in shower. Canal-access with canoe/kayak racks. \$274,000



NEAR-BEACH CONDO

Deeded beach access across the street, Spanish Cay is enjoyed by many for its riverside location, residential 2-week rental minimum, waterside docks, & heated pool. #A7 is 2nd floor 1 bedroom. It could easily continue as an investment or become a residence. \$299,000



GULF VIEW AT POINTE SANTO

In center tier 3rd floor overlooking tropical lagoon to beach. Huge water views & years of rental income. Decorated in whimsical beachy décor. Offered turn-key with future bookings also to convey. Resort-like complex with clubhouse. pool, tennis, & more. \$589,000



EARNING \$60K/YEAR

Loggerhead Cay #264 just received its annual spruce-up by long-time investor owners who have mastered the art of vacation rentals. Top-floor gulf-view 2 bedroom with remodeled kitchen. To be sold with future bookings (several long-term). An easy transition. \$598,300



BAY-FACING BEAUTY

Remodeled & currently a winter residence at Mariner Pointe, #1061 is 1st floor with amazing water views, 1-of-a-kind kitchen, updated baths, new porcelain tile floors, cottage-style charm, & many custom built-ins. It could make a great weekly rental too. \$599,900



INVESTOR'S DREAM, THIS VIEW

Small 40-unit group of Cottage Colony West condos occupy west end of Casa Ybel Resort. #119 is beach-facing 1st floor up with private stairs from porch to beach. Full access to resort amenities through on-site rental program. Grosses ~\$100K/yr. \$674,000



SAND POINTE #122

2nd floor 2 bedroom with remodeled open kitchen, updated baths, recent balcony restoration (complex wide), & years of successful rental income. Fully equipped & ready to sell with -\$20K in bookings for 2018. Make this your vacation retreat & enjoy some income too. \$699,000



BRING BOAT TO ANCHOR DRIVE

From the outside it looks like a modest 60's ground-level home, inside it has all new systems including plumbing, electric, & HVAC. Windows & doors replaced, plus custom kitchen & baths, & limestone floors. ~29' screened lanai & dock. \$999,000 furnished



SEAGULL ESTATES

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Bank To Co-Sponsor Holiday Show

ank of the Islands will be rejoining Congress Jewelers as co-sponsor of A Christmas Carol at BIG ARTS Strauss Theater. The time-honored production will run from December 7 to 29. Tickets for children and students are \$5 and adult seating is \$45. Visit www.bigarts. org to find performance times and purchase tickets.

BIG ARTS is thrilled to welcome back our long-time supporters at Bank of the Islands. Their generosity in co-sponsoring A Christmas Carol is helping to make this a terrific holiday show for children of all ages," said **BIG ARTS Strauss Theater Artistic** Director Bobby Logue.

A Christmas Carol, the delightful Dickens' classic as told through the eyes of young Tiny Tim, features musical selections of ancient carols and traditional folk tunes.

We can't think of a better way to



From left, Cathy Chern and Willy Ocasio of Bank of the Islands and BIG ARTS Strauss Theater Artistic Director Bobby Logue

help usher in the holiday season on Sanibel," said Willy Ocasio, Bank of the Islands assistant vice president and Sanibel-Captiva office manager. "We are honored to be joining Congress Jewelers as co-sponsors for this production."

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Historical Society

behind-the-kitchen-door memories of the characters and escapades that shaped our island's colorful restaurant life of the '60s through the '90s."

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with complimentary beverages and a cash bar, followed by the program from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Seating is limited and is

first come, first served.

CIHS Night at the Movies will take place on Tuesday, January 16 in the Wakefield Room at 'Tween Waters Inn, located at 15951 Captiva Drive. A double screening of two island documentaries - South Seas: Captiva's Enduring Paradise and A New Film of Old Stories - will begin at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. and seating is first come, first served. Complimentary refreshments and "movie snacks" will be provided. A cash bar will also be offered.

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the first Blind Pass Bridge, CIHS and the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village will join together to chronicle the rich history of the place where our two islands overlap. On Wednesday, January 31, a program will be held in the ballroom at South Seas Island Resort starting at 5:30 p.m. with complimentary refreshments and a cash

'Long ago, the islands of Sanibel and Captiva were one. Over time, temperamental weather and tumultuous Gulf surf changed that, separating the two islands," reads a CIHS brochure, which noted that construction of the first Blind Pass Bridge was completed in 1918. "The connection between Captiva and Sanibel – the people, the events and the shifting sands that comprise Blind Pass and the Santiva community – is a strong and enduring

The multi-media program will reveal many thought-provoking facts. Why are the condominiums at Bowman's Beach on Sanibel called "The Blind Pass Condos?" What was the "Shovel Brigade," and what was its role in the ever-changing navigation of Blind Pass?

South Seas Island Resort is located at 5400 Plantation Road. Reservations are required and seating is limited. To RSVP, call 472-2323 or email mail@ captivaislandhistoricalsociety.org.

Test your knowledge of local history during a playful gathering at the Captiva Civic Center on Tuesday, February 20. The Captiva History Game Show will share many fun and interesting facts about the island's past, the diverse people who lived here and the incredible things that happened on Captiva. The best historians may even win some prizes.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with complimentary beverages and a cash bar, followed by the program from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Seating is limited and is first come, first served. To reserve your seats, call 472-2323 or send an email to mail@captivaislandhistoricalsociety.org.

On Tuesday, March 13, author and naturalist Denege Patterson will talk



Author Denege Patterson, will appear at an Island Voices lecture on March 13

photo by Jeff Lysiak

about the history of Pine Island Sound. Her program will focus on Captiva Island and Buck Key.

"Pine Island Sound is only about 6,000 years old," Patterson said during the 2017 Earth Day cruise, explaining that this area was once a vast pine forest. "It took 5,000 to 6,000 years after the last Ice Age for the ice to melt and fill the Gulf of Mexico.'

Following a major hurricane in 1921, Redfish Pass was formed, dividing Captiva and what is now called North/Upper Captiva. Patterson also called the area "the richest and most biologically diverse environment in the

Patterson's Island Voices lecture will begin at 5:30 p.m. with complimentary beverages and a cash bar, followed by the program from 6 to 7:30 p.m. A book signing will take place after the lecture, with proceeds benefitting the Randell Research Center in Pineland. Seating is limited and is first come, first served.

Finally, CIHS will offer the debut screening of Captiva Memories #7: Buck Key – An Island of History and Mystery on Wednesday, April 4.

'While many may think of Buck Key as it is today, an uninhabited mangrove island, it may be hard to believe that Buck Key's settlement preceded that of Captiva," the CIHS brochure reads, in part. "Before there was a settlement on Captiva, there was a community established on Buck Key, including a school and plantations.'

The film will be screened at South Seas Island Resort ballroom starting at 5:30 p.m. with complimentary refreshments and a cash bar, followed by the program at 6 p.m. Reservations are required and seating is limited. To RSVP, call 472-2323 or email mail@ captivaislandhistoricalsociety.org.

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Government

was subsequently elected to the council that same year, and has served ever since, including being appointed mayor every year since 2010.

"I think that it's important to get involved, step up and do this for your community," Ruane added

Denham talked about the role of the city council, how its members oversee the city's finances and establishing and enforcing laws within the city, while Goss discussed the history of Sanibel before it became an independent city in 1974.

"We are all volunteers... we do this because we love our community," said Goss, whose father, Porter Goss, was Sanibel's first mayor.

Following the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Ruane, the group investigated how local governments can impact the quality of life of its citizens, and the importance of public participation in local, state and federal issues.



Councilman Chauncey Goss and Mayor Kevin Ruane photos by Jeff Lysiak

Denham discussed how Sanibel introduced – and subsequently enacted – local laws relating to outdoor dining and reducing fertilizer applications, along with regulating compliance of the dark skies ordinance.

"The way to get things done is to talk to us and go through the process," said Denham, who shared the story of how one island resident – Doris Hardy – came to the city council to request something be done to help protect Sanibel's population of eastern screech owls. Hardy went to the city's Natural Resource Department before making her request to place a number of warning signs for vehicles driving along Sanibel-Captiva Road, which were approved and installed in 2015.

"The most rewarding thing for me is when somebody comes up to you, looks you in the eye, and thanks you for the work you've done," added Ruane.

Later, several students were appointed to serve on the mock city council, as city manager, city clerk, city attorney and as advocates for and against an issue important to islanders. As in years past, the group debated whether or not to allow a fast food restaurant on Sanibel.

Student Government Day also looked into how citizens can become elected to the city council. Later, seventh graders dispersed into a number of smaller groups to visit various departments throughout city hall before having lunch provided by Bailey's General Store.



Students Lilly Doster and Luca Corricelli discussed the pros and cons of allowing a fast food restaurant on Sanibel as Vice Mayor Mick Denham looks on



Zonta members show their support to stop violence against women

Public Invited To Take A Stand Against Violence

he Zonta clubs of Lee County invite the public to stand with them as they say no to violence against women on Tuesday, December 5 at The Lee County Justice Complex Center, located at 2000 Main Street in downtown Fort Myers.

Members of the Fort Myers, Sanibel/

Captiva, Cape Coral and Bonita clubs will begin gathering at the center at 7:30 a.m. prior to marching to the Old Lee County Courthouse at 2120 Main Street, where county commissioners will be issuing a proclamation at 9:40 a.m. in support of ending violence against women. The public can join the event at anytime and are asked to wear orange, the signature color of the Zonta Says No campaign.

The event is in honor of Zonta International's Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women campaign, an annual

photo provided

effort to combat violence against women and educate the public on ways to help. The Lee County clubs are among 1,200 worldwide participating in the campaign that seeks to raise awareness and increase actions to end the abuse of women and

Begun in 2012, the campaign is part of Zonta's 16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence, which commences each year from November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to December

10, Human Rights Day. The events also highlight Zonta International's ongoing efforts to end violence against women and girls through the Zonta International Strategies to End Violence against Women (ZISVAW) program and through Zonta's partnerships with the United Nations and

For more information or to RSVP, email Dalia Jakubauskas at daliajakubauskas@gmail.com. To learn more about Zonta, visit www.zontasancap.

Orchid Society Holiday Luncheon

he Sanibel Captiva Orchid Society will hold its annual Holiday Luncheon at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club on Monday, December 11. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. and the luncheon is at noon. Jim Roberts of Florida Suncoast Orchids in Myakka City will speak at the luncheon and bring orchids for sale and raffle.

Be sure to indicate your luncheon entree selection when making your reservation. This year's entree choice will be Teriyaki Salmon or Grilled Chicken Breast with rice and vegetables. Salad with choice of dressing, roll, beverage, dessert, tax and gratuity are included in the member price of \$25. Guests will be \$30. Reservations with checks must be made by December 7. Yearly dues must be current to receive the member price.

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Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

anibel-Captiva Rotarians hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and know that many of us have so many things to be

thankful for and are ever mindful of just how very fortunate we have been in life. Being part of Rotary gives us the opportunity to give back and serve others in meaningful ways, supporting projects that concentrate on real problems.

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary is thankful for is our members; each one bringing to our club a unique personal and professional dossier, rounding out the club's knowledge for constructive thinking on Rotary's six areas of focus: promote peace; fight disease; provide clean water, sanitatio, and hygiene; save mothers and children; support education; and grow local economies.

About once a month now, a segment of our club meeting is devoted to learning about members' experiences and highlights during their professional career. Two of ourr more recent Rotary classification talks came from Roger Grogman (marketing and logistics) and John Danner (clergy).

Grogman's professional experience includes 7-Eleven corporate, Conagra, Sam's Club, McLane Company and Berkshire Hathaway... oh my! Forty years of experience. His career in marketing and logistics started right after receiving his MBA from the University of Texas and into the corporate office of 7-Eleven. A company from humble beginnings in 1927 as milk, bread, eggs, ice-dock location to Tote'm convenience stores and then in the 1950s to 7-Eleven open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week.

Grogman's concentration was on product development/marketing and the most efficient and effective way to place a product into the hands of the customer, get new customers, identify the average buy of customers and increase transaction size. He talked about the introduction of new products to the convenience stores; stopping by for milk or bread, why not an ice cold fountain drink or maybe a hot cup of coffee? Large cups hold more, why not a 32-ounce Big Gulp? How about a fresh made sandwich? Market research told the company customers were ready for these things and lots more. This played out very well for 7-Eleven and Grogman. Companies are ever growing, and the key is to differentiate yourself and push for the best. Repeat customers drive business and drive new

When Grogman was with Conagra, a health-conscious public was on the rise and a health-conscious food group leader went all out with research and development of Healthy Choice products. When the American Heart

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Association endorsed Healthy Choice, the brand took off.

Sam's Club and Walmart (we all know what's happening here), but distribution of goods was a challenge due to logistics. How do you get the product from the source to sell quickly and efficiently while being cost-effective? The number of stores were expanding quickly and distribution needs were different for each location. To save time and money came the development of a three-compartment truck which held fresh, refrigerated and frozen food products for delivery. The pay off for the company; stock replenished faster, products sold put money in the bank before bills came

Grogman had so much more to say but column space is limited and we had one more speaker; John Danner, senior pastor at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ.

Unfortunately for Danner, we also didn't have as much time as necessary for his presentation. Ordained in 1980, Danner has degrees from Bradford College, the University of Maine, Bangor Theological Seminary and Boston University. After receiving his Doctor of Divinity, Danner was ready to teach church history and divinity studies at college level. Although that was his intended career path, Danner's path led him elsewhere to take his first position as a church pastor in Gloversville, New York and continues today, 40 years later, as senior pastor of the Sanibel Congregational United Church of

He was smitten from the very beginning, falling in love with his church families; four churches in 40 years. He loves the interaction and personal connections with his congregates, guiding their spiritual wellbeing, helping them in their time

of need and celebrating with them in happy times. As a senior pastor, he is a bit of a generalist at the church; sermons, lectures, spiritual advisor, hospital visits, budgets, building care, meetings, meetings and more meetings. Every day is different and brings with it its own challenges and rewards. Danner likes to put focus on interfaith connections, bringing together religious leaders of all faiths to provide a fundamental understanding of each other and an understanding of how different faiths usually hold the same values at the core.

Danner highlighted one of his most vivid and trying times as a pastor of a church. Only one day on the job, September 10, 2001, at the Saugatuck Congregational Church in Westport, Connecticut. Westport is a bedroomcommuter community of New York

September 11, 2001, attack on America, World Trade Center, New York, Pentagon, Washington DC, plane highjacked over Pennsylvania. Westport residents were impacted, Saugatuck congregates were impacted. TV reporters and newspapers wanted statements from community leaders. As the pastor now of a prominent church in Westport, he was asked to join a group of community leaders trying to provide comfort, care and sympathy to Westport residents from all over America and the globe. Particularly hard for Danner was performing funeral services for three members of the Westport community, recognizing this overwhelming tragedy and celebrating the lives of those lost that day. He will never forget this experience.

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets Friday mornings at 7 a.m. at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club. Guests are welcome.☆



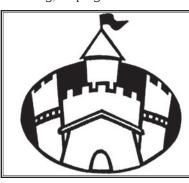


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Trust Company Partners With Historical Society

he Sanibel Captiva Trust Company has been a longstanding partner of the Captiva Island Historical Society (CIHS) through its support of seasonal programming. This year, the trust company has again committed to supporting the 2018 season of programs, in particular, the

organization's popular speaker series. "We are proud to sponsor seasonal programming at the Captiva Island Historical Society," said The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company Founder and Chairman Al Hanser. "CIHS is best known for sharing the history of Captiva through unique events that educate, enlighten and entertain. We are also very pleased to have the trust company's Executive Vice President Robin Cook serving on the current board of directors.

Founded in 2011, the Captiva Island Historical Society strives to preserve historical collections, pursue new acquisitions, capture oral/video histories, and provide programs, exhibits, film documentaries, historical archives, with the goal of keeping Captiva history in our island's future.

CIHS was an outgrowth of the pioneering and well-received oral history work done as part of the Captiva History Project, founded



From left, Sanibel Captiva Trust Company President Richard Pyle, Captiva Island Historical Society Board Chair Tom Libonate and Robin Cook and Frances Steger, Sanibel Captiva

in 2010 by Stella Farwell. In 2013, CIHS was granted space in the newly renovated Captiva Civic Center, to recognize and remember Captiva's unique, diverse history. Through generous donations, the History Gallery was completed in April 2014.

'Sanibel Captiva Trust Company continues to be a very generous partner to CIHS," said Tom Libonate, board chair. "We are grateful for their support that defrays the cost of program

production and allows us to not charge admission."

For more information on CIHS calendar of events, visit www. captivaislandhistoricalsociety.org/

Holiday Schedule For Post Offices

ost offices nationwide will be closed on Christmas Eve. Sunday. December 24 and New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31. Post offices will be open regular operating hours on Tuesday, December 26 and January 2.

Blue collection boxes are not serviced on Sundays and that will be the case on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve this year. Regular collections will be made on December 23 and December 30.

The Christmas Day and New Year's Day federal holidays will be observed on December 25 and January 1 respectively. Post offices will be closed on those days and only Priority Mail Express packages will be delivered. All post offices will be open and regular mail delivery will resume on December 26 and January 2.

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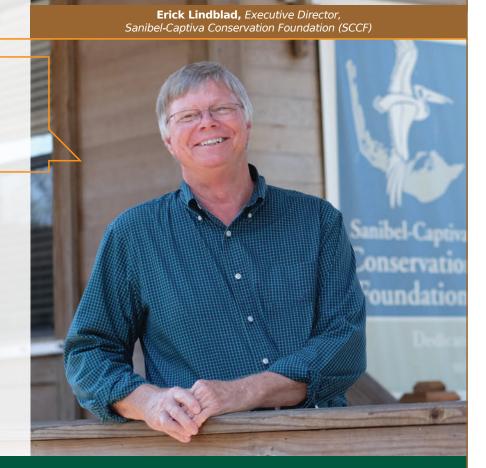
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Joey Almeida with his niece, Giana Zanolli, and mother, Debi Almeida

Joey's Custard Offers Bulk And Retro Candy

Toey's Custard is now offering bulk and retro candy. The family-owned business plans to offer sweet treats such as root beer barrels, crème caramels, el bubble, candy buttons, black cows and candy cigarettes.

Joey Almeida, a Lee County native, attended The Sanibel School and

graduated from Bishop Verot Catholic High School. He is a veteran of the United States Army and has worked in several area restaurants.

Almeida jumped at the opportunity to open a business in the community he grew up in, and runs the daily operations.

"I am excited to work and live in such a unique community," said Almeida. "We look forward to to seeing the reaction to our candy line from both residents and island visitors.

Debi Almeida, Joey's mother, works behind the scenes doing

administrative tasks for the business. She has volunteered in several local organizations and was past president of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club. She has a background in business at nonprofits and financial companies.

"We are pleased to offer hard to find candies and ones that remind people of yesteryear," said Debi. "Our assortment of candies and selections to choose from will continue to grow as our customers let us know their favorites."

Joey's Custard, located in Bailey's Shopping Center at 2467 Periwinkle Way, is open from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Duplicate Bridge

uplicate Bridge (sanctioned) begins Tuesday, December 5 and continues on the following Tuesdays, December 12 and December 19. Play begins at 12:30 p.m. sharp so please check in by 12:15 p.m. Cost is \$10 per player.

All levels of players are welcome. If you need a partner, call Susan Willoughby at 281-3258 or come to The Community House a little early to see if a partner is

available.

In 2018, sanctioned bridge will be played on both Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning at 12:30 p.m.🌣

Superior Interiors

Doing It Right The First Time



by Jeanie Tinch

Tt's sad but true cutting corners by deciding not to work with a professional interior decorator can often cost you more time and money in the long run. Today, more and more

homeowners are enlisting the services of interior decorator and designers.

Because custom designs are so popular, professional decorators know how to work with your budget, your lifestyle and your design vision in mind.

If you are considering using a decorator, there are some basic guidelines you should follow before your project actually begins:

Take a tour of your home with the decorator so you both can determine the size of the project.

Discuss your family's lifestyle with

your decorator. How do you want your house to feel? How do you entertain? Do you have kids and pets in your household?

It's wise to set a realistic timetable for completion, especially with a large

Establish your decorating priorities. Which rooms are the most important for you to complete?

Determining a budget and sharing it with your decorator is essential. If you have never decorated before, or have not done so in many years, they can easily give you guidelines to help you determine a budget. This will enable your decorator to find the custom products that best suit your needs.

Finally, let your decorator know at the beginning of your project if you have certain items that you want to keep and work around or have any other special requests.

Considering these basic guidelines will allow your decorator to work with you to design a project with your wishes, your lifestyle and your budget in mind, saving you from costly errors and resulting in a room you and your family will enjoy for years to come.

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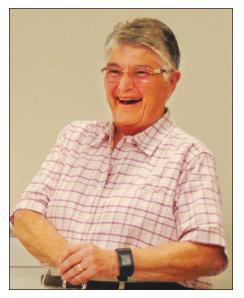
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Lively Discussion A Staple At Current Events

by Jeff Lysiak

iscussion. Debate. Thoughtprovoking conversation. All three are integral components of the weekly Current Events social group, organized by the Sanibel Public Library in cooperation with the Sanibel Community Association and held at The Community

During last Wednesday morning's



Moderator Peter Pappas making a point

90-minute meeting, two dozen participants voiced their thoughts on a vast array of subjects that have been in the news lately, from President Donald Trump's trip to Asia, to the power of social media, to German Chancellor Angela Merkel's role in the balance of power throughout Europe and around the world.

"Arguable? A year ago, the title 'Leader of the Free World' passed from the President of the United States to the Chancellor of Germany," asked Peter Pappas, moderator of the November 22 discussion.

"Yes, that's arguable," responded several of the locals in attendance. And for the next 10 minutes, one by one, a



A group of more than two dozen islanders attended last week's Current Events social group at The Community House, hosted by the Sanibel Public Library

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number of people offered their opinions of the political "hot potato" issue.

The great advantage of a democracy is that it has a tendency to self-renew," said one participant.

'Àngela Merkel probably has had 12 glorious years (in office), but it's time for her to go," added another.

As each person spoke, sharing their thoughts on the matter, others in the group listened carefully. And whether they nodded in agreement or shook their heads in opposition, every person showed respect for each other's opinions, evidence of this long-time group's successful run on the island.

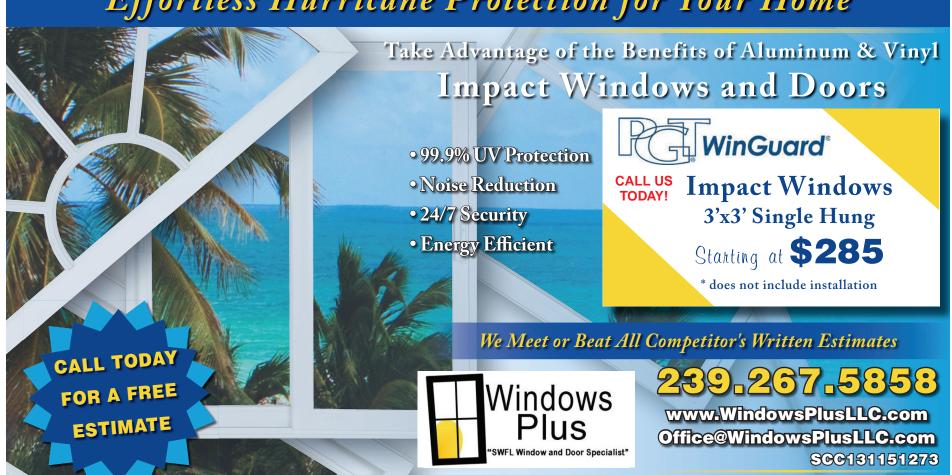
"People are fed up with the current structures of government. They're tired of being ruled by corrupt and elite leaders,' one person said during a debate on the ongoing Brexit controversy. "In this

country, just look at what's happening in the media.

Pappas kept the discussion moving along from topic to topic, touching on President Trump's verbal battles with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, the string of recent sexual assault allegations that have come to light across Hollywood power players and among several American politicians, and the current state of the Democratic Party. The group did not linger on any of the subjects too long, allowing a number of varied opinions to be aired without prejudice, mockery or ridicule.

The Sanibel Public Library Current Events sessions are held at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way, every Wednesday at 10 a.m. For more information, call 472-2483 or visit www.sanlib.org.☆

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Rings In Peanut Butter And Buried Treasures



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

hildren of a recently deceased client learned an expensive lesson not too long ago after their mother's passing. To prepare mother's residence for sale, her adult children spent the better part of a day throwing freezer-burned food in the dumpster and cleaning out perishables from the pantry. It was late in the day when a granddaughter decided to make herself a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

"Oh my God!" she exclaimed. "There's a diamond ring here in the peanut butter!" Obviously this was not at all like the surprise that one finds in a box of Cracker Jacks at the ballgame.

Apparently, the dearly departed decided to fool potential burglars by hiding expensive jewelry inside of foodstuffs and containers. At this point in the day, several industrial size garbage bags had been thrown into the complex's dumpster bin. The children had no choice but to climb into the dumpster to retrieve the trash, go through all of the old flour bags (complete with hatching insects), plastic bags of frozen perishables and a host of jars and other items to search for valuable keepsakes.

It's my understanding they found several other items (care for a gold bracelet in a bag of frozen peas anyone?). But they also wondered how many were missed.

I would hope that most people choose not to hide valuables within real food packaging, but I've also seen online retailers offer containers for valuables that look like insect repellant, window cleaner and the like with the idea that you can place your jewelry (or even cash) inside of what appears to be an everyday household item, going completely unnoticed by thieves.

It isn't therefore unreasonable to assume that those same household items might be considered valueless junk to be disposed of following your death by unknowing relatives. It was lucky in my client's case that the granddaughter got hungry and decided to make a snack or else all of those valuables would have been lost.

Which brings to my mind another true account about a man that ran a largely cash business. This was not a client of mine, but was of another family member so I take his word on the veracity of this account. This particular business owner did not deposit all of the day's cash proceeds into a bank account for reasons one can only conjecture. Instead, he buried it in and around his home.

Whenever he would have a carpenter, painter, plumber or other serviceman work in

his house, his wife would sit in the room with the individual to make sure that no stash was uncovered and stolen. They had so much cash around the house that he said he forgot where it all was. Some of it was buried in the backyard.

When a sinkhole opened up in a neighbor's backyard one evening, he panicked. He spent the better part of the next day and deep into that night digging up his cash in order to save it in case the sinkhole spread.

In so doing he suffered a heart attack.

The good news was that he survived the heart attack. The obvious bad news is that he had a real "cash flow" problem that had to be addressed.

I instructed my family member that if this individual ever died and the house went up for sale to buy it no matter the price! This was an asset that could very well "pay for itself!"

So, if you're engaging in similar clever activities such as hiding valuables in perishables or in what appear to be everyday household containers, or should you act like Blackbeard burying hidden treasures in the yard, at least leave a map behind for those that follow you.

And a bottle of rum.

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Reserve Now For Democratic Club Holiday Party

The Democratic Club of the Islands will celebrate the holidays with a party on Friday, December 15 at the Blue Coyote Supper Club, located at Par View Drive. Members and friends will gather at 5:30 p.m. for cocktail hour and a reception with cash bar. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The three-course plated dinner will include the following choices: Coyote Pork Chop with Panko Rosemary Crusted Potato; Grilled Fillet of Beef Tenderloin with Seasonal Vegetables; Fresh Catch of the Day with Vegetable Couscous; Vegetarian Selection on request. Dessert

choices are Apple Crisp or Key Lime Pie.

Attendees are asked to download Holiday Party Reservation forms by going to www.islanddems.org and clicking on the link for DCI Upcoming Events. Include all attendees' names with their entrée choices clearly indicated. Your check for \$55 per person including tax and gratuity payable to DCI, in addition to reservation forms, should be mailed to DCI, P.O. Box 898, Sanibel, FL 33957 and must be received by December 9.

This is an evening open to all Democrats, Progressive thinkers and friends, and anyone wishing to become more involved in Democratic issues. The restaurant has limited seating, so anyone planning to attend needs to respond promptly. For more information, email demclubislands@gmail.com or call 994-3175.**

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Community Bank Supports CHR Mardi Gras

The community leaders at Sanibel Captiva Community Bank stepped up again to support Community Housing & Resources (CHR) for its preeminent fundraising party of 2018 – Mardi Gras. CHR is excited to once again host Sanibel Captiva Community Bank at the party of the season, requesting that people offer the bank thanks for their

As the premier sponsor, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank is also competing for the swim team championship title against other top sponsors. Each year since the inception of CHR's Mardis Gras, the highest tier sponsors have also raced against each other to win the title of Cajun Swim King. A trophy also graces the

offices of the winning team along with bragging rights.

'Sanibel Captiva Community Bank is proud to sponsor the 6th annual CHR Mardi Gras," said Mona Strasser, vice president and office manager. "Our island needs affordable homes now more than ever.

CHR would also like to invite interested businesses and individuals to join Sanibel Captiva Community Bank in their support of the 2018 Mardi Gras fundraiser. This year's event promises to be the party of 2018. Guests and sponsors can expect to "roll down the river" on the new riverboat experience at The Community House on the evening of February 10. The revelry will reach new heights with the addition of games of chance. Craps, blackjack and roulette are only a few of the new activities to be featured at CHR's Mardi Gras 2018. There are still sponsorship opportunities available. Visit www. sanibelchr.org or call 472-1189 for more information.₩

Fracking Opposed During Mock Spill

epresentative Heather Fitzenhagen (R-78) was joined by water advocacy Lorganizations and dozens of Lee County residents recently to support a statewide ban on fracking. The large group enacted a mock oil rig spill in front of the Old Lee County Courthouse to highlight the threat that fracking would pose to Lee County's drinking water and tourism economy.

Although oil drilling has occurred on the borders of Collier, Lee and Hendry counties, experts fear that Florida is heading towards allowing the more intensive and dangerous forms of fracking that have contaminated water around the country.

Former Fort Myers Beach Vice Mayor Dan Andre, co-owner of the Mango Street Inn, also supported the fracking ban. Fort Myers Beach is one of 90 communities around the state that has passed a resolution supporting a statewide ban.

Advocates called on area officials, including Representatives Matt Caldwell, Dane Eagle and Senators Lizbeth Benacquisto and Denise Grimsley to support bills to ban fracking (SB 462 and HB 237) in the 2018 state legislative session.

"(Some) 6,600 spills have occurred over 10 years in four states that have allowed fracking," said Michelle Allen, Florida organizer of Food & Water Watch. "The Fort Myers metro area already knows just how damaging and costly murky water discharges can be to our residents and businesses. Representative Caldwell and Senator Benacquisto should say 'enough,' let's not take any more chances with unconventional fracking in the Sunshine State.'

Four municipalities in Lee County – Fort Myers Beach, Bonita Springs, Cape Coral and Estero - have resolutions banning fracking. A loophole in Florida law, however, allows the oil industry to turn conventional oil drilling permits into the more water-intensive and chemical-heavy fracking wells with little oversight or public notice. Advocates believe this new form of drilling should be banned altogether.

Fracking is not a viable option for Florida, not with such great costs to the environment and our natural resources,' said Ruth Scott, Sierra Club Calusa group chair. "Now that we have the technology for cheap, sustainable, clean solar energy as a primary source of energy in Florida, why would you want to continue to decimate the environment for dirty 19th century fossil fuel? When you know better, you should do better."☆

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Volunteers at work in the courtyard

Casa Mariposa Beautification Project Complete

The courtyard to the rear of Casa Mariposa, the CHR residence on Periwinkle Way, has a fresh and inviting new look, thanks to Lowe's Heroes, a national program promoting community service, and the hard work of about 20 volunteers on a recent sunny Saturday.

"Hurricane Irma brought down tree limbs in the courtyard and lots of debris," said Melissa Rice, executive director for CHR (Community Housing & Resources). "After we organized a clean-up by volunteers, we realized the site could use a facelift."

Enter Lowe's, which has partnered with CHR on other occasions. Through the national initiative Lowe's Heroes, the Fort Myers store at Gladiolus and U.S. 41 generously provided several pallets of bagged mulch and fresh shells, plus red-shirted volunteers. "We do this a couple of times a year," said store manager Leonard Kinzel, who participated. "We

photos provided

choose an organization where we can have a relationship that positively impacts a lot of people. We like to support CHR and Sanibel's small-town atmosphere.

Lowe's Heroes began more than 10 years ago, and stores are encouraged to join in: last year store participation nationally reached 100 percent, according to human resources manager Katie Gossie, a volunteer with the team. Lowe's staff also partnered with CHR for this year's July 4th parade float, the 2016 and 2017 - and the upcoming 2018 - Mardi Gras fundraisers, and with special pricing on appliances and building supplies.

Built in 2000, Casa Mariposa is a 12-unit residence, part of Sanibel's affordable-living initiative. It is dedicated to those aged 62 and over, and is home to former Sanibel residents and workers, many of whom served the community for

The tree-shaded courtyard, filled with native plants and stretching the entire length of the building, is overlooked by a screened gazebo and all the apartments. Volunteers on beautification day included CHR staff and board members, Lowe's employees, area high school students, Sanibel business people and even CHR



Volunteers who joined in by late morning included CHR staff and board members, Lowe's employees, Casa Mariposa residents, Sanibel residents and local high school students

residents. Alison Ward, who moved into Casa Mariposa four years ago, said she loves to work in the courtyard area. "The gardens need continuous maintenance and it's a pleasure for me to be able to continue to garden while living at Casa Mariposa," she said.

After about six hours of dedicated labor, the transformation was complete. Volunteers edged, mulched, trimmed, sprayed, tidied, created new shell paths and weeded. Some even found poison ivy. Now all that's left for the residents to do is

enjoy their lovely courtyard.

Community Housing & Resources is a non-profit organization that partners with the City of Sanibel to provide affordable housing for families and individuals who work in and/or serve the community of Sanibel. Today CHR administers housing for over 150 island residents in 11 locations plus 14 limited equity ownership homes throughout Sanibel, thus facilitating local work force for island businesses and ensuring economic diversity in our community.

CHR relies on private donations to supplement income received from renters which doesn't cover the costs of insuring



CHR staff member Bonnie McCurry opens bags of mulch

and maintaining their properties. For more information, visit www.sanibelchr.org, stop by the CHR office at 2401 Library Way or call 472-1189.

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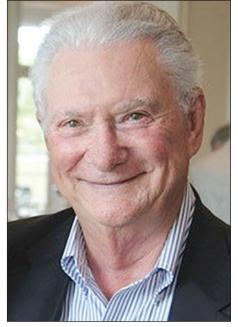
BIG ARTS Adds New President, **Board Members**

IG ARTS announced Hyde Tucker as incoming board president. Tucker will be taking over the role held by Ralph Clark. Additional board officers include Jim Pigott, vice president; Dick Pyle, treasurer; and Janet Stickland, secretary.

"After serving in many other roles at BIG ARTS, I am ready to take on the role of board president," said Tucker, who has been vice chair of the Film Society and member of the Education Task Force, FORUM committee and Winter Academy Committee. He also spent eight years as chair of the Current Events discussion group held on Mondays during the winter season at BIG ARTS.

Tucker previously served in several executive management positions with Bell Atlantic (now Verizon), including chief operating officer of the Mid-Atlantic operations, as well as president and chief executive officer of Bell Atlantic International. He earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Tech and served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. Since retiring, he takes part in leadership activities at St. Michael and All Angels Church and plays on the Beachview tennis team.

BIG ARTS also welcomed Ginny Stringer and Paige Babcock as the



Hyde Tucker

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newest members of the board. Babcock spent five years in Washington, Connecticut before relocating to Sanibel in 2010 with her husband, Doug, and their two children. Babcock is a part-time design consultant for Sanibel Captiva Beach Resorts, where she is responsible for design, development and room/cottage renovations. Babcock has volunteered and been a committee member for many island organizations, including Sanibel Captiva Cares, Sanibel School Performing Arts, CROW and the Sanibel



Virginia Stringer

School Fund, where she served as vice president from 2012 to 2013.

'I am excited to be a part of the BIG ARTS board and look forward to my new responsibilities," said Babcock.

Stringer is the retired founder of Strategic Management Resources, a consulting practice focused on corporate governance, strategy, and leadership. Prior to that, she held executive positions in general management, marketing and human resources with IBM and The Pillsbury Company. Stringer serves on the board of The



Paige Babcock

Charitable Foundation of the Islands and Captiva Chapel by the Sea. She and her husband, Ed, share time with their golden retriever, Amos, on Sanibel Island, Madeline Island in Lake Superior and Saint Paul, Minnesota. Their family includes five children (spouses) and 10 grandchildren.

"I am proud to be a steward of this organization and look forward to working with all those involved," said

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- 3 BR/2 BA home with updated kitchen
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Meet your friends and make some new ones at the Center 4 Life. Browse through the following activities, then stop by to sign up.

Page Turners with Louise
Fitzgerald and Ann Hartman – If
you are not on the Page Turners list
and wish to be, email oceann@comcast.
net or contact the center. The next book
discussion will be held on Wednesday,
December 13 at 2:30 p.m. The featured
book is The Gentleman from Moscow by
Amor Towels.

Island Seniors, Inc. Annual Members Meeting - Friday, December 8 at 11:30 a.m. All Center 4 Life members are invited and encouraged to attend. You will learn about the center's many activities throughout the year, the financial standing, and the center's representatives will provide an update regarding the Center 4 Life building. The meeting will be held at the Sanibel Recreation Center, located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Sign up in advance.

Plein Air with San-Cap Art League – Thursday, December 7 from 9 a.m. to noon. The San-Cap Art League will be painting at the Center 4 Life gardens. All are welcome to join the group. Bring your own supplies and lunch. There will be an informal critique.

Walking Guided Tour of ECHO and Lunch at Farmers Market Restaurant – Tuesday, December 12. Cost is \$12 for members and \$17 for non-members. ECHO's Global Farm

Tour is a fascinating guided, walking tour of this creative working farm. Along the way, you will find unique demonstrations, plants and techniques useful to farmers and urban gardeners in developing countries. Experience the seven settings of the Global Farm which feature crops, techniques and animals from around the world. Goats, chickens, ducks, fish and rabbits are all found on the farm.

ECHO is home to one of the largest collections of tropical food plants in the United States. There will be demonstrations in the Urban Garden, a perennial favorite, which features some wacky, yet effective ways to grow crops where there is little or no soil.

Lunch is on your own at Farmers
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Myers. Advanced registration is required.
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Games

Cost for all games is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes will be awarded.

Bridge – Monday and Wednesday. Registration begins at noon; the game begins at 12:30 p.m.

Mahjongg – Monday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m.
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New: Rummikub – Tuesday at 1 o.m.

Hand & Foot – Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

New: Canasta – Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

Hearts – Friday at 12:30 p.m. Kayaking on Tuesdays – December 5 and 12 at 8:30 a.m. (weather permitting). 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 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 – Island Seniors, Inc. members pay \$4 per class, visitors pay \$7 per class. Annual membership is \$20. Sanibel Recreation Center members must show their membership card to attend. Fitness class schedule is as follows:

Happy Hour Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. Keep your brain fit and your heart, lungs and muscles strong with a combination of aerobics and muscle conditioning exercises. Hand weights, stretch cords and body weight are used. Athletic footwear required. Connie DeCicco is the instructor.

Essential Total Fitness – Monday Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Cardio, muscle strengthening and flexibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls. Athletic footwear is 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. 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 the Center 4 Life, located at 2401 Library Way on Sanibel.☆

Lee Health Hospitals Named Among Top 50

ee Health's Lee Memorial Hospital and HealthPark Medical Center are ranked in IBM Watson Health's 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals for 2018. The 50 top-performing hospitals are broken down by category, including Teaching Hospitals with Cardiovascular Residency Programs, Teaching Hospitals without Cardiovascular Residency Programs and Community Hospitals. Lee Memorial Hospital and HealthPark Medical Center are included on the Teaching Hospitals without Cardiovascular Residency Program list and have been included on the list for six years.

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"We are very proud to be ranked among the Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospitals in the country," said Larry Antonucci, MD, MBA, Lee Health

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Shoes for Homeless Vets







The VA Hospitals in St. Petersburg and Tampa have over 150 homeless veterans living onsite. The one thing the hospitals said they needed for the vets is shoes. If you don't have a decent pair of shoes, it's hard to get hired or, in many cases, do the work that is required. A new group, Sanibel Shoes for Vets, is holding a drive to get new shoes for the vets. We need work shoes, sneakers and dress shoes in sizes 9 to 11. These are the current drop-off sites:

Bailey's General Store, 2477 Periwinkle Way

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club, 949 Sand Castle Road St. Isabel Catholic Church, 3559 Sanibel-Captiva Road

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Top Tennis Pros Swing Into Action For Fundraiser

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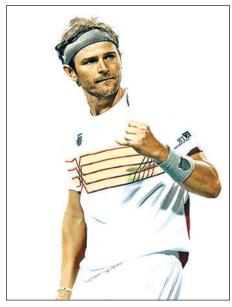
The fundraiser will feature the number 14-ranked player in the world and 2017 Wimbledon semi-finalist Sam Querrey; 16-time Grand Slam winners Bob and Mike Bryan; and former U.S.

number one men's player Mardy Fish. To kick off the festivities, the Bryan brothers will exchange their tennis rackets for 12-bar rock and roll music as headliners for the 10th anniversary Gala Celebration and Auction at the club on Sunday, March 18 at 6 p.m. The Madisen Match Legends Tennis Camp will be held at 8:45 a.m. on Monday, March 19 followed by the Tennis Pro-Am at 1 p.m.



The Bryan brothers

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Mardy Fish

The grand finale of the two-day fundraiser starts at 6 p.m. Monday, March 19 when the Golisano Children's Hospital Pro Tennis Classic becomes continued on page 20B



New administrative offices of Physicians' Primary Care of Southwest Florida photo provided

New Offices For Primary Care Administration

hysicians' Primary Care of Southwest Florida has moved its administrative services to new,

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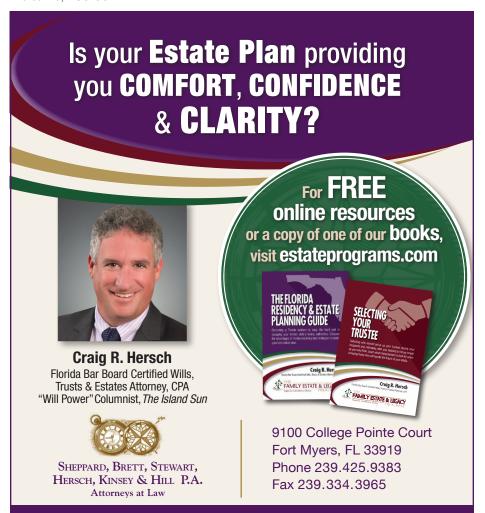
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Nation's Premier Boys' High School Basketball Tournament Set To Return

bv Ed Frank

any of the top high school basketball players in the country will showcase their talents here when the 45th annual Culligan City of Palms Classic returns Monday, December 18 for a six-day, 26-team run at the Suncoast Credit Union Arena on the campus of SouthWestern State College.

Teams as far away as California, Wisconsin and New Jersey will compete in what has become the nation's premier boys' high school basketball tournament.

Here is just a sampling of some of the top teams that will be here: Mater Dei of Santa Ana, California, a four-time state champion; Hudson Catholic of Jersey City, New Jersey, the state's

non-public runner-up; Memphis East of Memphis, Tennessee, two-time defending Class AAA state champion; and Chicago Simeon, seven-time state champion.

A local favorite to compete is Fort Myers Canterbury School.

At the time of this writing, 10 of the top boys' high school players were scheduled to play in this traditional holiday classic, including ESPN's No. 4 player Bol Bol of Mater Dei; No. 14 Nassir Little of Orlando Christian Prep; and No. 20 Emmitt Williams of Orlando Oak Ridge.

The long history of this tournament is indeed impressive. Since 1989, 146 of the participants have been named McDonald's All-Americans and 116 have been drafted by teams in the National Basketball Association, including 71 first-round picks.

There are a variety of six-day ticket packages available by calling the box office at 1-800-440-7469 or 481-4849.

Last year's tournament was the first in the new Suncoast Credit Union Arena. A new contract has been signed for an additional five years in the facility.

Red Sox Spring Training Tickets On Sale Saturday

Boston Red Sox 2018 Spring Training Tickets will go on sale this Saturday at JetBlue Park beginning at 10 a.m.

The 15-game Grapefruit League home schedule includes four games against the neighboring Minnesota Twins, a March 3 game with the New York Yankees and the concluding Spring Training game with the World Champion Houston Astros.

The team's annual exhibition doubleheader with Northeastern University and Boston College will be held February 22.

The complete Grapefruit League home schedule is as follows:

February 23, Minnesota Twins – 1:05 p.m.

February 24, Tampa Bay Rays – 1:05 p.m.

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March 8, Tampa Bay Rays – 1:05 p.m.

March 11, Baltimore Orioles – 1:05 p.m. March 15, Toronto Blue Jays – 1:05 p.m.

March 16, Minnesota Twins – 6:05 p.m.

March 17, Tampa Bay Rays – 1:05 p.m. March 19, Philadelphia Phillies – 1:05 p.m.

March 20, Pittsburgh Pirates – 1:05 p.m.

March 24, Houston Astros - 1:05 p.m.☆

Red Sox Tickets On Sale

lickets for the Boston Red Sox 2018 Spring Training season will be available for purchase on Saturday, December 2. Spring training begins February 14 at JetBlue Park at Fenway South with games starting February 22. The team will play a total of 17 home games, including 15 Grapefruit League games and the traditional college doubleheader of seven-inning games against the Northeastern University Huskies and the Boston College Eagles.

Fans can purchase tickets for all home games at JetBlue Park or by visiting www. redsox.com. Fans needing ADA accessible seating or those who may not have a computer may call 877-REDSOX9. Hearing impaired fans may call the Red Sox TTY line at (617) 226-6644. Mastercard is the preferred payment of the Boston Red Sox.

Pitchers and catchers hold their first workout February 14. The first full squad workout will take place February 19. Workouts are free and open to the public.

The club will once again hold an Open House at JetBlue Park on Saturday, February 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The free event, open to the public, welcomes

fans to walk around the park and the grounds while enjoying concessions and entertainment on Fenway South Drive.

The Red Sox equipment truck will depart from Fenway Park on February 5. Truck Day is presented by JetBlue.☆

Beachview Tennis Club

Men's 50 Plus

laying in the Men's 50 Plus Tennis League of Lee County, the Red Team from Beachview Tennis Club opened its season on November 16 at home. It was a tough opener for the home team, with a 0-4 result against the team from Breckenridge Golf and Tennis

Court 1 Kirk Williams Steve Kuberski, loss 6-2,6-3 Court 2 Wayne Turner

Doug Congress, loss 6-2,6-4 Court 3

Rich Ream

Klaus Burzin, loss 6-1,6-2

Court 4

Steve Jerrett

Joel Kronfeld, loss 6-3,6-2

The Red Team's next match is November 30 at Paseo.☆

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Top Tennis Pros

Southwest Florida's first indoor tennis event. A special indoor court will be installed at Suncoast Credit Union Arena on the Fort Myers campus of Florida SouthWestern State College.

Madisen's Match founder Duane Chaney said, "The caliber of our tennis pros, venues and the Southwest Florida community ensures another outstanding success for our 10th year. We're confident we'll continue to grow Madisen's Match, making fun lifetime memories for all involved that in turn help to secure better outcomes for brain tumor patients for decades to come.'

The 9th annual Madisen's Match in March 2017 raised nearly \$150,000 for brain tumor-related care and research programs in Southwest Florida. Tickets go on sale December 1.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For tickets or sponsorship information,

SPORTS QUIZ

- 1. In 2016, Baltimore's Manny Machado became the second player in major-league history to homer in each of the first three innings of a game. Who did it first?
- 2. Who was the first pitcher to win an All-Star Game in both leagues?
- 3. Matt Ryan set an Atlanta Falcons team record in 2016 by throwing for 503 yards in a game. Who had held the mark?
- 4. The Oregon men's basketball team in 2017 swept its Bay Area Pac-12 rivals for only the second time since 1976. Who are the two rivals?
- When was Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby's last Stanley Cup Finals goal scored before 2017?
- 6. Name the first husband-and-wife soccer couple to tally goals for the U.S. national team.

 7. When was the last time before 2017 that the U.S. won the world men's freestyle wrestling team title?

ANSWERS

1. Carl Reynolds of the Chicago White Sox in 1930. 2. Vida Blue won for the A.L. in 1971 and the A.L. in 1981. 3. Ryan, with 443 yards passing in a game in 2014. 4. California and Stanford. 5. It was Game Four versus Detroit in 2009. 6. Dom Dwyer and Sydney Leroux. 7. It was 1995.



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Florida Gulf Coast Dutch Lions FC

Beach Soccer Day Was A Blast

ast Saturday, Florida Gulf Coast Dutch Lions FC (FGCDL FC) had a fantastic day with one of their partners, Sanibel Siesta, where they organized their first Orange Family Beach Soccer Day. More than 50 Youth Academy players were competing during a 3vs3 tournament at the beach in front of their families. Boys and girls between 5 and 17 years old were using their skills under new conditions, but showed everybody that they could beat this challenge.

FGCDL FC is happy to have Sanibel Siesta as a partner. Director of Soccer Operations Vincent de Weger said, "Sanibel Siesta is already a partner for us since 2016 and we loved to organize this event together. Beach, soccer, families and a fun time is a perfect combination for a Saturday. It's not only fun for the Youth Academy players that can play a 3vs3 tournament in a different setting than they're used to playing in, it's also fun for their families that can enjoy a nice beach day, get to know other families that are part of our club and make it a great event all together. These points are exactly what FGCDL FC stands for. They show everybody that they are one big Orange Family on and off the field.

Sanibel Siesta and FGCDL FC look forward to organize this event again in the beginning of 2018. For more information or to join the local soccer club, call Vincent de Weger at 400-9404.☆



Kids had fun cruising around on the golf cart



The dads pitched in to grill out for the families



Davy Hendricks, coach from The Netherlands, instructing the group before the



Families gathered on the lawn for a picnic



Hamming it up in the giant beach chair

Doctor and Dietician

Olive Oil





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

e often hear that olive oil is good for us, but in what ways? Olives and olive oil contain components that have antiinflammatory and antioxidant effects, which decrease the incidence of some diseases. These constituents of olives protect bone health and help with bone repair. Olive oil has been shown to allay osteoarthritic symptoms, and may even slow down the degenerative aspects of osteoarthritis by preventing cartilage damage. Olive extract possesses potent bone-protecting qualities, and eating olives or olive oil on a daily basis can slow down the decline of bone mineral density.

A Japanese study in the Journal of Clinical Biochemistry and Nutrition analyzed middle-aged and elderly participants with knee pain who also supplemented with an olive extract. The

participants experienced amelioration in joint pain, weight loss and improvement in locomotion. In this particular study, the researchers concluded that the improvements in joint function resulted from the ability of the olive extract to reduce muscle mass loss.

Olives, olive oil and its constituents have great potential as a dietary intervention to help prevent osteoarthritis among the elderly. Osteoarthritis destroys cartilage, ravages joints and decreases joint function and mobility. The addition of this simple dietary option can be combined with physical activity to give a greater boost to slowing the progression of osteoarthritis, and to help decrease the risks that come with loss of mobility in aging. Incorporate more olive oil in your diet by making your own salad dressing instead of pre-made bottled dressings, try homemade pesto tossed with pasta or over meat, or make dips and marinades for vegetables. Choose extra-virgin olive oil (EVOO) when possible, since it is unrefined, and not treated with chemicals or altered by temperature. Olive oil is a fat and, therefore, high in calories and should be consumed in moderation.

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Quality

Vs. Quantity

by Kay Casperson

This week I would like to remind you how important it is that in all areas of your life you strive for quality over quantity. So often we forget that it is not about how many friends we have but about the few

good ones that really make a difference in our lives and end up being the lasting friendships. It is not about how many things we can acquire but the precious things that we have that mean something to us for years to come. It is better to get a few items crossed off your to do list that make a difference rather than to tackle all of it at once.

Focus on taking a few good quality photos rather than try to take pictures all of the time, missing out on just enjoying the moment. When sharing things on social media, it is important to share quality things that speak volumes for your life and will send a positive feeling and message to others. Take the time to think about what your are sharing and posting before you do so it is truly representing what you want people to grasp from the moment. Not only will this keep people engaged, but also inspired.

How about at work? Do you try to get as many things done as possible in a day or are you focusing on the important items and doing a great job for the best results even if it is finishing just a few? Sometimes you need to take a step back to see what projects might need to be put aside or delegated in order to put out better quality work results.

In our homes, we should be aware of what things matter in terms of quality, from the food we buy for ourselves and our families to the linens we put on our beds. Remember, your home is your castle and your body is your temple so concentrate on a few quality things instead of filling it with clutter and items that may not mean a whole lot to you or be beneficial in the long run.

I try to teach my children, which is not always easy for them to understand, that instead of wanting to shop for clothes and things all the time, focus on getting a few quality items that are timeless and can stay around longer than just a season. This is not an easy task having girls who like to shop, but it is an important lesson to learn in life.

This week I would love for you to make a special effort to look at the relationships you have, the things you have acquired and the tasks you take on from week to week to make sure that your beautiful life is full of quality.

My affirmation for you this week is: "I am focusing on less not more and the quality vs. quantity of my relationships, work, play, home and life."

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New Program For Hope Healthcare

program designed for those who would benefit from hospice care, but are not ready to forgo treatment for their terminal condition.

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"Hope Choices combines the comforting care of hospice with curative care," said Samira K. Beckwith, Hope Healthcare president and CEO.

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You Will Never Look At Pumpkin Pie The Same Way

by Suzy Cohen, RPh

ear Readers:
The other day I was eating a banana and decided to dip it in some fresh pumpkin butter that I had bought. At no other time of year would this "pumpkin" thoughtseed ever

float through my head. With the holiday season upon us, and pumpkin pie everywhere, allow me to share what I know about these medicinal and delicious

spices. You'll never look at pumpkin pie the same way again after reading this. Here's how they heal you:

Cinnamon – Cinnamon is thought to aid in regulating blood sugar in people with hyperglycemia, pre-diabetes and diabetes. It works by blocking digestive enzymes such as alpha-glucosidase, sucrose and pancreatic amylase that blunts the amount of sugar released into your bloodstream. Cinnamon also contains MHCP (MethylHydroxyChalcone Polymer) which acts similar to your own insulin by shuttling sugar out of your bloodstream and into your cell.

bloodstream and into your cell.

Clove – We call it "clove" because none of us want to call it by it's botanical name: Syzygium aromaticum. If you love Chai Tea, or Masala Chai, you obviously like the taste of cloves because this is an integral part of chai recipes. If you have dental pain, you can put a drop of clove essential oil in water and have sips. You can put some clove essential oil onto a cotton swab and dab your achy

tooth. Aside from toothaches and gum problems, clove can help with many respiratory diseases, Candida, headaches and throat infections. Some men report that it improves their libido which makes sense because clove is known to enhance testosterone, at least in animal studies.

Nutmeg – Feeling blue around the holidays? Nutmeg is your antidepressant spice and can be sprinkled on coffee, hot chocolate, pumpkin pie and sweet potato dishes. Nutmeg extract was given to mice for three days, and it reduced signs of depression. The researchers concluded it was so profound, it was virtually comparable to shots of antidepressant drugs, namely imipramine (Tofranil) and fluoxetine (Prozac). Another interesting little-known fact is that nutmeg can help mice with lung inflammation and asthma symptoms due to its high content of another compound called macelignan.

You know how you have been trained to breathe in relaxing aromas of lavender in order to sleep at night? Well, inhaling

nutmeg scent is actually better. According to a study in *The International Journal of Molecular Science*, "Nutmeg oil afforded a greater inhibitory effect than did lavender oil." The reason it works is because nutmeg is a CNS (central nervous system) tonic that contains a potent anxiolytic called 4-terpineol. It increases activity of GABA in your body and dampens down glutamate.

I need to caution those of you in the benzo community who are still struggling to recover. If you are in PAWS (Post Acute Withdrawal Syndrome), then avoid nutmeg until your receptors upregulate and heal. They will do that if you hold on, and please hold on! The topic of benzo and PAWS is covered in some of my other articles on my website.

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.

Three Part Series On Betrayal (part 1) Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy-Fisher

Q: What would you consider a betrayal in a relationship?

A: Betrayal is probably the most devastating loss a person can experience. Betrayal involves someone

in the act of violating your trust in them. Betrayal is when a child is abused and/or neglected by a parent who is supposed to love and protect the child. Betrayal is when someone you trust lies to you, cheats on you, abuses you, or hurts you by putting their self-interest/absorption first. The reason that betrayal is such a huge loss is because it is an act that doesn't have to occur as opposed to loss through a death. It only occurs because of someone's deliberately hurtful behavior, carelessness, or their own personal weakness. The person who was betrayed believes the choice was wrong and very preventable.

While we hear the term infidelity in our society as the ultimate betrayal, and it is true, there are subtle betrayals that occur in relationships that can lead to the demise of the relationship.

Partnership needs to be inclusive of choosing each other day after day and making it a top priority. If this does not occur, the chance of keeping trust and commitment fade away.

Mutual trust, honor and respect are the major keys in keeping a relationship solid. Anything that violates a committed relationships contract of mutual trust and respect can end up a disaster.

When disloyalty enters, the relationship betrayals are founded on two building blocks: Deception (not revealing your true needs to avoid conflict) and a yearning for en emotional connection outside of the relationship. Below is a list of betrayals that sabotage a relationship:

1. Emotional Cheating. While some don't believe this behavior exists, it does and it's loaded arsenal for ruining a relationship. Different kinds of relationships developed whether at work, the gym, the coffee shop, e-mailing, texting etc., spell a threat to the relationship at home. These relationships turn into both persons sharing intimate details of their lives. What makes this a slippery slope is if the partner would be uncomfortable knowing this or seeing this behavior and interaction.

2. Here are the signs that your partner's so-called "friendship" has crossed the line:

The friendship is kept hidden and

If you question the friendship as a concern of yours, and you are dismissed and discarded.

If you have asked your partner to end the friendship as it has crossed a boundary, and you are told no or lied to that it ended.

When the boundaries you have set have been disrespected.

Is this friend the subject of fantasies during troubled times in the relationship?

If any of these questions come with a "yes" answer, then the friendship is too intimate and needs to cease for your partnership to survive.

There is no coupleship support when one partner keeps one foot out of the relationship, especially when there is no accountability or ownership of the betrayal.

When this occurs, it's not uncommon for the betrayed partner to blame a trigger as the real problem, when it's really the lack of commitment.

A committed relationship requires both partners to be there for each other through simple day-to-day living to life traumas or illnesses. It takes both partners to commit to betrayal-proofing the relationship. One cannot do it for two. When one partner has emotionally and/or physically tuned into someone else, it makes it a huge challenge for the relationship to sustain a coupleship. It has to take both individuals to want the partnership to last.

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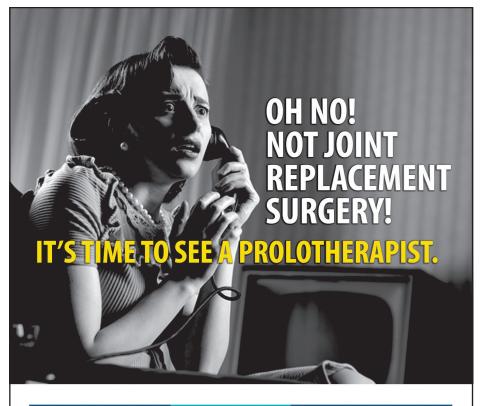
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PETS OF THE WEEK



Amber

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Haven on Earth Animal League

Amber And Sonny

▼i, I'm Amber. I'm Sonny's sister, and I'm just the cutest little calico girl with a white spot on my nose and ear tufts. I'm only 8 weeks old and currently staying with a foster mom. I need someone to love me forever - and hopefully adopt my sister too. My adoption fee is \$125 and includes spaying and vaccinations.

Hello, I'm Sonny. I'm Amber's sister, and I'm



Sonny

a very cute little girl. I'm only 8 weeks old. I have a beautiful white coat with flame point markings – maybe one of my parents was Siamese? I'm just waiting for someone to take me home and love me - and hopefully adopt my sister too. I'm staying with a foster mom and dreaming of my new forever home. My adoption fee is \$125 and includes spaying and vaccinations.

We are being cared for by Haven on Earth Animal League. For more information, call Diane at 860-833-4472 or email

Lee Health Offers Heart-Check Menu Items

ee Health has become the first health care system in the United States to offer select menu items Heart-Check certified by the American Heart Association. Seven menu items have been Heart-Check certified and are available to patients, visitors and staff in Lee Health's hospitals in Southwest Florida including Cape Coral Hospital, Gulf Coast Medical Center, HealthPark Medical Center and Lee Memorial Hospital.

The iconic Heart-Check mark on a Lee Health menu item means the recipe has been certified to satisfy the American Heart Association's nutritional requirements including specific guidelines for calories, fat, saturated fat, trans fat, cholesterol, sodium and beneficial nutrients.

"We are very excited to be the first health care system to pursue and receive Heart-Check certification," says Larry Antonucci, MD, MBA, Lee Health president and CEO. "These hearthealthy, balanced meals provide the nourishment necessary for healing and, by offering them in our cafes, we have the opportunity to inspire healthy choices for our staff and visitors. Leading the way for other health systems to pursue this certification also reinforces our vision of being a national leader for the advancement of health and healing.

Larry Altier, Lee Health System director of food and nutrition services, believes the

certification will help those within the health system make heart-savvy food selections. "By offering these products and others as key features of our nutrition service, we're promoting a whole food, plant-based approach that allows healthier options," Altier said. "We want consumers to equate Lee Health with providing healthy, nutritious choices.'

The American Heart Association's Heart-Check nutrition requirements are based on the organization's healthy dietary requirements including food categories, specific product ingredients and nutrient values. In 2014, a research study published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition reported that individuals who reported eating foods meeting the American Heart Association's Heart-Check certification requirements were more likely to eat healthier and have fewer heart disease risk factors.

Lee Health's seven menu items that have been Heart-Check certified include: Farmer's Breakfast (egg white omelet with veggies, grits, blueberry banana muffin and melon cup); On the Light Side (fresh fruit plate, fat free yogurt, oat bran fruit muffin); Red, White & Blue Waffles (whole grain waffle with fat free vanilla yogurt, topped with strawberries, blueberries and bananas); From the Garden (cinnamonscented breakfast quinoa bowl); Sea & Land (grilled salmon on bed of fresh organic spinach with quinoa, lemon vinaigrette and mandarin oranges); Black Bean Burger (black bean burger patty served with cabbage slaw, salsa and pineapple); and Italian Fare (pasta with meat sauce served with an organic spring mix salad, apple slices).☆

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Answers on page 29B

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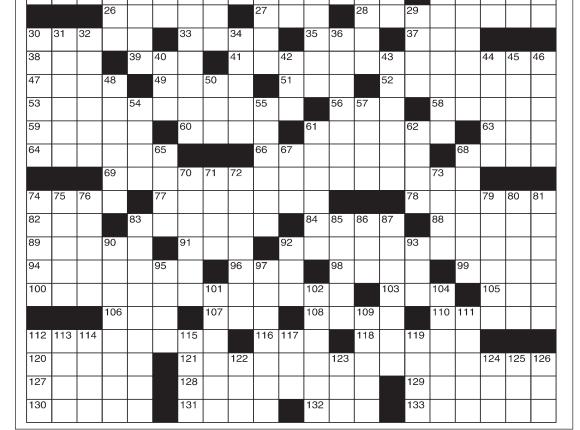
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Hail Heat wave Lightning Tornado

Tsunami Typhoon Wildfire



money than musicians, they practice

answer on page 31B

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag! Leave SINGER Far METEOR Bottom RUNED Waver REFLAT TODAY'S WORD

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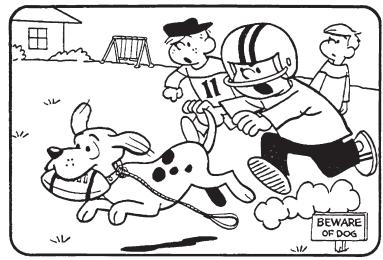
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Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (the same number cannot appear more than once in a row, column or 3x3 box.) There is no guessing and no math involved, just logic.

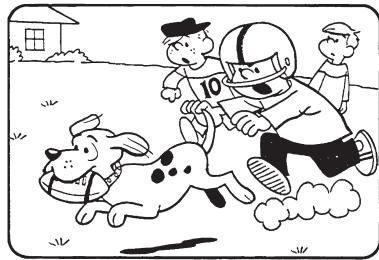
answer on page 29B

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



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THURSDAY Few Showers High: 70 Low: 51

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<u>Day</u>	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>High</u>	Low
Fri	11:59 am	5:03 am	10:41 pm	4:22 pm
Sat	12:58 pm	5:50 am	11:16 pm	4:57 pm
Sun	1:56 pm	6:37 am	11:54 pm	5:30 pm
Mon	2:54 pm	7:26 am	None	6:03 pm
Tue	12:35 am	8:16 am	3:53 pm	6:41 pm
Wed	1:21 am	9:09 am	4:54 pm	7:29 pm
Thu	2:12 am	10:02 am	5:53 pm	8:36 pm

Point Ybel Tides

<u>Da</u>	ıy	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>High</u>	Low
Fr	i	11:04 am	5:05 am	9:46 pm	4:24 pm
Sa	t	12:03 pm	5:52 am	10:21 pm	4:59 pm
Su	n	1:01 pm	6:39 am	10:59 pm	5:32 pm
M	on	1:59 pm	7:28 am	11:40 pm	6:05 pm
Tu	e	2:58 pm	8:18 am	None	6:43 pm
W	ed	12:26 am	9:11 am	3:59 pm	7:31 pm
Th	ıu	1:17 am	10:04 am	4:58 pm	8:38 pm

Punta Rassa Tides

<u>Day</u>	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>High</u>	Low
Fri	11:31 am	5:10 am	10:51 pm	4:50 pm
Sat	12:19 pm	5:59 am	11:26 pm	5:38 pm
Sun	1:05 pm	6:47 am	11:58 pm	6:23 pm
Mon	1:56 pm	7:36 am	None	7:08 pm
Tue	12:32 am	8:25 am	2:52 pm	7:58 pm
Wed	1:12 am	9:13 am	3:47 pm	8:51 pm
Thu	2:05 am	10:00 am	4:39 pm	9:46 pm

Cape Coral Bridge Tides

Day	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>High</u>	Low
Fri	12:19 am	8:19 am	2:09 pm	7:38 pm
Sat	12:51 am	9:06 am	3:08 pm	8:13 pm
Sun	1:26 am	9:53 am	4:06 pm	8:46 pm
Mon	2:04 am	10:42 am	5:04 pm	9:19 pm
Tue	2:45 am	11:32 am	6:03 pm	9:57 pm
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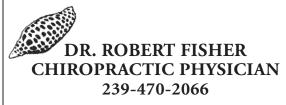
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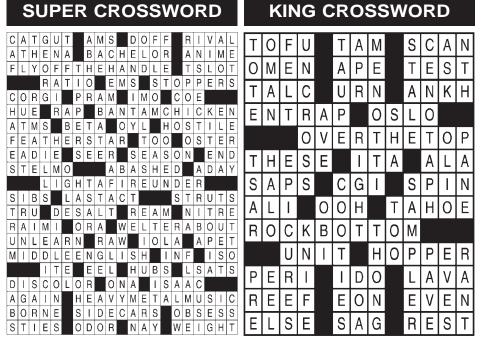
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You've let yourself be distracted from what's really important. But love finally gets your attention this week. However, it comes with a challenge that could create a problem.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Be careful not to bully others into following your lead. Best advice:
Persuade, don't push, and you'll get the cooperation you need to move forward with your plans.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Resist the urge to gloat now that you've proved your detractors wrong. Instead, charm them back into your circle. Remember: A former foe can become your best

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might want to claim all the credit for making this holiday season special. But is it worth producing a lot of hurt feelings by rejecting offers of help? Think about it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Ignore a co-worker's questionable behavior. Instead, put your energy into making your own project special. Then sit back and purr over your well-deserved applause.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might not want to accept those suggested changes in your workplace. But don't chuck them out before you check them out. You could be happily surprised.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your holiday planning might have to take a back seat for a bit so that you can handle a problem with a friend or family member. Your schedule resumes by

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Relationships in general benefit during the early part of the week, including in the workplace. Also expect some overdue changes in a personal situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) "Prudence" should be your watchword this week. Best not to be too open about some of the things that are currently

happening in your life.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Money is on your mind, so you'd best mind how you're spending it. Take another look at that holiday budget and see where you can make adjustments.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Resolving to revive an old friendship could open some old wounds. Are you sure you want to risk that? Think this through before making a commitment.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your need to know more about a new friend could lead to some startling revelations. Best advice: Keep an open mind about what you learn until all the facts are in.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your loyalty to friends makes you a very special person to those whose lives you've touched.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

• On Dec. 4, 1872, a British brig spots the Mary Celeste, an

American vessel, sailing erratically near the Azores Islands in the Atlantic Ocean. Not a soul was onboard. Based on the last entry in the captain's log, the ship had been adrift for 11 days.

• On Dec. 5, 1933, national prohibition of alcohol in America comes to an end as Utah becomes the 36th state to repeal the 18th Amendment. Mississippi, the last dry state in the Union, did not end Prohibition until 1966.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was 20th-century French philosopher, author and political activist Jean-Paul Sartre who made the following sage observation: "If you're lonely while you're alone, you're in bad company."
- Other than humans and apes, the only animal that has no tail is the Manx cat.

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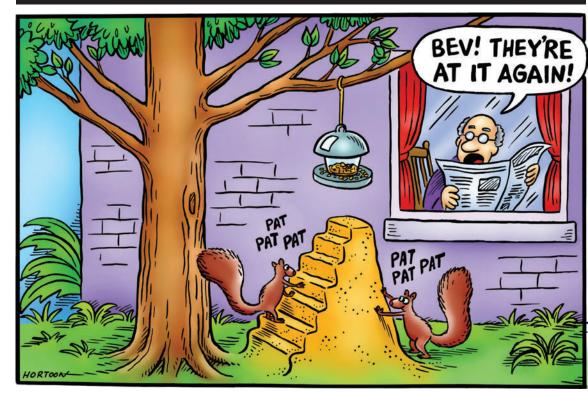
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Surfside Waterway Estates	Cape Coral	2013	2,815	\$1,150,000	\$1,060,000	64
Las Palmas	Bonita Springs	2001	2,488	\$950,000	\$885,000	216
Nature's Cove	Estero	2006	2,972	\$809,900	\$760,000	210
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2001	3,471	\$699,000	\$690,000	9
Grande Estates	Estero	2003	2,488	\$649,000	\$640,000	83
Somerset	Fort Myers	2012	2,571	\$573,900	\$550,000	84
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